



## **Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 18th March 2022**

### **Science Week**



What a quacking start to Science week it's been so far. With a range of investigations taking part in classrooms and the school grounds. Each class has two caterpillars, which they have named and enjoyed observing! My word how much they have grown in just a week! We cannot wait to watch them form their crystallites and turn into butterflies before they can be released.

On Monday we had an incubator arrive along with five duck eggs! The excitement levels were high as we patiently sat and waited for movement...

On Wednesday, the first duckling hatched, with many classes being able to witness it first-hand. Upon arrival to school yesterday, two more emerged and another one made his debut just before lunch!

This enrichment opportunity and the other investigations have helped to bring the theme of growth alive. We look forward to naming the ducklings and having some duckling time!

## Red Nose Day 2022

It has been fantastic to see all the children dressed in red and we've had some crazy hairstyles!

As part of Red Nose Day, each class came up with their favourite joke. The jokes were judged by Miss Carne. Today in assembly, we announced the top 3 jokes. We hope they make you laugh. The winning class received a Red Nose Day themed activity book for their class.

**3rd Place** - There were 3 tomatoes (daddy, baby, mum) and they were walking on a road. Baby tomato couldn't keep up and he was so slow that he got run over and daddy tomato said, "ketchup" (catch up, ketchup!) 4JB

**2nd Place** - Yesterday I asked my dad what it was like to have the best son ever. He said ask your Grandma 6DK

**1st Place** - Do you want to hear a joke about construction? I'm still working on it. 6LE

Thank you for all your donations, we have raised a lot of money for Comic Relief and we will reveal the total next week. Also, a big thank you to the School Council who have sold all the red noses to the rest of the school.

If you would like to make a donation, you can do so on our Just Giving page: [Hook Junior School Red Nose Day 2022](#)

## Governor News

The school governors have three main accountabilities: setting strategic direction for the school, maintaining robust accountability of the Leadership team, and ensuring financial probity. There are a range of ways this is achieved, including fulfilling some statutory requirements on behalf of the school. Our full governor meeting this week was only a few weeks after the previous, and with one of those weeks being half term, the main topics were supporting the submission of financial value information to Hampshire, and the regular review of some key policies. Planning has started for our Governor in School day towards the end of this term. This is an important opportunity for us to connect with the staff, see the school in full operation and see some of the positive activities that are taking place.

We always have a discussion of current issues affecting the school, and you won't be surprised to hear the topic of Ukraine came up. Mrs Martin shared how the school was responding and supporting the small number of families with direct links to the area. More generally, to answer questions from pupils about the conflict in Ukraine, the school are making use of material and guidance from Department of Education and others. (Parents looking for similar information can follow the links from <https://www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine/> see the Final Section: Helping your child understand the conflict).

Many in the school community have asked how they can support Ukraine at this difficult time. There are many local and national organisations already collecting, with fundraising and financial donations being the main ask due to the difficulty of transporting goods. Local collection banks have stopped taking clothing, however the HSCA have told us that for this week's Bag2School collection, they will give a proportion of the money raised to the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

## Happy Circus are BACK!



The HSCA are very excited to be welcoming back the fabulous Happy Circus! The circus visited us back in 2019 and both nights SOLD OUT fast! The reaction from the children who attended was fantastic (the parents loved it too, especially Mr Slinky!) so we have really been looking forward to welcoming back Mr & Mrs Happy, with their amazing team.

This year's theme is CABARET! This is an all-human show where family-friendly Cabaret meets razzle -dazzle Chicago! Bringing the magical world of Circus to every event, with international artists from around the world, who will entertain audiences with a stunning range of aerial and ground acts, including some very rarely seen unique performances.

The spectacular Big Top will be situated on the Hook Junior field and there are 2 nights to see the show - Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th April. Gates open at 4.30pm with hot food available, as well as the HSCA bar and some sweet treats - so make it a fun family night out! The Big Top itself opens at 5:30pm, with a show warm up soon after that and the actual main show starting promptly at 6pm.

Tickets will be available online and go on sale on Friday 25th March at 7am. This information will not be shared on any wider public social media until the following week, to allow Hook parents a chance to login and purchase tickets first. Tickets are £10 each or £36 for family/group of 4 ("Babes in arms"/children under 2 are FREE). To purchase tickets please go to <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hsc> (be sure to select the correct performance date)- be quick as tickets are limited!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer (sign up also available during ticket purchasing process) please get in touch [contactus@hs-ca.org.uk](mailto:contactus@hs-ca.org.uk)

## HSCA Mother's Day sale - Junior school Thursday 24th March

The HSCA are really excited to be back in school next week for the 2022 Mother's Day sale!

This event is an in school only event. The HSCA team will set up a little Mother's Day shop, with a range of stock for the children to purchase during the first break. They have purchased 900+ gifts with approx. 20 different lines for the children to choose from, we try to split the selection of items between the infant and junior schools, to hopefully reduce the risk of duplications. Each item is bagged & labelled ready for the children to take home, hide(!) and gift on Mother's Day.

Each bag costs just £2 and children can purchase as many as they wish, the items are suitable for mums, step-mums, grannies, aunties, even big sisters. Simply send your child to school with £2 for each gift they wish to purchase, and they will do the rest.

## KOOSA Kids Easter Holiday Club

Two Weeks of Unlimited Fun Ahead at KOOSA Kids Easter Holiday Clubs (11th to 22nd April).

KOOSA Kids Easter Holiday Club programme is set to excite and delight your children with our Mini Beast Madness and Easter Eggstravaganza themed weeks. Your children will be taking part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama and imagination. All from just £24 per child, per day (10.00am to 4.00pm)!

Whether you need essential childcare or are looking for a fun day out for your children, we will ensure your children have so much fun, they will be itching to come back again and again!

Bookings for May Half Term and Summer are also open.

Call 01276 21884 or visit [www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club](http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club) for more information.

## Tesco token collection

We have applied for a Tesco community grant for us to develop a new planting and growing area for pupils. Our aim is to develop a well-resourced outdoor gardening space for children to plant and grow their own produce with sensory planting to introduce new smells, taste, texture and colour. Please consider voting for Hook Junior School if you receive a token when shopping at the Hook store. In store voting is open until 31 March 2022 and we are currently in first position among the three competing bids!

## Hook Beer Festival

The final preparations are underway for this year's fantastic beer festival. We have selected a range of fantastic ales, lagers and cider, more than 12 to try! We have booked a large screen for showing the rugby (away from the main hall) and as well as the fantastic Leather & Willow who will be there all night to make delicious authentic wood fired fresh pizzas (check out [www.leatherandwillow.co.uk](http://www.leatherandwillow.co.uk))

Tickets are only £7 and include a commemorative pint glass. Pints on the night are just £3.50 and other drinks/soft drinks and snacks will also be available. The weather is looking favourable, so we will have use of the outdoor area and the hall will be well ventilated. There are still a few tickets left so don't miss out on a fantastic night, book your tickets now online at [www.pta-events.co.uk/hasca](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hasca) and if you ever fancied pouring a few pints you can use this website to sign up to volunteer, every helper gets a free half pint!

## Hook Parish Council Design A Card Competition

Hook Parish Council is looking for some super A4 drawings to enter a competition, with one design to be made into a card to send to the Queen herself on behalf of everyone in Hook and two designs made into plaques that will be placed next to some exciting new Jubilee trees to be planted in a newly created garden in Wellworth Park.

The picture can be anything the children would like to draw to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The winning pictures will be decided by the Parish Councillors, therefore we ask that your child brings this with them to school and hands it to their class teacher by Monday 21st March 2022. The winning picture will have the following text added by Hook Parish Council underneath the design:

- Drawn By (the child's first name and initial)
- Age (child's age)
- Hook Infant School or Hook Junior School
- In honour of HRH Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee 2022

Please ensure each entry has the following information:

- Child's name and age

- Parental contact details

Please be aware that by entering the competition you are agreeing for your child's work to be put on a plaque/card and that Hook Parish Council then own the copyright of the image and are free to use it anywhere they see fit in future. If you have any queries or would like further information, please feel free to contact the Parish office [amenities@hook.gov.uk](mailto:amenities@hook.gov.uk) or by calling 01256 768 687 ext 202.

## Stars of the Week

Year 3: Finlay P, Xander H, Jacob G, Alfie S

Year 4: Eloise T, Ava R, Eleanor D, Noah S

Year 5: Tom L, Daisy M-B, Harry J, Ines A, Joseph H

Year 6: Esmé W, Kiera S, Giles Q, Eli R

### House Points this week

<b>Austen</b>	240
<b>Brunel</b>	255
<b>Nightingale</b>	204
<b>Wellington</b>	184

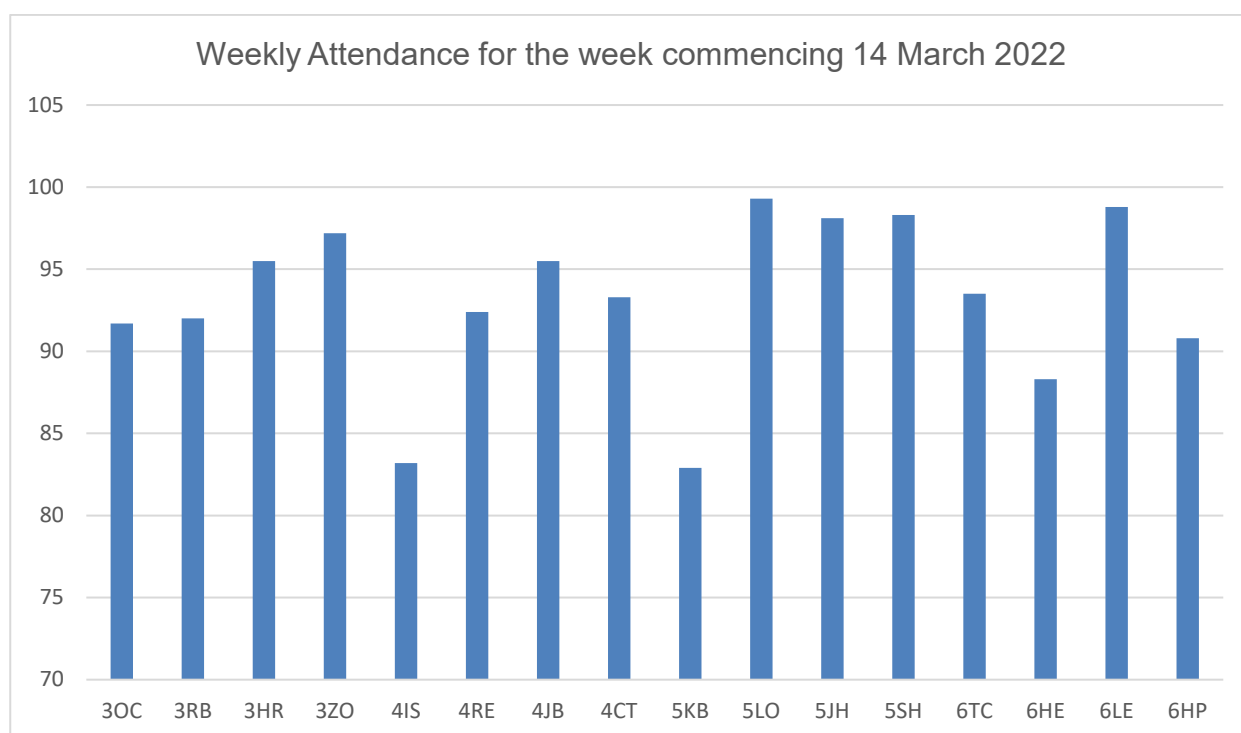
**House point winners this week: Brunel**

**Reading classes of the week: 3HR**

**Reading Raffle Winner: Anja 5KB**

## Attendance This Week

*Every day counts... Your child's attendance matters!*



**Overall attendance this week: 93.2%**

## Find out more...

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## Key Dates

<b>19 Mar</b>	HSCA Beer Festival
<b>21 Mar</b>	Year 3 Iron Age Workshop
<b>22 Mar</b>	Year 3 Iron Age Workshop
<b>22 Mar</b>	HSCA Mothers Day Sale
<b>24 Mar</b>	Reading Rockets Basketball Workshops
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<b>31 Mar</b>	Reading Rockets Basketball Workshops
<b>31 Mar</b>	Year 4 Winchester Science Centre Visit
<b>4 Apr</b>	Life Education Wessex LifeBus visits for the week
<b>5 Apr</b>	3RB and 3ZO Easter Service to Parents, 09:00
<b>6 Apr</b>	3OC and 3HR Easter Service to Parents, 09:00
<b>6 Apr</b>	Governor Day
<b>8 Apr</b>	End of term – 1:30 finish
<b>11 Apr</b>	Easter Break
<b>25 Apr</b>	Summer Term – back to school
<b>27 Apr</b>	Happy's Circus
<b>28 Apr</b>	Happy's Circus
<b>19 May</b>	Class Photos
<b>23 May</b>	Year 3 Roman Workshop
<b>30 May</b>	Summer Half Term Week
<b>8 Jun</b>	HSCA Bag2School
<b>9 Jun</b>	Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court
<b>10 Jun</b>	Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court
<b>14 Jun</b>	HSCA Fathers Day Sale
<b>16 Jun</b>	HSCA Fathers Day Sale
<b>25 Jun</b>	HSCA Gin Festival
<b>27 Jun</b>	Year 6 Transition day to Robert Mays School
<b>28 Jun</b>	Year 6 Transition day to Robert Mays School
<b>11 Jul</b>	Year 6 Residential trip to PGL Marchants Hill
<b>16 Jul</b>	HSCA Summer Fair
<b>21 Jul</b>	End of term – 1:30 finish



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Hook Schools Community Association

# Beer Festival is back!



Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022

6.30 - 11pm

Hook Community Centre - Ravenscroft



**Tickets £7**



Selection of Hot Food

Buy tickets ONLINE: [www.pta-events.co.uk/hsc](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hsc)



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# Bridges

## HOOK'S

# Sunflower

# PLANTING



Initiated by Bridges Estate Agents to celebrate **30 YEARS** of St Michael's Hospice, Hook in Bloom will be helping to distribute and plant sunflowers around the village.

If you would like to help by planting seeds and bringing them to flower, pop into Bridges Estate Agents as soon as possible. Your sunflowers will stand a better chance of survival because optimum planting time is April.

**"LET'S MAKE HOOK LOOK JOLLY FOR THE SUMMER!"**

