

Newsletter for Parents

25th June 2020

Phase 2 Reopening

A reminder that school is open only for pupils who are children of keyworkers, vulnerable children and children in year 6. Children may only attend when a place has been allocated and its availability confirmed to you by email.

If you have not yet received confirmation of your child's place (in the form of a class number that they will join and accompanied by specific arrival / departure gate and times) please do not send your child to school.

We are doing our very best to accommodate requests for places for children who qualify to return. However, in order for us to maintain the necessary standards of safety and consistency for opening within current guidance, we are not able to accept children who arrive at school without having previously allocated to a class group.

Everyone who has contributed to the planning, coordination and opening of school is particularly grateful for the continued expressions of support we have been receiving.

Class Teachers for September 2020

We understand that you and your child will be keen to know the class teacher for the coming academic year. Details will be shared very soon by email and only when we have received and taken into account imminent guidance from the Government regarding the return of all pupils to school in September.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will soon be circulated. As we are unable to send these home in printed form, they will instead be emailed to all parents using the addresses we already have on record for you. We will request that you confirm receipt of the report and optionally provide any feedback via a short survey.

Windrush Day

Monday 22nd June marked 72 years since the Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury docks. This week, children have been learning about the arrival of the Windrush generation and have celebrated Caribbean culture by producing some vibrant Caribbean-inspired art pieces, making Caribbean flag bunting and even making origami hummingbirds! Here is a selection of art work produced this week. Well done to everybody!



Nellie's 103rd Birthday



Last week, the Basingstoke Gazette called on the community to ensure that a local care home resident, Nellie Barton, had a fantastic 103rd birthday. Nellie's birthday had been widely publicised on social media and, due to Coronavirus restrictions, Nellie was unable to have visits from her family on her birthday this week. We were more than happy to contribute to over 500 cards made and bought for Nellie by the community. Cards made by children at Hook Junior School can be seen in the very front row, inspired by Mrs Rode's origami sessions last week! We are so pleased that Nellie had a great birthday and we were all uplifted by this huge display of community spirit!

One to one instrumental lessons in school September 2020

We are delighted to let you know that we will now be offering one to one lessons with private instrumental teachers of Violin, Flute, Trumpet and Piano during the school day. Lessons will take place during the afternoons. Places for each instrument will be limited. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the teacher(s) directly by email and they will provide you with further details.

Parents of Flute and Violin pupils currently learning with Hampshire Music Service, who wish to continue with lessons in school, will also need to contact Sam Gill and Diane Wakefield directly by email.

Violin: Diane Wakefield dianewakefield.com@gmail.com

Flute: Sam Gill samgillmusic@hotmail.com

Trumpet: Nicky Raimbaux nraimbaux.music@gmail.com

Piano: Michele Linehan-Hill michele@linehan-hill.co.uk

An Appeal For Donations of Laptops and PCs For School Pupils from The Hook and Odiham Lions

The Lions are currently running a project to provide disadvantaged children with refurbished IT equipment to enable them to continue with their 'home learning' education during the Covid19 school closure and beyond.

With the closure of schools home learning has become essential therefore and, working with the school-teachers, needy recipients for computers and equipment are identified.

We are now appealing for more donations of computers and equipment and following the current strict health guidelines we collect from donors. The equipment is tested, all data is removed, using professional software, and reloaded with Windows 10 operating system by qualified Lions (we can provide a formal certificate, if required, verifying all data has been removed).

A complete suite of programmes, suitable for home learning, is then downloaded. The computers are then distributed to the identified recipients.

To date we have distributed over 250 computers - but we need more kit. Demand for computers from schools is outstripping supply. For a more information please see <https://youtu.be/sl5AwySJEno>

In summary, operating systems and computers that we can accept are:

- Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8 & 8.1, Windows 10 and Chromebooks
- Apple computers: iMac, MacBook, MacBook Pro and MacBook Air
- Tablets: Android and iPads

If you have any questions or have kit that we can collect please email Mark Hazell on mark.hazell@hookandodihamlions.co.uk

Mark Hazell – Hook & Odiham Lions

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Norah W, Mikey S and Charlie M

Year 4: Eviajane R, Elijah R and Johnny G

Year 5: Dylan H,

Year 6: Fae C, Georgia B, Phoebe C, Lilly-Mae A and Elsie C

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