



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter for Parents

29th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Our aim as a school is to provide our children with a rich curriculum and learning experiences of a broad nature across all subjects within interesting and engaging contexts. We value hugely the support and partnership with you and actively seek your involvement in as many of our activities, workshops and performances as possible. It benefits the children, it benefits you and it strengthens your understanding of how we are working to provide high quality education for the children.

I am sure you appreciate that any event we hold involves significant time, planning, staff resourcing, financial resourcing, organisation and management, but the benefits are always worthwhile and we are committed to ensuring that the children are always at the heart of everything. By the end of this term (14.5 weeks) we will have held the following events for parents and/or children, governors, HSPA and our community to attend:

- Y5 Marchants Hill evening meeting for parents
- Y6 Marchants Hill evening meeting for parents
- Y6 Marchants Hill residential week for children
- Y2 Parents' open morning
- Curriculum evening on Safeguarding and Reading for parents
- x2 Learning Consultation evenings for parents and children
- HSPA AGM evening meeting for parents and community
- HSPA Fireworks Show for whole school community
- HSPA school disco for the children
- HSPA Christmas Fair for whole school community
- Carols Around the Tree for parents and children at 4pm
- x2 Y4 Christmas Play performances for parents and children in the evening
- x1 Y4 Christmas Play performance for parents and children in the afternoon
- x2 day time Learning Events for parents and children
- Macmillan Coffee Morning for children and parents
- Y3 Samba workshop for the children
- Y5 Harvest Festival celebration during the day for children and parents
- Y6 Holocaust victims' presentation for the children
- Y6 Financial Awareness workshops for the children
- Y6 Computing workshop for the children
- Rock Steady Concert during the day for children and parents
- Christmas Lunch for children
- Christmas Advent assembly celebration for the children
- Be Bright Be Seen Day, Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day for the children
- Modern Foreign Languages Week for children
- Cyber Day and Poetry slam for children
- x3 Governing Body meetings

The list is quite extensive and does not include the high number of weekly clubs or sporting tournaments. I wish to thank you all for your support with all of these events, you play a valuable part and we could not do it without you. I fully appreciate that timings of an event will always present a challenge for all parents with either work commitments and/or child care, it is impossible to get timings right to suit all individual circumstances. There is however, some balance with day and evening events to cater for this and this will continually be reviewed.

In order for you to plan ahead and better support your arrangements we will include the dates and timings of future events in the weekly newsletter and on the school website from next week, which I am sure you will find more helpful.

In the meantime, please continue with your fantastic support and if you have anything you wish to discuss regarding this then do please contact me.

I look forward to seeing you at the HSPA Christmas Fair.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Martin
Headteacher

Road Safety Day

We had fun shining out with road safety day . We had four reflective winners collecting their prizes which included reflecting key rings and more. We enjoyed this day and learning about the importance of road safety. Not only this, there is a road safety poster competition in which judging will be announced soon. However this was not our only mufti day. By Euan R and Freya P, Year 6

Mufti Day

All the children came into school today wearing casual clothes. This was in exchange for donating a bottle for the tombola at the HSPA Christmas Fair – this is taking place tomorrow Saturday 30th November. **Did you know?** The word ‘mufti’ originates from the Arabic word meaning scholar. It has been used by the British Army since 1816 and is thought to have come from the slightly eastern style dressing gowns and tasselled caps worn by off duty officers in the early part of the 19th century! By Ben A, Year 6

Hampshire Illustrated Book Awards

Year 5 participated in the Hampshire Illustrated Book Award in recent weeks. This event, which is now in its sixteenth year, involved reading, sharing and evaluating six inspirational and imaginatively illustrated books that had been shortlisted by Hampshire’s School Library Service. It was a lovely chance to enthuse about reading for pleasure and being provided with a unique opportunity to be involved in a major county literary event. Alongside this, it gave Year 5 pupils a real chance to enthuse about reading for pleasure and participate in rich discussions about the six titles.

However, there was a clear winner as all the classes voted for *The Bad Seed by Jory John*. The class teachers secretly loved putting on the voices for this narrative too! Year 5 look forward to Mrs Adsley announcing the overall winner of this award in the next few weeks.

PE Kits

Now it’s turned cold outside please please please can you ensure children have sensible clothes in their PE kits including jogging bottoms, sweatshirt/hoodie and spare socks.

Girls' Football Match v Manor

On Thursday, the girls' football team had their first match of the season against Manor School. Despite the final score being 2-0 to Manor, it was a terrific effort from all the girls. Throughout the match it was incredibly close between the sides and our girls played very well considering it was the first time they had played together! A special mention must go to Freya P who made some terrific saves that were admired by everyone watching. For this reason, Freya was the deserved player of the match.

Congratulations to all the girls and we look forward to building on our promising start to the season. A special thank you to all the parents who came to support the team on a drizzly, dark evening in Farnborough!

Team – Scarlet B, Olivia C, Phoebe C, Emily H, Lily H, Daisy M, Olivia P, Freya P and Charlotte T.



Switch Off Week

Hook Junior School is participating in the Pod's Switch Off Fortnight campaign, which is sponsored by EDF Energy this year. More than 1,500 schools across the UK (and beyond) are joining in to take action and to change the way they use energy!

On Monday 25th November, Eco-Warriors took an energy audit of areas around the school to allow them to identify where energy is potentially wasted. Later on in the week, Eco-Warriors led an assembly to inform the rest of the school about different energy sources and about the actions we can all take to reduce our usage at school and home.

From Monday 2nd December, Hook Junior School will be participating in Switch Off Week in whereby as a school community we will all make a conscious effort to reduce our energy and water usage at school and home. The Eco-Warriors will be monitoring the school grounds closely to see what a difference we can make when we work collectively.

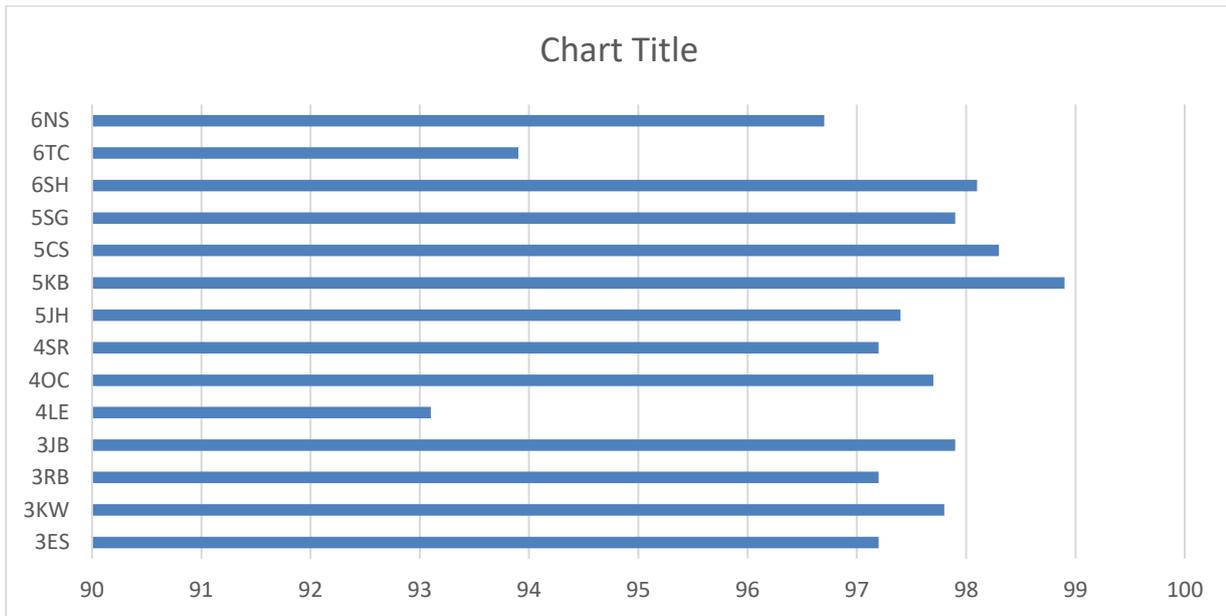
Alongside this, your child will be encouraged to complete energy-saving challenges at home which will be sent home on Monday 2nd December. Your child can return the completed challenge sheet to the Eco-Warriors to count towards the most energy-saving class!

The aim of the week is to inspire long-term behaviour change and to help people understand the actions they can take to use energy efficiently. What actions can you take today?

Eco-Warriors



Attendance



Whole School attendance this week: 97%

Best attendance this week: 5KB – well done!

Events Calendar

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