



## Weekly Newsletter

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### Welcome back

It's been a delight to have children return to school this week and enjoy a school day that finally feels 'normal'. We have been very impressed with the enthusiasm and maturity demonstrated by all pupils as they return to a routine that is new for many and a distant memory for others. Children have been able to experience playtime with other classes and year groups, whole school assemblies and dining together in the Hall at lunchtime.

### Coronavirus Actions

Operating instructions for schools have been further eased along with national guidance. Please remember that coronavirus continues to be present in the community and we must all continue to take appropriate steps to reduce transmission.

We continue to follow national guidance to reduce the likelihood of coronavirus infection. Good hygiene practices are followed, all rooms are well ventilated and school staff continue to take lateral flow tests at least twice each week. Our measures will be adjusted according to revisions in government advice for the safety of pupils, staff and parents.

If your child is unwell, consult the [NHS "Is my child too ill for school?" guide](#) to decide whether they need to stay at home. Within this you will find [an explanation of whether isolation is required](#). If you cannot find the right medical advice online, call 111.

### School Lunches

Our new catering provider, Pabulum, have been providing freshly prepared hot food for children this week. If your child has already eaten a hot lunch this week, we hope that their meal was tasty, nutritious and filling. If your child hasn't yet tried a school lunch and you would like them to, they simply need to choose a school meal when asked by their teacher at the start of the day. Please remember that school meals are chargeable and you must pay for these in advance via ScoPay. We invited all parents to sign up with a letter at the start of this week - if you have not received a copy, please [email a request to the school office](#). More information about our school meals and copies of the menu can be found [on the School Meals page of the school website](#).

### Drop off and Collection

Our drop off and collection routines have been very successful this week and this arrangement will continue for the foreseeable future. We hope that you have found the return to one drop off time to be beneficial.

When you collect your child from the playground after school, please do not allow children to climb on the trim trail or other fixed furniture. The trim trail is for use by Junior pupils only, during school time and when supervised by school staff – this is clearly explained on the adjacent signage. For their safety, children must please avoid climbing on other external furniture or trees.

## Portrait photographs

Individual and sibling school photographs will be taken on 22 September. Class photographs will be taken on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022. All children are required to wear their school uniform, as explained [on the Uniform page of the school website](#).

## Village Connect Trail

The Village Connect Trail is a walking route on mainly footpaths, covering 16 miles in length connecting Hartley Wintney, Hook and Odiham and has been produced as a post COVID opportunity for our communities to get out in the fresh air and raise money through sponsorship for our local schools.

The Hook & Odiham Lions Club and Rotary Club of Odiham and Hook have organised this event with the help of other Village Connect partners and schools, and like other charitable organisations have had almost no fund-raising events for more than a year but identified this opportunity to assist local schools directly, who themselves have faced quite unique challenges during the pandemic. The event will take place on 25th and 26th September 2021 and start at a place on the route and a time of your choosing.

We've included a flyer for the Village Connect Trail at the end of this newsletter and you can also find out much more, including how to participate and raise funds for both schools via the Odiham and Lions website.

## Inset Days

We would like to confirm that remaining INSET days scheduled for this year are as follows and school will be closed:

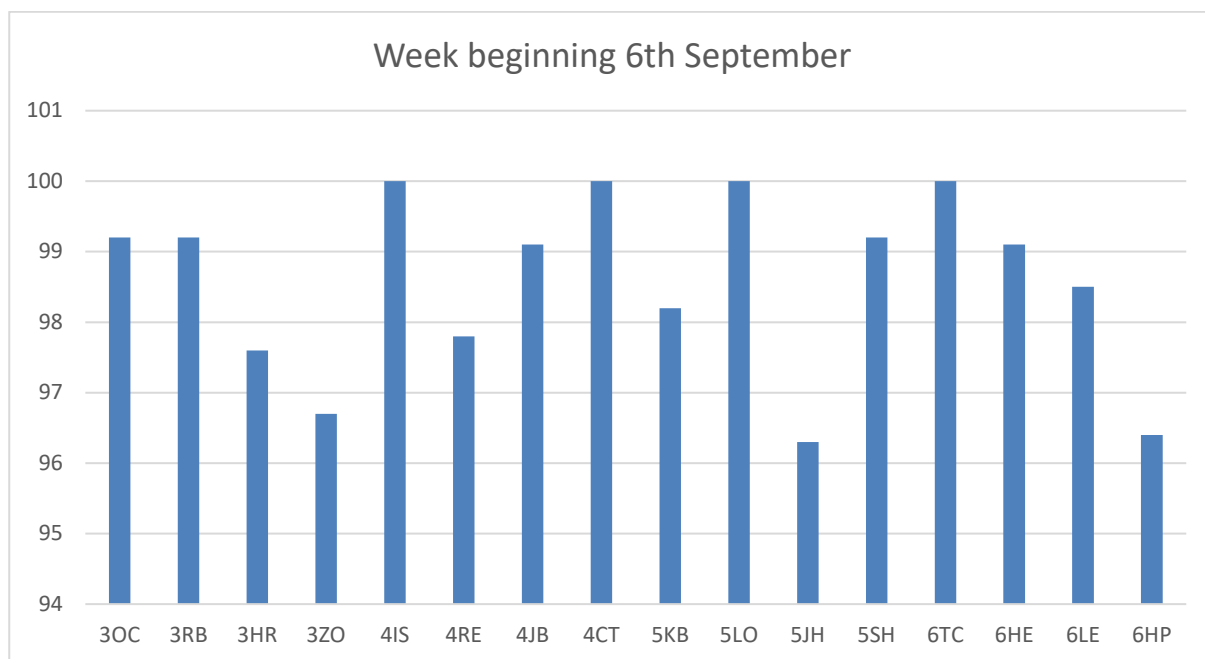
27 September 2021

1 November 2021

28 February 2022

## Attendance This Week

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



*Whole school attendance 97%. Well done Class 4IS, 4CT, 5LO and 6TC – 100% attendance.*

## **Stars of the Week**

Year 3: Freya C, Harry P, Sam R, Ava J

Year 4: Barnaby B, Pearl M, Summer K, Neveah H

Year 5: Joshua B, Noah B

Year 6: Ella C, Amy R, Lydia B

**House point winners this week: Wellington**

## **Find out more...**

Follow [@hookjunior on Twitter](#) and [visit our Facebook page](#) for more updates and photos.

## **Key Dates**

**22 Sep** Individual School Photographs

**27 Sep** INSET Day

**01 Nov** INSET Day

**28 Feb 2022** INSET Day

**19 May 2022** Whole Class Photos

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*Excellence: every person, every day*



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## OPEN EVENING FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY IN 2022



### **Open Evening for Year 6 Parents/Carers:**

- Wednesday 22nd September at 6.00 - 8.00pm

### **Open Mornings for Year 6 Parents/Carers:**

- Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 13th October 2021  
***Tours start promptly at 9.00am and 11.00am***

*Please see the **News & Events > Events booking** section of our website [www.rmays.org](http://www.rmays.org) to book a place on one of the tours (no booking required for the Open Evening).*

**We look forward to welcoming you to Robert May's School.**

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HOOK & ODIHAM LIONS ARE CO-ORDINATING  
**THE VILLAGE CONNECT TRAIL**

**SATURDAY 25TH & SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER**

A SPONSORED WALK TO RAISE MONEY FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

- ♥ Enjoy the local countryside in an event for all local residents
- ♥ Connecting the local villages in an event for our community
- ♥ Support local pubs and outlets

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO  
<https://www.hookandodihamlions.co.uk/villagetrailwalk.html>



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