



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd December 2021

Revised Coronavirus operational measures

We emailed all parents at the start of this week explaining the revised arrangements in response to the emergence of the Omicron coronavirus variant.

We are reviewing and updating our measures to reflect new guidance as it becomes available and anticipate that these are temporary changes to existing and ongoing safety measures. It is imperative we continue to aim to reduce the disruption to our children and their education and the priority for all schools remains to deliver face-to-face high-quality education to all pupils.

[Guidance on when to self isolate is published by the NHS](#). You will be advised by NHS test and trace if you have been a close contact of someone who has received a positive PCR test result. This will include any specific testing and isolation guidance, including for the Omicron variant.

We ensure that areas of school well ventilated throughout the day. As the outside temperature in autumn and winter is much colder, ventilation is balanced with the need to provide a comfortable teaching environment. CO2 monitors are being used to help us identify any areas where additional ventilation may be necessary.

Staff and visitors are all now required to wear face masks when moving around in corridors and communal areas.

We already have established hygiene and cleaning processes in school and these will continue to be applied.

School staff continue to take lateral flow tests twice a week at home. There is no requirement for primary age pupils to take weekly lateral flow tests. If your child has symptoms or you are concerned about contact with a suspected or confirmed case, we encourage you to follow appropriate testing guidance and also to let us know if your child is unable to attend school for any reason, including - and most importantly - when the absence is related to coronavirus.

We appreciate your continued support and will update you with any further updates as they arise.

Year 6 Learning Event

Year 6 parents are invited to the Year 6 Autumn term learning events where you will have the opportunity to see and discuss the learning the children have been involved in this term. They have been working hard and have produced some fantastic outcomes that they would like to share and discuss with you. The learning events are taking place on the following dates:

Monday 6th December – 6HE and 6HP please join us between 9am – 10am in the hall.

Thursday 9th December – 6LE and 6TC please join us between 9am – 10am in the hall.

These are drop in sessions so please feel free to arrive between these times.

The year 6 team are looking forward to seeing you.

Christmas Lunch

Pupils can enjoy a Christmas lunch from the Pabulum school kitchen on Wednesday 15 December. The meal will consist of:

- Roast turkey with roast potatoes and gravy (meat option)

or

- Roasted squash, cranberry and courgette filo tart with roast potatoes and gravy (vegan option)

The main meal choice is served with:

- Sage & Onion Stuffing
- Chipolata Sausage
- Fresh Carrots and Steamed Peas

For Dessert:

- Gingerbread Christmas Cookie

All pupils will also receive a Christmas Cracker.

If your child would like to have a Christmas lunch, [please let us know by completing a very brief survey](#) – doing this will help our catering team provide the right number of meals. A menu change will apply to one or more days during the final week of term in order to accommodate the Christmas meal being served in the Infant school. We will let you know when menu changes apply.

Year 4 Christmas Performances

If you are a parent or carer of a pupil in year 4 and have purchased tickets for the Christmas performance of 'Santa's on strike!', please look out for final attendance advice from us on Monday. This will include important health and safety expectations when you are attending. We are doing all we can to make sure the performances are safe for everyone attending. If you decide not to attend for health or safety reasons, you will be able to enjoy a recorded version of the production that your child appears in – this will be shared with you online in due course. Note that we are not issuing paper tickets this year and will instead verify your ticket purchase on arrival. Audience members will receive a programme to take home.

Carols Around the Tree

Christmas celebrations have already started in school and just before the end of term we are delighted to resume our annual 'Carols around the Tree' event. Children are already rehearsing their music and are eager to share their work with the community.

This year, 'Carols Around the Tree' will be held on Thursday 16th December at 2pm and lasting approximately 1 hour. The choir, orchestra and performers, musical theatre and singing group, will be celebrating with this year's theme, 'A Christmas Alphabet'.

Tickets are initially only available to parents and carers of children who are performing, each costs £3.00 and must be purchased via Scopay. The cost of your ticket includes a hot drink and a mince pie. We anticipate being able to make a limited number of further tickets available closer to the event, however this will be subject to any change in coronavirus guidance that we might receive and a suitable safety risk assessment. We look forward to seeing you then!

Stars of the Week

Year 3: William S, Lexie C, Hope M, James T

Year 4: Josh A, Ruby A, Megan C, Emilia D

Year 5: Eibhlin W, Emma H, Kate R, Daniel B

Year 6: George K, Ece, S, Maisie D, Eli R

House points this week:

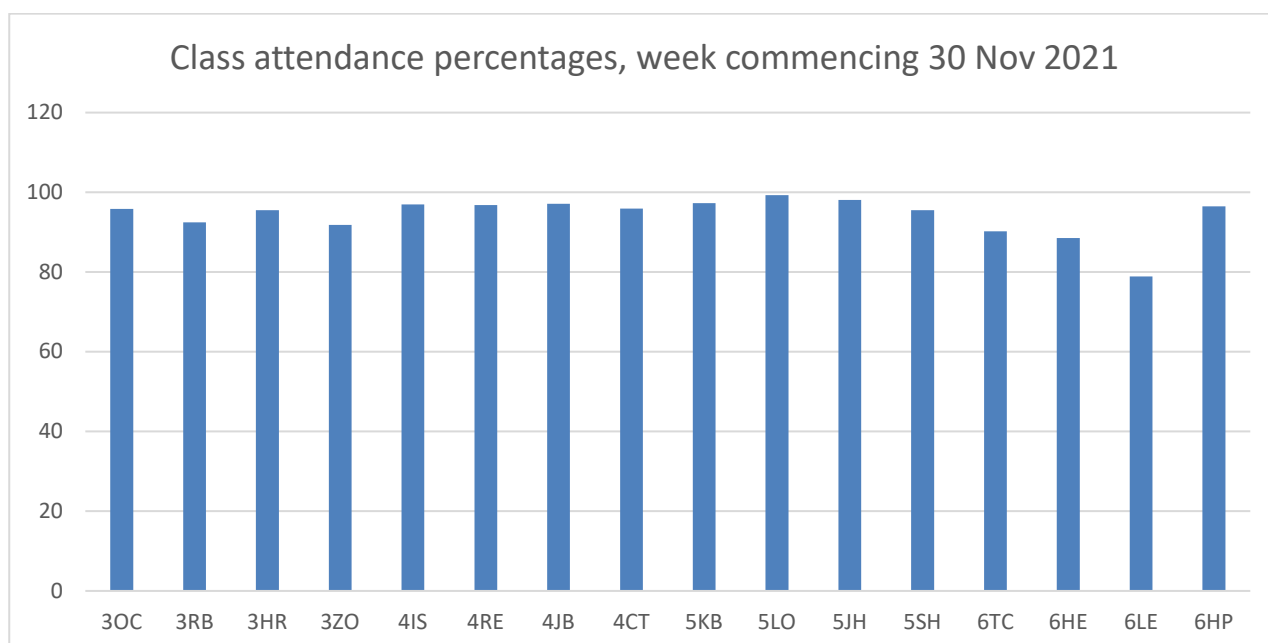
Austen	153
Brunel	188 (this week's winner)
Nightingale	165
Wellington	172

Reading class of the week: 6TC

Reading raffle winner: Grayden N

Attendance This Week

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



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Key Dates

- 06 Dec** Year 6 Learning Event - 6HE and 6HP, 9:00 – 10:00AM
- 07 Dec** Year 4 Christmas Play, 9:15 to parents / carers of 4JB and 4IS
- 07 Dec** Year 4 Christmas Play, 1:45 to parents / carers of 4CT and 4RE
- 08 Dec** Year 4 Christmas Play, 9.15 to parents / carers of 4CT and 4RE
- 08 Dec** Year 4 Christmas Play, 1.45 to parents / carers of 4JB and 4IS

09 Dec	Year 6 Learning Event - 6LE and 6TC, 9:00 – 10:00AM
13 Dec	Year 3 Learning Event, 3RB and 3ZO, 1:45 - 2:15
13 Dec	Year 3 Learning Event, 3OC and 3HR, 2:35 - 3:05
15 Dec	Pupils' Christmas Lunch
16 Dec	Carols Around the Tree, 2PM
17 Dec	End of Term – 1:30 finish
11 Jan	Governor Day
18 Feb	Last day of half term - 3:20 finish
21 Feb	Spring Half Term Week
28 Feb	INSET Day
1 Mar	Spring Term 2 – back to school
03 Mar	HSCA Bag2school
19 Mar	HSCA Beer Festival
22 Mar	HSCA Mothers Day Sale
24 Mar	HSCA Mothers Day Sale
4 Apr	Life Education Wessex LifeBus visits for the week
8 Apr	End of term – 1:30 finish
11 Apr	Easter Break
25 Apr	Summer Term – back to school
27 Apr	Happy's Circus
28 Apr	Happy's Circus
19 May	Class Photos
30 May	Summer Half Term Week
8 Jun	HSCA Bag2School
25 Jun	HSCA Gin Festival
16 Jul	HSCA Summer Fair
21 Jul	End of term – 1:30 finish

Book Today

CHRISTMAS * LUNCH *

Hook Junior School

Wednesday, 15 December 2021

Roast Turkey with Rosemary Roast Potatoes & Gravy

Roasted Squash, Cranberry & Courgette Filo Tart (G)
with Rosemary Roast Potatoes & Gravy Ve

Served with

Sage & Onion Stuffing (G) Ve, Chipolata Sausage
Fresh Carrots & Steamed Peas Ve

Dessert

Gingerbread Christmas Cookie (G, mk) V

£2.50



Merry Christmas from

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