



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th December 2020

Head Girl and Head Boy



We are proud to announce the selection of our Head Girl and Head Boy from eight of our Prefects is complete. All of our Prefects are truly worthy of their role and throughout the selection process they showed maturity, responsibility, kindness, humility and strong sense of duty to others.

Our congratulations go to, **Head Girl - Grace W** and **Head Boy - Freddie D** both of whom proudly represented themselves, the Prefects and the school brilliantly. Grace and Freddie proved themselves to be worthy of the accolades. We look forward to having them representing the school and children's voice as the year progresses.

Freddie commented that he is proud to be Head Boy and is looking forward to representing the school and his peers and contributing to continued improvement of the school.

Grace commented that she believes having this role demands maturity, trust and enthusiasm and is excited to be given the opportunity to contribute.

Hook Junior School's Remote Orchestra

Hook Junior School's orchestra last met in person on 20th March 2020 - the Friday before Lockdown #1. It was to be our last rehearsal to date.

Due to the continued restrictions, we haven't been able to meet since. But that hasn't stopped us making music!

Over the summer term the orchestra members participated in a variety of musical challenges to keep music alive and this term we've embraced a new way of playing together.

[We have worked very hard to produce a remote recording of "Walking in the Air" and we'd like to share this festive extravaganza with you.](#)

We really hope you enjoy it!

Merry Christmas from all the members of the orchestra.

Christmas Lunch, 17 December

Please remember and complete our [Xmas dinner survey](#) by Monday 7th December indicating your children's lunch choice.

Year 5 Dance Days

Year 5 classes will be participating in their dance days next week. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE kit into school on the appropriate day as follows:

5RB: Monday 7th December

5KB: Wednesday 9th December

5RF: Thursday 10th December

Your child also needs to wear their PE kit into school on Tuesday for their PE lesson in the afternoon.

Keeping Our Records Up To Date

On 11 November we sent home a summary of the information we hold about your child. We requested that you check and update this as necessary to ensure our records are current. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their form. If you haven't already checked, updated, signed and returned your data collection sheet, please do so by Friday 11 December. You must sign and return the data collection sheet even if there are no changes to be made.

Online Safety – TikTok

It has been brought to our attention that some children are using TikTok accounts. This social media platform has an official age rating of 13+ years and has been graded as 'average' on the NetAware safety rating scale for children above this age. We encourage all parents and carers to please [read more about TikTok on the NetAware website](#) in order to help you make an informed decision of whether your child should have access and for you to be aware of the mature content they may be exposed to.

Barnardo's Helpline for Minority Ethnic Groups

Barnardo's has launched a vital new support service which should make a positive difference to the lives of many Black, Asian and minority ethnic children, young people and their families impacted by Covid-19. This is a UK-wide helpline which will focus on issues specifically affecting children, young people and families from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities who, as we all know, have been hard hit by the pandemic. The new service is a free telephone helpline and web chat facility for children, young people and families from these communities who are suffering the long-lasting and wide-ranging impact of Covid-19. Barnardo's specialist advisors will aim to provide on-going support on a complex range of issues including mental health, bereavement, family break-down, neglect, back to school, parenting advice, counselling, family stress, discrimination, barriers to services and more. [Visit the Barnados website to learn more.](#)

Hook Books

Buy books to read and donate/re-donate your old books so we can sustain the community library. [Hook Books](#) next takes place on Thursday 17th December at the Elizabeth Hall, RG27 9HH. Normal timings are 2-4pm but for this session we are extending it to 4.30pm to enable parents to drop in with children after school. So successful was our half term children's book sale that we are continuing to sell children's books for **20p per book or 3 for 50p** whilst we have enough stocks. As books are just 20p please bring change to pop into the box Please wear a mask unless exempt and respect social distancing, sanitizing and track and trace.

Parent Governor Ballot

This week all parents were emailed with an invitation to vote to appoint two governors from the four applicants we recently received. The ballot closes on Wednesday 16 December, after which it will not be possible to cast your vote. The outcome of the ballot will be announced just before the end of term.

HSPA Online Christmas Raffle

We are very excited to be bringing you the first ever HSPA Online Christmas Raffle. We would normally hold our Christmas raffle during the Christmas fair, but as we have been unable to hold the fair this year, we thought we would still bring you our raffle with fantastic prizes to be won.

Prizes to be won this year are:

- Brand new adult BMW limited edition Microscooter - £75 Christmas Hamper - £40 Miller's Ark Voucher - Navy leather handbag - Bottle of Hook Gin! - 20% voucher for Unique hair salon, hair straightener and mini hair dryer - £30 kid's Christmas Hamper (various toys & chocolates/sweets) MORE prizes to be announced soon. Some prizes have been donated by local businesses but some have been purchased by the HSPA and then enhanced by the local retailers. So buy our raffle tickets and help support our fantastic local businesses - PLUS the Hook Schools benefit too! #supportlocal

As always tickets are 50p each and you can buy as many as you would like. Your receipt will show as 1 ticket transaction, but rest assured we will have a list of all tickets which you have purchased. All you need to do is follow this link: school.plansocial.app/events/61574

The draw will be taking place live on Facebook on Sunday 13th December, on the Christmas Raffle event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/800627350486811>

We hope you are able to take part in this great event, and even one 50p ticket can help raise funds for the school and you might even win a fantastic gift in time for Christmas

If you have any questions please drop us an email at contactus@hspa.org.uk

Good luck from the HSPA Team

Staff Xmas Gifts

Some parents have enquired about the giving of gifts this Christmas, both to children's peers and to school staff. In order to maintain the safety of pupils and staff, children should not bring gifts of any kind to school. We are keen to ensure that for everyone in school the risk of possible infection from coronavirus and the subsequent possibility of isolation or illness is kept to an absolute minimum before and during the Xmas break.

Parental Consent Survey for Years 3 and 4

Many thanks to year 3 and 4 parents for responding to our request for updated consent. This is only applicable to year 3 and 5. If you haven't already done so could you [please submit your reply](#) by Tuesday 8th December.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Faris A, Amelia E, William P, Scarlett J, Emily T

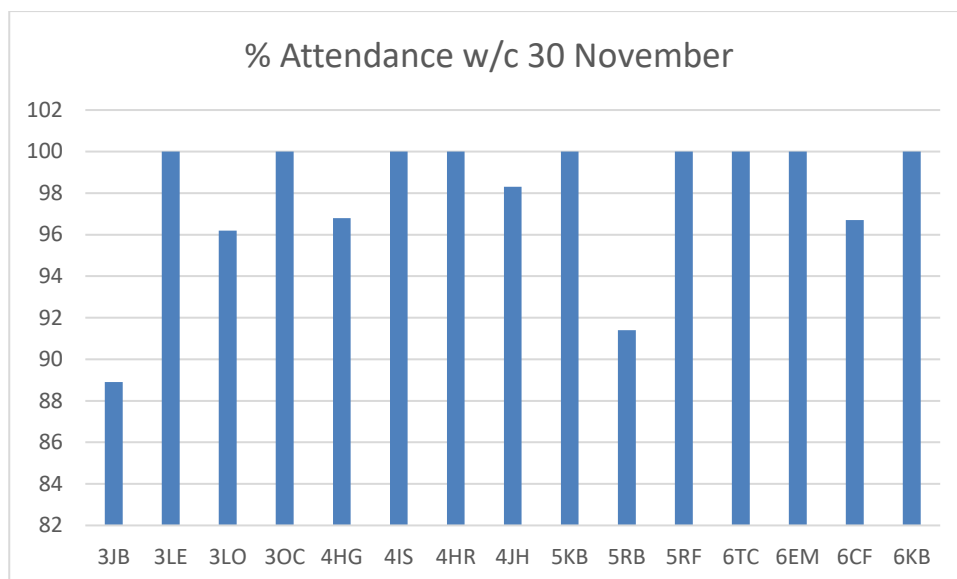
Year 4: Darcy D, Casey A, Skye T, Ethan N

Year 5: Evie P, George E, Gabriella D

Year 6: Lexie T, Olly G, James B, Eloise M

Attendance every day counts...

Your child's attendance matters!



Whole school attendance 97.9%.

Find out more...

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Key Dates

07 Dec 2020	Week 3 lunch option
14 Dec 2020	Children bring Christmas cards to school
14 Dec 2020	Week 1 lunch option
17 Dec 2020	HSPA Christmas Jumper Day and Festive Arts and Crafts
17 Dec 2020	Christmas Lunch
18 Dec 2020	Christmas cards are circulated at school
18 Dec 2020	End of Term – early finish; Year 6 @ 12:50, Year 5 @ 1:00, Year 4 @ 1:10, Year 3 @ 1:20
21 Dec 2020	Christmas Holiday
4 Jan 2021	INSET Day
15 Feb 2020	Spring Half Term
22 Feb 2021	INSET Day
2 Apr 2020	Easter Holiday
31 May 2020	Summer Half Term
26 Jul 2020	Summer Holi

ODIHAM EDUCATION CHARITY

A Trustee for Robert May's School



Odiham Education Charity, the Foundation Body of Robert May's School situated in West Street, Odiham, wishes to appoint a Foundation Trustee (Governor) for a 4-year term. We are looking for a resident of the school's catchment area, preferably with experience in any of the following areas: estates, strategy, financial/ procurement or from a secondary education background at leadership level, to complement the other four Foundation Trustees who represent the charity.

If you do not have a background in any of these areas, but would like to be considered for this position, please do get in touch with us in any case, as we are keen to talk to anyone who has an interest in education, time to give and a desire to serve the community in this way.

Please contact the Clerk, Sue Laing c/o LFM, The Stables, 23b Lenten Street, Alton, Hampshire GU34 1HG (telephone number 01420 590660) or suelaing.occ@outlook.com for further information or expressions of interest. The closing date for applications is 19th December 2020 and the newly appointed Foundation Trustee will take up his or her position with immediate effect once the formal appointment processes have been completed.



TESCO CHINEHAM CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

WORKING WITH CARITAS IN BASINGSTOKE AND IN YOUR LOCAL AREA



PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING **NEW** GIFTS FOR 0-19
YEAR OLDS.

ALL ITEMS GIVEN WILL BE DISTRIBUTED VIA CHILDREN'S
SERVICES TO FAMILIES IN NEED.

TESCO CHINEHAM HAVE RUN THIS APPEAL FOR THE PAST 5
YEARS.

DEMAND IS ALWAYS INCREASING, & DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF
COVID-19, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS YEAR IT WILL BE GREATER
STILL.

PLEASE REST ASSURED THAT ALL DONATIONS GO TO WHERE THEY
ARE NEEDED AND ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.



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