



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 21 July 2022

'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much'. Helen Keller.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and exciting year draws to a close but I am so delighted that we have been able to have a consistent year back to school routines and able to offer these wider curriculum opportunities fully as part of school life; they are such an important part of children's educational experiences, learning and memories. It has been really lovely to be able to invite parents and carers in to school over the course for the year, the sense of community we have at Hook is strong, community spirit shines through and our school is very much at the heart of that. Your support over the past year has been exceptional, it is a both a pleasure and a privilege to work in partnership with you all in support of the children - together giving them the best possible start in life.

The Hook Junior School staff and Governors have all shown outstanding commitment and dedication to the children, they are a fantastic team of people. They have continued to provide a high-quality education at school, showing true resolve, professionalism, team ship and commitment; I cannot thank them enough for all of their support.

We can celebrate and be proud of our school and I am thankful for the continued support of governors, parents and fantastic staff – another year and together we have achieved so much. A huge thank you to the children too; they are the reason we are all here and drive our continued commitment to achieve the very best we can, they are an inspiration.

On behalf of my team, we wish you all a very happy and restful holiday and we cannot wait to see you all again on 5th September 2022.

Yours sincerely

L. Martin

Headteacher

End of Key Stage Two SATs results

We are very proud of the Year 6 children who have flourished both socially and academically. Despite the challenges faced over the past two years with Covid and lockdowns in the past few years, the children have achieved highly in their end of key stage SATs assessments, outperforming against both local and national averages.

	Reading			Writing			Maths		
	At standard	Higher standard	Progress	At standard	Higher standard	Progress	At standard	Higher standard	Progress
Hook Junior School	85.6%	45.2%	+0.9	81.7%	36.5%	+2.3	80.8%	39.4%	+0.3
Hampshire	75.2%	28.4%	-0.5	68.8%	14.4%	-0.3	71.8%	21.9%	-0.7
National	74.4%	27.7%		69.5%	12.8%		71.3%	22.4%	

Congratulations 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

News from the Vice Chair of Governors – Chris Bass

The Full Governing Body met this week for the final time this academic year. We welcomed back Mrs Bailey, following her return from maternity leave, and welcomed Mr Bruce Anderson who will join as a co-opted governor. It was also time to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Jenny Murton, who has been Clerk to the Governors for the last 18 months and helped us to deliver on our oversight and assurance remit. We also extend our thanks to Miss Carne who, for the second time, has this year successfully supported the school leadership as Acting Deputy Headteacher.

Our main focus this meeting was the review of the Headteacher's summer report. This comprises a number of reporting areas including attendance, behaviour and attitude to learning, personal development, and overall school performance. It was good to see evidence of continued strong school performance in the form of impressive Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs results, scoring above both the national and county averages, and to see how Year 4 pupils fared in the statutory Multiplication Table Check (MTC). This follows the positive Leadership and Learning Partner Review that Gareth reported on last month. It is clear that the school constantly monitors all aspects of school life to ensure it continues to meet needs and maximise potential of all pupils.

The past few weeks has seen a range of school and community events, including the sports day, performance of the Jungle Book, the trip to Marchants Hill, and the summer fayre, to name but a few. It has been great to see school life continue the return to 'business as usual', as underlined by the range and success of these events. Thanks to all pupils, staff, parents & carers, friends & families who participated, coordinated, and contributed to make it all happen.

On behalf of the Governors, I'd like to wish everyone a restful and peaceful summer break. Good luck to the outgoing Year 6 and we look forward to welcoming everybody back in September when we'll also be holding an election for a new Parent Governor. If you'd like to know more the role then please contact the school office. Until then, stay safe...and stay cool!

Chris Bass, Vice Chair of Governors

Year 6 - Miss Cooke, Assistant Headteacher and Year 6 Team Leader

We are extremely proud of the children's achievements in Year 6. They have worked incredibly hard all year which has resulted in outstanding SATs results. Their resilience and can-do attitude has been inspiring and we could not have asked for more. It has been a pleasure getting to know the year group this year and it was an honour to help lead the team. Year 6 are such amazing, kind and caring individuals and a huge thank you to the Year 6 teachers and LSAs for all of their hard work and diligence. The staff all work extremely hard and go above and beyond for our children which is reflected in our results. Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support with home learning.

Where do I begin with our spectacular production and Leavers' Assembly! It has been wonderful watching and listening to everyone's incredible singing and acting. There are a phenomenal range of talents in Year 6 and I have no doubt that they will continue demonstrating these as they move onto secondary school. Again, a huge thank you to the wonderful teachers and LSAs who worked tirelessly to arrange costumes and props, as well as choreographing the dance numbers and songs. It made for two outstanding performances!

Yesterday, the children enjoyed their Year 6 Leavers' Festival which was organised by the HSCA. A huge thank you to Mrs Brown and the HSCA who always go above and beyond providing an array of events that take place throughout the year. Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with the glitter and hair spray as well as the sweet stall. The children had an amazing time getting their shirts signed, enjoying the inflatables and even doing a bit of limbo in between. I know that the Year 6 children have left with a lot of memories that will last a lifetime.

I hope everyone has a lovely, well-deserved Summer.



News from the Head Girl and Head Boy – Olivia T and George E

Our role as Head Boy and Girl has really changed our experience of Hook Junior School (in a good way). Being Head Boy/Girl has developed our confidence and leadership skills in many different ways: speeches, tours and helping adults in numerous ways. We decided to apply for Head Boy/Girl because we felt that we wanted to have some new responsibilities and be a role model to younger students. We took on this role as we believed that we were the suitable students for the job. We have really enjoyed year 6 and we will remember our amazing time in Hook Junior School!

Being at the Marchants Hill residential was a great experience for the whole of Year 6 and helped people overcome their fears. This played a big part of Marchants Hill as, without courage and resilience, we wouldn't have been able to enjoy it as much as we did. Our favourite activities were Raft Building (especially when the raft broke), Survivor, Fencing and Rock Climbing. Overall Marchants Hill has been one of the best experiences of Year 6.

Year 5 - Mrs Heaslop, Year 5 Leader

Wow! What a jampacked year for the children in year 5. It has been brilliant being able to enrich the children's learning through trips and visitors over the year - from Brian Orchard, the Rocket Scientist, to the Young Shakespeare Company's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, tomb raiding and our River Trip at the Gilbert White Centre. The children have thoroughly enjoyed all the experiences which have engaged them and supported learning across the curriculum.

During the summer term, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Ancient Greeks and the Guided Reading book this term, Who Let the Gods Out, has been a firm favourite. In their writing, the children took on the role of one of the characters, Virgo (an immortal), to create an explanation text for how an everyday house hold item works. Due to Virgo's lack of experience in the mortal realm, it goes without saying, that these were not entirely factual... Some of the children really enjoyed sharing sections of their writing at the Learning Event too.

The children's enthusiasm and willingness to learn has certainly contributed to the success they have had this year and this would not have been possible without the engagement from parents too. The Year 5 teachers wish to thank you for your support this year and hope you have a wonderful summer break.

Year 4 - Mrs Ellwood, Year 4 Leader

What a wonderful year we have had with our Year 4s! They have shown incredible learning attitudes throughout the year, which has been their first full year without lockdowns here at Hook Junior School. The children worked incredibly hard to produce the Christmas production of Santa's on Strike, which is a testament to them and a memory they can keep with them forever. We have studied so many different topics, with the children engaging in activities from survival stew making, Viking raids and workshops at the Science Centre in Winchester. As teachers, we have been incredibly proud of the work produced across all our subjects, and the progress the children have made has been incredible. We all look forward to hearing about their successes and achievements as they move up through the school into Year 5. Well done Year 4!

Year 3 - Mrs Boardman, Year 3 Leader



Year 3 have worked incredibly hard this year. From their learning about their local area of Hook, carrying out a traffic survey and how the area has changed. We have learned about Brazil and created our own samba compositions, as well as being lucky enough taking part in Iron Age Warrior training and being visited by a Roman Soldier. Thank you to all the adults who attended our learning event to support the pupils with their DT learning, to create packaging to 'banish the broken biscuit'.

The whole of the Year 3 team is incredibly proud of how much you have matured over the course of the year. You have demonstrated such determination and resilience settling into Hook Junior life well, developing into independent learners, which we are sure will continue into Year 4. We hope that you have a lovely, well deserved summer break and wish you the best of luck in Year 4.

BPSM – Ocean Commotion! – Mrs Prior, Music Leader

After a (very long) two-year gap, the Basingstoke Primary School Music Anvil Theatre concerts are back, and this year's theme was Ocean Commotion - a tale of life deep in the ocean! 16 local schools joined together to form a massed choir of about 400 primary school children and a huge orchestra of over 100 youngsters. Amongst them were children from Hook Junior School's very own choir and orchestra!

The choir was determined that all the string, woodwind, brass, and percussion players were not going to outdo them. They sang with gusto, matching the wonderful sound produced by the orchestra whose lead violinist was Seth from Hook Junior School! Special mention must also be made of James and Sophie, also from Year 6 at Hook, for their stunning solos in 'Big Bad Lad of the Ocean' and 'Look Out for the Hook'. They filled the auditorium with their confident singing without a hint of nerves!" Mrs Raimbaux.

A massive thank you to Mrs Raimbaux, Mrs Linehan-Hill, Mrs Laird, Mrs Wakefield and Mrs Gill for all their hard work. It was clear that their dedication and enthusiasm over the past few months had paid off. Every child was beaming and loved sharing their experience at school and during celebration assembly.

Strawberry Tea



On Tuesday 19th July, children from every year group gave a variety performance to a host of important guests. This amazing show was a way for the children to say thank you to the many fantastic helpers and supporters who help our school. To name a few.... parents and carers who read with children across the school, parents and carers who help on trips, HSCA who are always fundraising and organising community events, lunchtime supervisors, adults who run after school clubs, governors and Reverend Marion. A special thank you to Mrs Raimbaux and Mrs Linehan-Hill for joining us with their spectacular orchestra as well as organising

performers to showcase their musical talents. Another thank you to Mrs Chapman for arranging the invitations, Mr Grant for sorting the delicious continental breakfast and Mrs Francis for ensuring the performance ran smoothly!

The show consisted of a range of talents including a tap solo, a ballet performance, instrumental solos, Irish dancing, the orchestra, Gremlin dance, Miss Williams' Musical theatre groups, Mrs Raimbaux's brass ensemble and an excerpt from Year 6's The Jungle Book production! All the children should be incredibly proud of themselves as they gave a truly spectacular and memorable performance to all our wonderful guests.

Attendance – Miss Carne, Attendance Leader

In September we will be sending out a new attendance strategy for the school year 2022 - 2023. Our overall attendance figures have steadily been declining since the pandemic and the aim of the document is to address individual incidences of poor attendance and/or punctuality. As a school, we cannot accept low absence being the norm for any child and as a result we are now implementing this strategy which will be shared with parents / carers early in September.

Behaviour – Miss Carne, Behaviour Leader

At the start of the new school year, we will also be sharing our reviewed behavioural policy with all parents and carers. We continue to be extremely proud of our children's behaviour in and around school. Whenever we have visitors or take the children on external trips, without fail we receive positive comments about our children's excellent behaviour, manners and attitudes. The behavioural policy is an important document that sets the culture and expectations for behaviour in our school. This policy will be shared with parents/carers and children early in September.

Library news – Mrs Adsley, Library Manager

I would like to say a big thank you to all of the Pupil Librarians who have worked in the library they've done a wonderful job. As well as working in the library the Year 6's has held story time sessions for the Year 3's. This has been immensely popular and the Year 3's had a wonderful time listening to the stories, so a 'Huge Thank You' from the Year 3's.

It's been a pleasure working with all the children and I look forward to working with some new and familiar faces next year.

A huge thank you also goes to Mrs Bailey and the parents who come in and also support the smooth running of the library, it truly makes a difference.

Mrs Adsley

Book Ideas for Summer Reading

Book ideas will be available on Seesaw and the school website for the new Year 3's to the new Year 6's. These include a mixture of new and exciting titles and authors. Don't forget the National Summer Reading Challenge which is now on at local libraries details are below of how your child can join.

This year's summer reading Challenge is the 'Gadeteers'.

Join in lots of reading fun with this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

To take part at your local library you can drop into your library and let them know that you would like to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. They will get you signed up for Gadeteers, help you find books to borrow, and provide you with fun reading activities to get you started!

Children can also join in the fun online, here on the official website:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

To receive a Gadeteers collector poster and stickers, you will need to register for the Challenge at a participating library.

Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Programme

KOOSA Kids

KOOSA Kids Summer Holiday Club at Hook Infant School will be offering a number of FREE holiday club places, to children who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. The free (and fun-packed) holiday provision will include a healthy, hot lunch, a light afternoon tea (toast / fruit platters) and enriching activities. You may apply for up to 8 FREE sessions per child.

Apply for up to 8 FREE sessions per child between 25th July to 19th August (10.00am to 6.00pm). To register your interest, simply complete the online [form](#) and select your FREE Holiday Activities & Food sessions. By completing the online form, you will automatically be added to the waiting list. Please see the flyer attached more information.

Other HAF providers around Hampshire

You can find details of all the providers who are offering free places for eligible children over the Summer holiday [here](#). These are being provided through the DfE's Holiday Activity and Food Fund scheme.

These fun and educational activity sessions are for vulnerable children and young people, which includes those eligible for free school meals as a minimum. Eligibility will be expanded where possible.

Covid vaccinations

The NHS are encouraging children aged between 5 and 15years to get their COVID-19 vaccine over the Summer break. Children aged 5 to 15 years can receive two doses of the vaccine and given the rise in COVID in the community over recent weeks, it is important to help protect them and the people they meet before winter. Children aged 5 to 11 are offered two smaller doses than older children and adults, with a gap of 12 weeks between doses. They can get their vaccination from many easy to reach locations including walk-in clinics, bookable appointments, or their local pharmacy. Parents and guardians can book an appointment or find their nearest walk-in clinic and time at [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns about getting yourself or your child vaccinated, please contact the Hampshire and Isle of Wight NHS vaccination helpline on 0300 561 0018.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Jacob S, Chime S, Oscar P, Ben S

Year 4: Charlotte T, Magda C, James C, Becca AF

Year 5: Charlotte F, Faye A, Josh M, Toby S

Year 6: Maisie H, Mrs Hilton, Mrs Taylor, Evie Phillips

House Points this year

Austen	5623
Brunel	5829
Nightingale	5564
Wellington	5084



House point winners 2021-2011: Brunel

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Key Dates

1 Sept	INSET day
2 Sept	INSET day
5 Sept	Children return to school
21 Sept	Portrait Photographs
24 Oct	Autumn Half Term
31 Oct	INSET day
2 Nov	Learning Consultations
3 Nov	Learning Consultations
5 Nov	HSCA Fireshow
15 Nov	Year 5 Learning Event
17 Nov	Year 6 Learning Event
22 Nov	Year 3 Learning Event
24 Nov	Year 4 Learning Event
28 Nov	INSET Day
6 Dec	Year 4 Christmas Production
8 Dec	Year 4 Christmas Production
14 Dec	Carols Around the Tree
16 Dec	End of Autumn Term - 1:30 finish
19 Dec	Christmas Holiday
13 Feb	Spring Half Term
20 Feb	INSET Day
22 Feb	Learning Consultations
23 Feb	Learning Consultations
31 Mar	End of Spring Term - 1:30 finish
3 Apr	Easter Holiday
29 May	Summer Half Term
19 Jun	Sports Day
4 Jul	Year 6 Production
6 Jul	Year 6 Production
7 Jul	Annual pupil reports circulated to parents
10 Jul	Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill
18 Jul	Strawberry Tea
20 Jul	Year 6 Leaver Assembly
24 Jul	Summer Holiday

Parents and Carers Are you sure?



Child Exploitation

Child Exploitation is a form of child abuse.

Exploitation is when individuals or groups take advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child into doing what they want in exchange for something the child wants or needs. This is always to the benefit of the exploiter. This can include the child being coerced into having sex, committing crimes and more.

How it happens?

Grooming is the process these people use to build a trust and relationship with a young person in order to get them to do what they want. They may offer children money, drugs, gifts, protection, friendship, love or affection as a means of gaining their trust. They may also use physical violence and threats as a means of control.

What can we do?

There is much we can do to protect children from exploitation.
This leaflet helps to recognise some of the issues and advise you on how to protect.

Missing Children

- Children going missing are at more risk of being exploited
- Being on the street can lead to your child being groomed and exploited
- Exploiters actively look out for vulnerable children who are out late at night with no parental control

Other Risks

- Being asked to steal may lead to more serious crimes
- Children already using cannabis will have easier access to harder drugs
- Drug dealing is often the next step to fund a personal habit
- This can create big debts which **must** be paid



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What to look for

- Regularly going missing/coming home late
- Increasingly secretive
- Older partner or friendship group
- Sudden change in friendships
- Returning home under the influence of drugs/alcohol
- Unexplained injuries
- STD's or pregnancy/terminations
- Increase in offending behaviour
- Expensive clothes, money and items etc without plausible explanation
- Excessive receipt of texts/phone calls
- Excessive need for money
- 'Burner' phones/multiple phones
- Sudden interest in gang culture/drill music
- Change in language – use of urban slang/terms related to drug dealing
- Items linked to criminal activity – weapons, balaclavas, tools, stash bags, scales etc

Changes in teen behaviours are normal, given it's a time of transformation and challenge. Significant, sudden change may not be normal when linked to the above.

What you can do

- Listen without judgement. Children need to know they can talk without fear of us getting cross and upset.
- Pay attention to their behaviour. Many children cannot voice their worries but will show them in how they act.
- Get to know what they know.
- Know their friends. Question new friendships and be aware of any secrecy around these.
- If your child is picked up, or has train or bus tickets, record as much detail as possible.
- Take an active interest in their online life. Use security settings and talk about the sites they use with them.

If you have concerns:

- Let them know you are worried about them.
- Reassure them they are not to blame.
- Keep a record of concerns to give to the Police and Children's Services.

Where can you go for help?

If you think your child is being exploited it's important to know that you are not alone.

You can report your concerns to:

Local Children's Services:

 **0300 555 1384**

NSPCC Helpline:

 **0808 800 5000**

Police:

 **101**

If you feel your child or family is in immediate danger, always call 999.

If your child isn't where they are supposed to be, report them missing straight away on 101 - **you do not have to wait 24 hours.**

For more information on exploitation visit:
www.thinkuknow.co.uk

We are worried when you are not where you are supposed to be.



Reasons why

You might not be where you are supposed to be because:

- You are unhappy where you are living
- You have had a row at home
- People who look after you use drugs or drink lots of alcohol
- You aren't happy at school/college or are being bullied
- You are pregnant and don't want to be or don't know what to do
- Your family might be trying to get you to do something you are unhappy with
- Your parents don't get along or argue
- You may be upset or stressed at home
- You might have lost someone you love
- You are being pressured to do something you don't want to do
- You are being physically, sexually or emotionally abused
- Your parents are not coping with their mental health or are depressed
- The adults you live with are having difficulties managing their own emotions
- There may be other reasons not listed



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Why are we worried about you?

- You might be asked to be part of a gang and be offered affection, money, drugs, alcohol, gifts or a place to stay
- Being on the streets or in an unsafe place is dangerous you might be forced to have sex against your will or made to take part in criminal activity
- You might end up sleeping rough or staying with someone you do not know
- You may do things that can put you in danger while away from home, like stealing, drug dealing or begging to survive
- You might get hurt or harmed while you are away
- You might not have anyone to talk to and feel lonely



What happens when you come back or are found?

If you were reported to the Police as missing, they will contact you to make sure you are 'Safe and Well' once you have returned.

Being 'Safe and Well' means making sure you are OK and have not been the victim of a crime, or been hurt.

Once you have returned or been found you will be offered the chance to talk someone, such as your social worker, carer, teacher or an independent person about what made you go missing, and what happened whilst you were

away, to try and make sure it doesn't happen again.

Could this happen again?

If we think something like this might happen again, we can help to make a safety plan with you, so we can make sure you are not at risk of harm.

Your Safety Plan will consist of:

- The name of your trusted adult.
- What we will do to support you.
- What we will do if your plan does not work.

These will be incorporated into your existing plan.



Where can you go for help?

NSPCC Childline

t 0800 1111

Samartians

t 08457 909 090 (phone)

t 07725 909 090 (text)

Police

t 101

t 999 (emergency only)

Runaway helpline

t 116 000

e 116000@runawayhelpline.org.uk

Free, confidential and 24/7. For anyone under 18 years old who has run away or thinking about running away from home in need of help and advice.

Children's Services

t 0300 555 1384

Mon to Thurs 8.30am to 5pm
Fri 8.30am to 4.30pm

t 0300 555 1373

For Out of Hours service