



Newsletter for Parents

Friday 1 March

Mrs Viner is retiring

Mrs Viner retires next week having worked at the school for many years. A familiar face to pupils and parents of the past and the present, Mrs Viner will be missed by all and we wish her a very long and happy retirement.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2019

The theme of this year's World Book Day is '*Share a story*' with a national focus on spending quality time sharing a story with a child to help support and foster their love of reading and their wider literacy skills.

At Hook Junior School, we are passionate about children developing a love of reading and to coincide with World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, we are once again planning an exciting day to celebrate everything reading related.

Throughout the school day, there will be activities to promote sharing a story and celebrating our favourite books, as well as children having the chance to delve deeper into a book they may not have read before.

World Book Day Costumes – Fictional book characters

We invite all children, adults and parent readers to dress up as their favourite *fictional* book character on the 7th March 2019 instead of wearing school uniform. The costume does not need to be expensive and there are many ideas online for using children's current clothes without needing to buy anything new. A voluntary donation of £1 or more is welcomed to raise money for books for our school library.

Book swap

On the day, we plan to bolster our book swap area where children can donate a book on the day which they have finished with from home and then choose one to take home with them from the book swap area. There is no charge for this activity and we hope that it will allow children the chance to read and enjoy something new.

Book Day Lunch Menu

The Lunch menu on World Book Day will be a change from our normal offering as follows:

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Main: *Pizza Wheel* or *Fish Finger Wrap* or *Cheese and Onion Pasty* served with chips, peas and sweetcorn

Desert: *Lemon Crunch Biscuit*

The cost of this lunch is the same as our regular offering, £2.30.

'Read for Good' read-a-thon

In the week prior to World Book Day, we will be launching a 3 week read-a-thon where children can read to raise money to buy books for children at the nearest major children's hospital.

Sharing a story

Please encourage your child to bring one of their favourite story books into school as there will be opportunities to share extracts from these. In addition, adults in school will be sharing examples of their favourites - to children that are keen to hear a story - during break and lunchtime!

As well as the activities at school, we would ask that you schedule at least ten minutes to share a story with your child at home. The World Book Day website at www.worldbookday.com has videos of stories being read, audio extracts of favourite children's books as well as competitions and lots of ideas on how to share the day with your child.

We look forward to a reading-packed day!

Mr French

Year 5 Team Leader and English Leader

Prefect Blog

Year3

In Year 3, the pupils have been learning about the Stone Age in History. Additionally, they learnt about the people and lifestyle. They also focused on Stonehenge, including how long ago it was built. They are looking forward to their school trip to Stonehenge in the future.

Year 4

Year 4 went on an aeroplane...in the classroom! They decorated the class to make it look like an aeroplane's interior and even made their own tickets and ordered food!

In addition to that, the students also learnt about volcanoes and why people live near them as part of their topic.

Year 5

The RAF and students from Robert Mays School met with Year 5 today to launch their RAF Project. Year 5 have then been busy considering their designs all afternoon and look forward to the project ahead.

Year 6

Year 6 was very lucky to have Mr Kay - a chief engineer who works for McLaren - come to our school to share their ideas and knowledge about how their cars are designed and created. This was an inspirational opportunity for everyone as they also brought one of their latest prototypes to model how their cars are designed and why different features were added in. They also gave us helpful tips to improve our rubber band cars we have been making in DT. This was a very beneficial experience for the entire year group as they also gave us some background information about McLaren.

To find out more information about this visit our twitter page <https://twitter.com/HookJunior>.

By Media correspondents Millie Bright and Amelie Evans

Hook to Robert Mays School bus transport

At a public meeting on 11 February, Hampshire County Council informed parents of their proposal to create a walking route from Hook to Robert Mays School. If this proposal goes ahead and the route is assessed as 'safe and suitable,' bus transport will be removed for Hook children living under 3 miles from Robert Mays School. Hampshire County Council's current programme is for the walking route to be in place for September 2019.

Hampshire County Council will be holding a drop-in exhibition on Tuesday 26 March at the Community Centre between 4 and 7 pm where parents will have the opportunity to see the plans and to ask questions.

Job Vacancies at Hartley Wintney Parish Council

Hartley Wintney inform us that they have a number of part time vacancies and are currently accepting applications. For more information, see the [Hartley Wintney Parish Council website](#).

Raising money for National Autism Society

Many congratulations to Emily S and Katie B who raised £79 for the National Autism Society by baking cakes and selling them with glow bracelets at the Base this week. We are all very proud of your hard work girls.

Year 4 swimming

Pupils from Year 4 enjoyed the fantastic facilities at Hart Leisure centre this week as they started their swimming lessons. The Year 4 team were so proud of the pupils for their effort, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour and we wish to say a big thank you to the staff at the pool and the adult helpers who joined us! We look forward to more swimming fun over the next few weeks.

Overdue Library Books

I will be looking at overdue library books during the next week, your child may come home with a letter listing the title and author of an overdue item/s. The library shelves will have been checked for any overdue items prior to letters being sent home.

Please can your child check for the item/s and return them to the library. If your child has any questions they can see Mrs Adsley between 8.30am and 1.30pm, they will need to bring the overdue reminder with them.

Mrs Adsley

Design Technology in Year 6

On Friday 15th February, Year 6 were very lucky to have Mr Kay (a chief engineer who works for McLaren) and Ella Podmore (a Materials Engineer) come to our school to share their ideas and knowledge about how their cars are designed and created. This was an inspirational opportunity for everyone as they also brought one of their latest prototypes to model how their cars are designed and why specific features were developed. They also gave us helpful tips to improve our own rubber band cars we have been making in DT. This was a very beneficial experience for the entire year group as they also gave us some background information about McLaren.

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By Media Correspondents, Millie B and Amelie E

Drama Club Taster Session

It is not too late to sign your child up for a free taster session to Starlight Stage School's drama club.

The free session will take place at 3.20pm - 4.30pm on Wednesday 13th March.

The workshop will give your children the chance to take part in fun and interactive drama games and activities.

To reserve a place for your child please email: starlightstageschoolLTD@gmail.com.

Head Lice

A Case of head lice has been reported in year 5. Please check and treat your child as required.

Please save your 500ml plastic bottles

Please keep hold of any plastic 500ml bottles that you may have finished using and send them with your child to year 5 for use in a forthcoming activity. Clean and safe bottles only please.

Stars of the Week, week ending 15th February

Year 3 Daniel W, Oscar A, Elouen N

Year 4 Charlie G, Alex H, Bella S, Olivia M

Year 5 Xavier M, Elise C, Euan R

Year 6 Oliver H, Issy H, Chase C

Reading Class of the Week: 5SF (100%)

Please remember to check and sign your child's reading record book so that their reading can be added to our records.

Sports Class of the Week: 3SR

Events Calendar

Date	Event
5 March	HSPA Bag2School Collection
6 March	Year 4 Swimming
7 March	World Book Day
6 March	Year 4 Swimming
13 March	Year 4 Swimming
18 March	Lifebus Week
20 March	Year 4 Swimming
25 March	Year 3, 4 and 5 Learning Consultations
26 March	Year 3, 4 and 5 Learning Consultations
27 March	Year 4 Swimming
27 March @ 9:00	Year 5 Learning Event
1 April @ 6:30	Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting
2 April	Year 5 River Trip
2 April	HSPA Disco
3 April	Year 4 Swimming
3 April	Year 5 and 6 Young Shakespeare Company Performance
4 April	Year 3 Easter Service
5 April	End of Spring Term
23 April	Summer Term Begins
24 April	HSPA Happy Circus
30 April @ 6:30	Years 5 and 6 Sex and Relationships (SRE) Parents Meeting
11 May	HSPA Beer Festival

Date	Event
13 May	Year 6 SATs Week
21 May	Group Class Photographs
27 May	Summer Half Term
22 June	HSPA Summer Fair
26 June @ 6:30PM	Year 2 Parent Transition Evening
1 July	Year 6 Transition Day to Robert Mays School
2 July	Year 6 Transition Day to Robert Mays School
2 July	Year 2, 3 4 and 4 Transition day at Hook Junior School
5 July	Year 6 Performance Dress Rehearsal
8 July @ 2PM	Year 6 Production
8 July @ 6:30PM	Year 6 Production
9 July @ 6:30PM	Year 6 Production
16 July	Year 6 Leavers Lunch
17 July	Sports Day
18 July @ 1:45PM	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
19 July @ 1:30	End of Summer Term
22 July	INSET Day
23 July	INSET Day