



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter for Parents

Friday 16th November 2018

Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets have been sent home with children today. Please ensure these are checked, amended and returned to school **by Friday 23rd November**. It is vital that the data we hold is accurate and up-to-date. If all the data we hold is accurate, you do not need to do anything. If you have made any changes, please return the sheet to school **in an envelope** via the classroom. Please do not return the sheets directly to the school office.

Piano with Mrs Linehan-Hill

Mrs Linehan-Hill has one space for piano tuition. If you are interested in piano lessons, please contact Mrs Linehan-Hill via email: michele@linehan-hill.co.uk

Year 4 Production Help Needed

Year 4 are very excited to be presenting 'Bethlehem - The Musical' in early December. We will share further detail in due course, including ticket availability. In the meantime, if you are able to contribute your sewing, carpentry or other creative skills to help the year 4 team prepare the costumes and set, please contact your child's class teacher directly. We are particularly in need of help to create costumes for our camels and soldiers!

Materials for Year 3

In the coming weeks, Year 3 will be making collage art out of recycled materials. To help with this, we need a large collection of food packaging, food wrappers and boxes. If you are able to contribute, please send in with your child to school as soon as possible.

Year 3 Learning Event

The Year 3 Learning Event will take place on Tuesday 27th November at 2:15pm. Instead of receiving a letter about the event, the children will be creating invitations to invite and inform you about the event. You should receive these over the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing you then.

Fitness Trackers and Smart Watches

As the festive season and the time for Christmas presents approaches, we would like to remind parents that children are not allowed to wear fitness trackers or smart watches in school. Any child wearing a fitness tracker or smart watch will be asked to hand it into the office for safekeeping until it can be picked up at the end of the day.

Stars of the Week

Year 3 Amy D., Giles Q., Liam W.

Year 4 Charlotte T., Ruby D., Romany D., Arthur B., Fred F.

Year 5 Katie C., William H., Amelie P.

Year 6 Rebecca W., Eric R., Alfie G.

Reading Class of the Week: 5JH

Events Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 19 th November	School Nurse height and weight check in year 6
Tuesday 27 th November	HSPA Bag2School Collection
Tuesday 27 th November	Yr 3 Learning Event for parents and carers 2.15pm
Saturday 1 st December	HSPA Christmas Fair
Monday 3 rd December	Yr 6 to visit Robert May's School to watch their pantomime performance of Beauty and the Beast
Tuesday 4 th December	Athlete visiting for assembly and workshops
Thursday 6 th December	Yr 6 Holocaust Survivor Talk (children only)
Friday 7th December	INSET Day
Monday 10 th December	Yr 4 Christmas Play to years 5 and 6 (afternoon performance) and to parents (evening performance at 6pm)
Tuesday 11 th December	Yr 4 Christmas Play to year 2 (afternoon performance) and parents (evening performance at 6pm)
Wednesday 12 th December	Yr 4 Singers visiting Raven House
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 18 th December	HSPA School Disco 5-6pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Rocksteady Concert 9.15am
Friday 21st December	Last day of term – finishing at 1.20pm
Monday 7th January 2019	Spring Term Begins



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November 2018

Welcome to 2018-2019



We are already more than half way through the Autumn term, so a belated welcome to all new Year R parents who are now well into the routine of school. It was lovely to meet so many of you at the Year R Tea & Cake afternoon.

AGM

We held our AGM on 1st October and presented our cheque to the schools. After a record year in 2017-18 we are able to donate a staggering £12,000 to each school and again repeat last year's extra donation of £100 to each class teacher for small things that directly benefit all children, plus money for the offices, site managers and SenCo, **over £27,000 in total!** As budgets get ever tighter this money makes a massive difference to our schools. Mrs Walker and Mrs Martin in turn thanked the HSPA for their fundraising work, the money raised but also all the fantastic events. They informed us that the Infant school will use the funds to prepare a new outside learning area in the hope of becoming a forest school and the Junior School will build a trim trail around the junior field. At the end of the meeting the newly re-elected committee took the opportunity to finish off the drinks and nibbles before decamping to a local hostelry for further celebrations and some strategic planning for this year (honest!).

Fireshow Saturday 3rd November

The HSPA annual fireworks extravaganza is by far our biggest fundraising event of the school calendar. The weather was fantastic and this brought out a record crowd. For the first time ever we filled all our volunteer slots and even had extras offer to help on the night. Being able to serve quicker did mean that we ran out of food at the BBQ and drinks at the bar so if the volunteer situation is the same next year, we will order even more.

Thanks are due to Rawlings Fuels for sponsorship and the lorry for the stage; to Rokja from Robert May's for music; to Hexibox Events, Anna Valley and Matrix for sound and lights and to Hartletts Café for supplementing our BBQ with their jacket potatoes. Finally thanks to the 100+ volunteers from parents, staff, Hook Parish Council and the Rotary Club without whom we could not run this classic Hook event.

Bag2School Tuesday 27th November

We usually collect around 400kg of clothes at each collection and we receive 40p per kilo. Bags have already been distributed. Please leave your filled bags by the main Hartletts Park vehicle entrance or the main Infant School gate by 9am. If it's easier to bring the bag while you don't have children in tow, please bring it between 3 and 3.30pm on Monday 26th and we can store it overnight.

Christmas Fair Saturday 1st December

The HSPA Christmas Fair will take place from 11am to 2pm. Make sure the date is in the diary to ensure the children don't miss seeing Santa in his wonderful winter wonderland grotto! We hope the fair this year will be the best yet with a selection of games including some new ones like Pick Your Nose (not that nose!!), seasonal stalls, a Christmas bouncy castle, entertainment and our very special Children's Christmas Shopping Room. This year we are moving away from the BBQ and doing a selection of hot food and snacks.

As usual, we need volunteers to make it happen. It is a great event to help at particularly with children who love helping to run the games. We also need creatively inspired volunteer elves (AKA parents) to help us decorate the grotto on Friday 30th November between 10am and 2pm (much easier without children helping), so please contact us if you fancy playing Santa's little helpers for set up or on the day itself.

More details on the Fair, how to help and how to donate items for the stalls to follow soon....

Winter Discos

This terms discos will be on Tuesday 18th December for both schools, all details to follow. We always need help at the discos, so please get in touch with plenty of time, so that we can cover safeguarding issues like DBS checks.

The Rest of the Year

We hope to run the regular activities like the BBQ & Ice Cream sales at the Hook Fun Run. Plus we plan to run Mothers' day and Fathers' Day sales. We will have some Bag2School collections and we again intend to continue with the new tradition of the annual HSPA Beer Festival, but we also hope to run a **NEW event** involving gin and prosecco – watch this space! The Winter Ball will probably return in 2019-2020.

If you are interested in getting involved, helping us to organise and run any of these events or have new ideas, we would love to hear from you at contactus@hspa.org.uk. You can also keep in touch with us on our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/HSPA.org.uk

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