



## **Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 08th October 2021**

### **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.

If your child has any symptoms of coronavirus, you should administer a lateral flow test and if positive, book a PCR test. Anyone who tests positive for coronavirus with a PCR or lateral flow test must remain at home and follow current isolation guidance. You must report all absences to us, including the reason for absence in each case. Telling us whether your child has symptoms, or has tested positive greatly improves our ability to keep others in the school community safe.

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.

### **Violin Donation**

We would like to extend our thanks to the parents of Katherine V and Bella M (both former pupils of the school) who have very kindly donated their old violins to us. This is great for pupils who are learning to play the violin and expands the school's collection of violins to seven working instruments.

### **Help for families struggling with utility bills**

If you are having difficulties with the cost of energy bills, you may be eligible for a free fuel voucher from Citizens Advice to help pay for your utilities.

For more details and to find local branch contact details [visit the Citizens Advice website](#).

## Book Fair



This term's book fair will be by Travelling Books. It will be open daily from 3.25pm to 4.00pm between Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

You can [view books on offer in advance using the Scholastic Travelling Books website](#). Books can also be [paid for using an online payment system](#), either in advance, or when you visit the book fair by scanning a QR code. Any books ordered online will be delivered to school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

We look forward to seeing you at the fair.

Mrs Adsley, Library Manager

## Starlight Stage School

Starlight Stage School is delighted to confirm that their drama sessions at Hook Junior School have re-started. The class runs on Mondays until 4.30pm after school and the finale will be a showcase for family and friends on the last week (Subject to Covid 19 restrictions at the time).



Your children will have the opportunity to bring their favourite stories to life by recreating scenes, developing characters and exploring the art of storytelling.

Our approach is somewhat unique and is designed for all children whether or not they have a desire to be a budding actor. We centre upon the benefits performing arts can offer children as they continue to develop and mature. Our sessions aim to build their self confidence, boost concentration, improve language, listening skills, verbal/nonverbal communication skills to inspire creativity and imagination. We will also help children gain greater undertaking of the world, understand empathy and compassion for others and gain team building and cooperation skills.

We do all of this by exploring movement, voice and improvisation techniques plus exercises which include characterisation, script work and mime. Each term we focus on a new theme which the

children help to choose, previous favourites included Roald Dahl, David Walliams as well as the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Anderson.

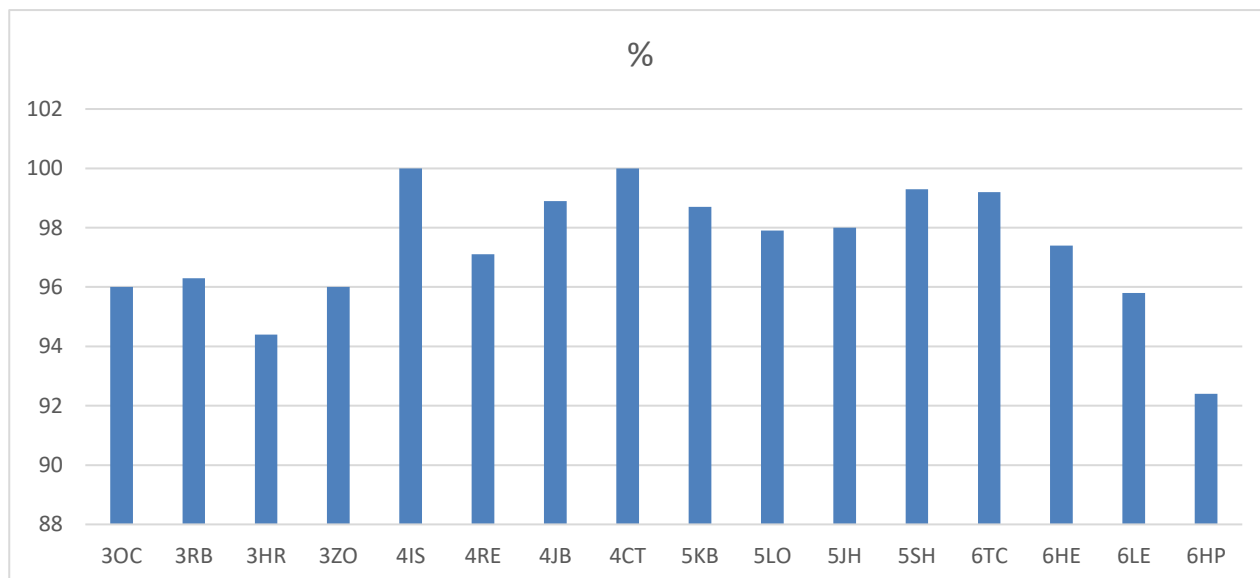
We are thrilled to be able to offer a first free taster session to anyone interested in joining; thereafter each session costs £7.50 with the fees being split into two payments per term.

If you would like you child to unlock their potential and join us for super fun drama sessions please email [starlightstageschoolltd@gmail.com](mailto:starlightstageschoolltd@gmail.com).

Hilary, Director, Starlight Stage School Ltd

## Attendance This Week

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



Well done 4IS and 4CT – 100% attendance this week!

## Find out more...

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

## Key Dates

- 13 Oct** Open morning for Year 2 Parents, 9:15
- 14 Oct** Flu immunisations
- 18 Oct** Learning Consultations - face to face
- 19 Oct** Learning Consultations - online
- 21 Oct** Harvest Festival - 5SH and 5JH, 9:00 to parents / carers
- 21 Oct** Harvest Festival - 5LO and 5KB, 2:15 to parents / carers
- 25 Oct** Autumn Half Term
- 25 Oct** Bikeability for Year 6 Pupils only
- 01 Nov** INSET Day
- 02 Nov** Pupils return to school
- 06 Nov** HSCA Fireshow
- 17 Nov** HSCA Bag2school

<b>27 Nov</b>	HSCA Christmas Fair
<b>07 Dec</b>	Year 4 Christmas Play, 9:15 to parents / carers
<b>07 Dec</b>	Year 4 Christmas Play, 1:45 to parents / carers
<b>08 Dec</b>	Year 4 Christmas Play, 1:45 to parents / carers
<b>17 Dec</b>	End of Term – 1:30 finish
<b>28 Feb</b>	INSET Day
<b>03 Mar</b>	HSCA Bag2school
<b>19 Mar</b>	HSCA Beer Festival
<b>22 Mar</b>	HSCA Mothers Day Sale
<b>24 Mar</b>	HSCA Mothers Day Sale
<b>27 Apr</b>	Happy's Circus
<b>28 Apr</b>	Happy's Circus
<b>19 May</b>	Class Photos
<b>8 Jun</b>	HSCA Bag2School
<b>25 Jun</b>	HSCA Gin Festival
<b>16 Jul</b>	HSCA Summer Fair



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TESCO / CARITAS



## ANNUAL XMAS GIFT APPEAL

**PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING NEW,  
UNWRAPPED GIFTS FOR 0-18 YEAR OLDS!**

Every item donated will be distributed via  
Childrens' Services to local families in  
need this Christmas.

**Collection points for gifts & monetary donations:  
TESCO Chineham, TESCO Hook, The Raven Hotel,  
Hook, TESCO EXPRESS Fleet**

Please note: All cash donations will be used to buy presents

**This appeal has been running for 6 years, help us make  
a child happy again this Christmas, your gifts are  
always truly appreciated.**

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