



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

End of Term Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2020

"We should take comfort that while we may have more still to endure, better days will return: we will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again."

Her Majesty the Queen

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end a very different school year I wish to congratulate you all on your herculean efforts with home schooling since March 20th, I award you all 'Certificates of Achievement'. The children have shared their learning, projects and shown their creativity, they have benefitted from your support with home schooling. Whilst I realise how challenging this may have been juggling family, work commitments, coming to terms with our new world and how we operate in it, everyone has endured and done their absolute best.

During these uncertain times when everything in our lives and our view of the world changed, a constant has been the strong sense of community between us all. Albeit mostly a virtual community, it is a strong community nonetheless. The bonds that have grown between staff, children and families even though we have been separated for so long has been positive, fruitful and mutually beneficial. I know the staff have been really appreciative of the very kind comments and messages they have received in these final days of this academic year.

I too commend all staff here who dealt with the home schooling of their own children, maintained full time work (either remotely or attending school), dealt with personal challenges with their own families whilst supporting our children and communicating with you. They adopted a total 'can do' attitude to the circumstances we faced. The strength of the school team and its commitment to our core purpose to provide and do the best for our children and our families was evident, everyone put the children before themselves, remained flexible and did whatever it took to make it work. The team went above and beyond!

We can as a community celebrate and be proud of our school, our children, together we achieved the best we could for them in exceptional circumstances, none of which any of us could have predicted. I am hugely thankful for your partnership with that. Your responses and feedback with the end of year school reports has been wholly positive and reassuring, thank you for taking the time to respond. I wish to share with you a very heart-warming message I received from a parent of a year six child who wrote:

"My child's education has been second to none, in the time he has been at the school. Your latest Ofsted rating reflects this, but you are an exceptional school and it is a deserved status. Every detail appears to be thought of and a sense of fun or enjoyment in learning shines through."

On that positive note, I wish you all a well-deserved break over the summer holidays and I look forward to working with you and the children in September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Martin
Headteacher

Goodbye and Good Luck for the Future Year 6

Dear Children of Year 6

We are very proud of your achievements, you have been a very impressive group of pupils some of you are talented in the arts, some of you are talented with sport, some of you are particularly academic and some of you have exceptional social skills. Each one of you is unique, but each has added something special to this school. Hook Junior School is a richer place because of the presence of each one of you and the contribution you have made.

You have 'inspired' us and one another, you know yourselves as learners and have achieved academically, socially and personally. But remember the qualities, character traits and aspects of your hearts and minds that tell the deeper story about you. I am confident that you are leaving Hook Junior School better equipped to be resilient, with the grit and determination to succeed, with ambition and optimism for the next stage in your educational journey.

As you move on to your secondary school, remember of all the things you have done here and how it has shaped you, whether it was representing the school in a sports team, having a role and responsibility, singing in a choir, performing in a drama production, dancing or playing an instrument in a concert, learning event or reaching your learning targets. All of these things are an important part of your education and a special part of growing up; they are years' worth of positive shared experiences, take a piece of the school with you, hopefully you will have positive lasting memories.

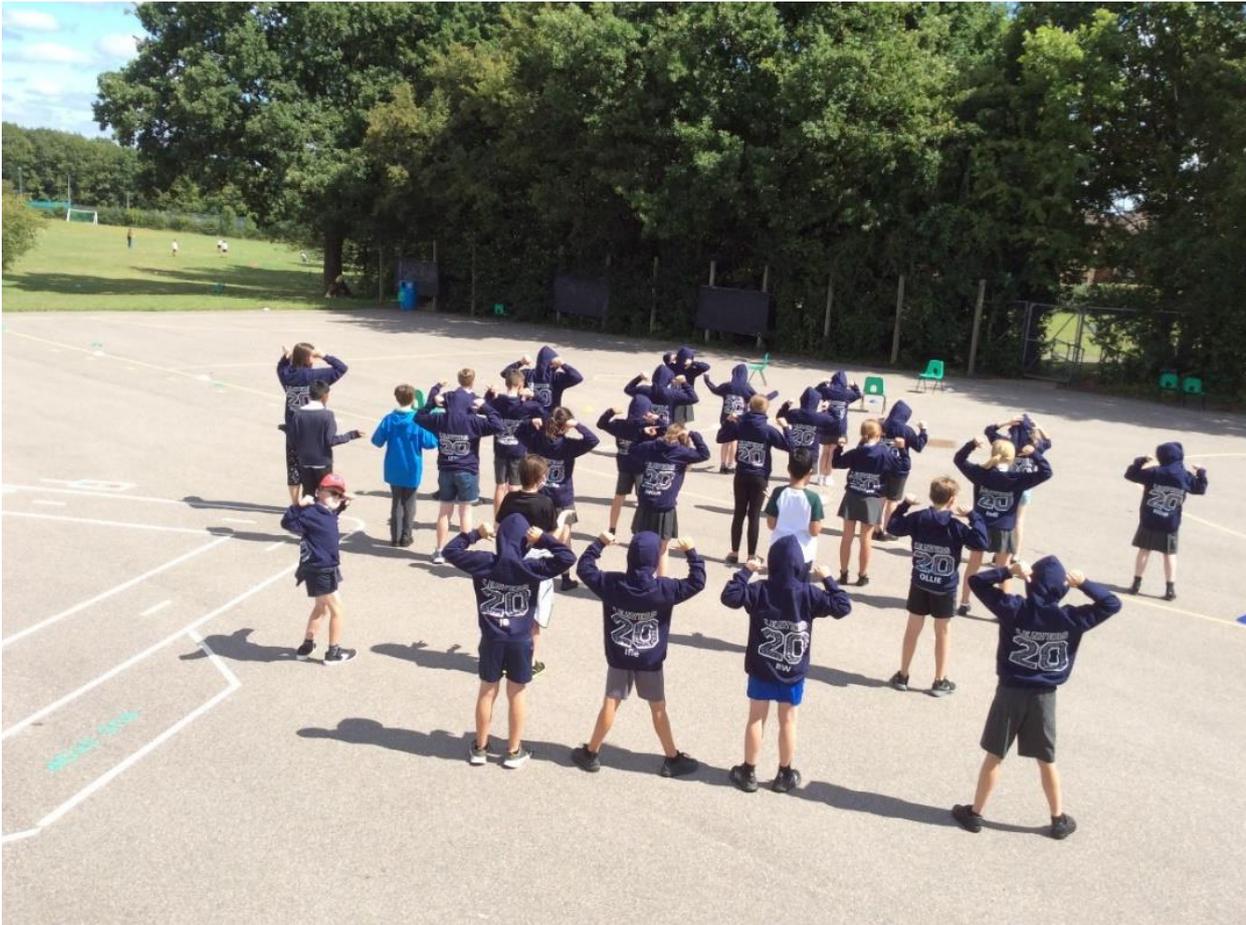
Your futures are wide open and I hope that at secondary you throw yourselves into all the opportunities that are available to you, enjoy the presence of every moment, challenge and possibility. Get the little things right: be on time, treat each other kindly, work hard and continue your love of learning, make it a habit – you will need it. More importantly and above all be yourselves, be optimistic, be confident, enjoy life and be happy.

It has been a pleasure and privilege Year 6 and I wish you all the very best for the future.

Warmest regards and admiration for you all,

Mrs Martin

Headteacher



A message from your Year 6 Teachers

Goodbye to 6NS

What a year 6NS! It has been my pleasure to teach you for a second time and I am only sad it couldn't be in person for a full year to set you on your way to secondary school. Even without our lockdown, you have proved yourselves to be lively, curious, caring individuals who will go on to achieve tremendous things in your lives. Stay positive and kind and believe in yourselves. (oh...and don't forget to keep reading and tuck in your shirts!). I will miss each and every one of you and remember my time with you well!

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to the entire school community of staff, parents and the pupils I have taught over the years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 6 years of teaching at Hook Junior School and will miss you all. I take many fond memories of my time at Hook, from Marchants Hill adventures, to drama in the school hall, to the many children who have made me smile and of course, the three-legged race with Mr French many years ago! I know the school will go from strength to strength and I look forward to hearing all about it.

Goodbye to 6SH

Well done 6SH for a fantastic final year at Hook Junior School. It has been a pleasure to teach you for the second year; you have grown so much since year 4, in both height and maturity. I am immensely proud of you all coping with lockdown and the changes this has brought. I appreciate it has been challenging but you have rose to the occasion making both your parents and me proud. I hope you look back with fond memories of this time spent at home with your families. All the staff hope that you take the values learned here at Hook Junior School on to your next adventure. You will be missed and have been a valued asset to our school community. We hope to hear about your successes in the future. From Mrs Heaslop and Felicity.

Goodbye to 6TC

It has been an enormous delight to teach you this year with your fantastic enthusiasm and boundless curiosity. There has certainly never been a dull moment (except perhaps that lesson on the perfect forms of the verb). Your combination of hard work and great sense of humour has made lessons thoroughly enjoyable.

You should all be really proud of the effort you have put in and the well-deserved progress you have made in your learning and I know that you have each built a strong foundation for you to thrive at secondary school. I wish you all the best with your future endeavours and look forward to hearing how you are doing next year.

From Mr Colebrooke (and the rhinos of 6TC)

End of Year Message from our School Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that this email finds you well. The Full Governing Body held a committee meeting on the 14th of July. Mrs Martin provided us with an update on the continued provision for all children and also on safeguarding for both staff and pupils. This is continuously being updated and staff are provided with training throughout.

We reviewed and updated our action plans and considered the priorities for our strategy next year. We will focus on the safe reopening to all pupils, assessment of their needs, developing their core skills, wellbeing and statutory learning requirements and then developing the wider curriculum.

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Co-opted Governor, Mandy Cowley, who has now been confirmed into post. We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor so if you would like more information please get in touch.

Over the summer, Mr Grant will be overseeing an exciting project to install new classroom displays using interactive technology. This will be a vital tool which will greatly benefit the teachers and pupils.

Children have now had the opportunity to visit the school to meet their new teachers for next year. Detailed Annual Pupil Reports were also sent out to each child. It was lovely to hear from so many of you sending your thanks and appreciation to Mrs Martin and all staff at the school.

Steve Crocker, Director of Children's Services at Hampshire County Council, expressed in a letter to Mrs Martin his admiration of what he described as a herculean effort made by teachers and staff at Hook Junior School. He praised the many impressive examples of creativity and extensive uses of technology. This is credit to the high standard of teaching, support and care provided by Hook Junior School.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your kindness and support. We recognise the challenges you have faced home schooling your children. Whilst children may have had a wide range of experiences during lockdown, the needs of each will be assessed individually when they return and appropriate objectives will be set. They will be in the hands of an expert team of teachers! So for now, enjoy the summer.

I hope that you will join us in thanking Mrs Martin, all the teachers and staff for all that they have done for this community during these difficult times. Staff have worked relentlessly throughout to ensure that all children, both in school and those at home were given support to continue their studies and engage with their teachers. They adapted to new ways of teaching, provided care and support to families whilst tending to their own. They took care of children allowing key workers to carry out their crucial duties during lockdown and school breaks. Their dedication and hard work have been truly admirable. We wish them and their families a restful and happy summer break.

Our best wishes to you all,

From the Governors

Guidance for attending out-of-school clubs and activities during the summer break

The Department for Education has published guidance in respect of children attending out-of-school clubs and activities during the summer break. If you are considering enrolling your child in a summer activity, we encourage you to review the guidance and raise any questions or concerns you may have with the facilitators.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

KOOSA Summer Club at Hook Infant School

Koosa will be operating a summer kids club from 27th July – 21st Aug in the Infant School. Please visit www.koosakids.co.uk for further information. Please note that bookings for the Summer Holiday Club are limited to children currently attending Hook Infants School, Hook Junior School or those due to attend in September. Please contact Koosa Kids directly for more information.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Noah H, Daniel P, Sienna H, Joshua FT, Harry J, Joshua B, Elara D and Oliver M

Year 4: Isaac W, Esme O, Matilda W and Zeke B

Year 5: Eden R, Isobel W and Anwen M,

Year 6: David M, Niree R, Rudy R and all of class 9

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Key Dates

3 Sep 2020 INSET Day
4 Sep 2020 INSET Day
7 Sep 2020 Return to School
2 Nov 2020 INSET Day
4 Jan 2020 INSET Day
22 Feb 2020 INSET Day