



Newsletter for Parents

13th September 2019

Welcome back to school. We hope your child has enjoyed their first full week at school in this new academic year.

Head Boys and Girls

We are proud to introduce the 2019-2020 Head Boys, Girls and Prefects, who are excellent role models to the school.

Head Girl: Freya P

Head Boy: Euan R

Deputy Head Girl: Matilda B

Deputy Head Boy: Travis D

Prefects: Ben A, Isabelle P, Katie C, Lily H and Noah B.

Staff throughout the school recognised these children as excellent ambassadors for the school. This week, they all delivered confident, thoughtful speeches as to why they deserved the role and how they could continue to support and develop the school further throughout their time in Year Six.

Travis wrote a poem as part of his speech, reflecting on his time at Hook Junior School:

*Hook School – a place to thrive and grow.
Creativity encouraged and admired,
Lessons to spark curiosity,
Where even maths lessons are desired!
A place where friends come together,
To achieve their best with the given tools,
Where respect, fun and friendship,
Runs through the veins of the school.
A place where questions are encouraged,
No idea too big to explore.
We all hold a key to Hook's success
And I hope I can open new doors.*

School Governance

The Governors held their first meeting of the school year this week. We reflected on Mrs Martin's end of year report from the last academic year and all agreed it made positive reading. This report helps us to pick up questions and themes that we want to explore for the year ahead.

We are always keen to meet and engage with families at Hook Junior and will be attending the majority of significant events. Please do come and talk to us- after all, your children are the reason we all here and we want to make our school the best it can be.

We do have a Governor Vacancy. We are particularly interested in people who may have fundraising or charity experience. If you feel you may be able to give some time, please do ask to have a chat with one of us and find out more about the governor role within school.

Starting the School Day – Drop off and go

A reminder for all parents that from 8:30AM when the school gates open children may walk directly into school and settle before registration at 8:45. School staff supervise the playground at this time and we encourage you to drop off your child and leave the school grounds as soon as you are ready. This morning entry routine helps children arrive and settle in an orderly manner and helps to reduce congestion in the Community Centre car park.

Please remember that teachers are preparing for the school day when children are arriving and we request that **parents do not enter classes in the morning**. If you need to communicate a message to your child's teacher, please write a note for your child to deliver when they reach their classroom, or visit the school office and speak with one of the administration team.

Healthy Snacks

We encourage children to enjoy a healthy snack during their morning break. Please only send healthy snacks, such as fruit or vegetables. Children are strongly discouraged from eating chocolates, sweets and crisps.

Library News

I would like to say a huge thank you for the lovely pictures of children reading over the course of the summer. These are on display in the central area of the library for the school to see.

There is still time to hand in any Bingo sheets, these need to be handed in by Wednesday 18th September to ensure your child receives any raffle tickets or house points that they may have earned.

If any of the children completed the Summer Reading Challenge 'Space Chase' which was held in local libraries throughout the summer, can they please come and see me. It would be lovely to share their achievement with the whole school in a celebration assembly.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that due to rising costs it has unfortunately become necessary to request that if a book is lost or damaged it is either replaced or £5.00 is paid to help cover the cost of replacing the item.

The library and its resources are a vital part of the children's learning and we appreciate your understanding and support with this.

Mrs Adsley

Parking and Safety in the Community Centre Car Park

We must remind all parents and carers that the vehicular entrance to the school grounds must be clear at all times in order to maintain access for emergency vehicles, should they need to enter, and also to enable staff and contractors to enter and leave as required.

The footpath adjacent to the Community Centre car park can be a dangerous area for small children at peak times. Please remember that small children are less visible when parking and ensure that when parking your car you only park in marked bays. Whilst waiting in the car park, consider turning off your engines to improve the air quality around the school.

Lost Property

Please be aware that lost property is located in the link corridor between years four and five. We encourage children to check the lost property themselves and make the lost property trolley accessible to parents and carers by frequently moving it to the school playground (weather permitting).

We ask that all items sent into school are labelled clearly with the child's name and class as this makes it much more likely that they can be swiftly returned. We would also like to remind parents that all items of value are brought into school at their owner's risk.

Stars of the Week, week ending 13th September

Year 3 Bertie F, Blake C, Joshua M, Imogen D

Year 4 Lauren H, Ethan H, Eli R, Charlie C

Year 5 Ellie C, Freddie D, Jessica J, Samantha B

Year 6 Izzy P, Ieuan W, Jonny G

House Point Winners this week: Nightingale

Reading Raffle Winner: Katherine V

Lunch Raffle Winner: Evie P

Find out more...

Follow @HookJunior on Twitter for more up to date information and photos about exciting activities at school. Staff post regularly to keep you up to date.

Events Calendar

All forthcoming events can be found [in the events Calendar on the Hook Junior School website](#). Alongside our own events, you will also find links to Hampshire County term dates and national public holidays.

Play one of these?!



Come along on
Fridays to see
what it's all
about...

Then Hook Junior School
Orchestra Needs You!



Not sure this whether it's right
for you?
Come along to any of our
rehearsals for a taster-session.

This before-school club meets weekly

When: Fridays

Where: Junior School Hall

Time: 8:00am – 8:50am

Who: All players of orchestral instruments who have been learning for about 6 months or more

Why join?

- We are a very friendly group
 - We cater for all abilities
- Playing in an orchestra will help you improve your playing
- You get to play in assemblies, Christmas performances, at the annual Strawberry Tea and, in June, take part in the Basingstoke Schools concert at THE ANVIL!
 - But mostly because it's loads of fun!!

Hook Neighbourhood Plan



- ◆ The Neighbourhood Plan sets out the community's objectives for the development and use of land in Hook.
- ◆ It includes a vision for how the Village Centre can be revitalized and adds weight to the protection of our green spaces, along with improved sports and leisure facilities.
- ◆ To ensure the plan becomes part of Hart District Council's Planning Policy, vote **YES** at the Referendum.
- ◆ The more people that vote **YES**, the greater the strength of the Plan.

The question on the Referendum Ballot Paper is:

Do you want Hart District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Hook to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

YOUR VOTE COUNTS—DON'T WASTE IT

REFERENDUM

WHEN: Monday 7th October 2019

WHERE: Elizabeth Hall, Hook

For full information go to: www.hart.gov.uk/hook

