



## **Weekly Newsletter**

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

### **Year 4 Production of 'Santa's On Strike!'**

The pupils and staff in year 4 have worked tirelessly this term on their production 'Santa's On Strike!' and delivered their final performance on Wednesday of this week. Children have performed six times on total – four to parents, one to the Infant School and members of local community organisations and one to all the other pupils in school. We hope that everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the performance. It has been wonderful to read such complimentary feedback from those of you who visited.

*I wanted to say an enormous thank you for all the effort that went in to creating such a brilliant show. I took the liberty of coming to both performances and was so impressed by all the children. I loved the songs, and it was organised so cleverly to ensure all the children had their turn centre stage, brilliant! I know how much goes into these events, my husband and I loved every minute.*

(Year 4 Parent)

*I attended this morning's performance of Santa's on strike and wanted to pass on thanks and congratulations to the team. I thought the children put on a terrific show, packed with confidence, energy and humour. They've come on such a long way since the last time we would have seen them on collective show. With the duration and number of performances, great stamina too! I know full well how much goes on behind the scenes to deliver the polish we saw today so, as/when appropriate, please pass on 'thanks' and gratitude to the staff members who made this happen - the children did them proud.*

(Year 4 Parent)

*I just felt I want to formally recognise how much I enjoyed the junior school Christmas play this morning. you and your staff have done an amazing job with your children. The children were fantastic and the joy and pleasure on their faces said it all, made a tear come to my eye.'*

(Year 4 Grandparent)

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

On 15th December, in order to coincide with our Christmas Lunch, we invite all children, adults and visitors to put on their best festive jumpers. If you are feeling creative, why not decorate an old jumper of your own! Please wear your festive jumper over your school uniform in place of the school jumper.

### **Christmas Cards**

If your child would like to write a Christmas card for another member of their class only, please bring these in by Tuesday 14th December. Cards will be quarantined and distributed on the last day of term.

## Christmas Gifts

Staff do not expect to receive personal gifts, nor would we encourage any parent/carer to provide gifts for staff. You are not obliged or under pressure to do so, gratitude and appreciation can be expressed in many ways. However, if you wish to send a gift it is a matter of personal choice

From Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> boxes will be available in the mornings at the school gates for gifts and/or cards to be placed in. Gifts will be quarantined for 72 hours and distributed on Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please name all items clearly. Please do not send perishable items, or cash as gifts.

## School Meal Menu Change on 14 December

Please note that there will be a change to the school dinner menu on Tuesday 14th December and the catering team will be serving the following options:

- Spaghetti Bolognaise
- Jacket potato with beans or cheese

To finish - Waffles, fruit, jelly or yogurt.

## 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.

## 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!

## **Year 3 and Year 4 Fuse Drumming Club**

Fuse (or bucket) drumming is not just great fun! It also encourages musicality, promotes teamwork, teaches basic percussion techniques and can lead onto various other musical activities.

Next term the club is open to those in Years 3 and 4 and takes place after school on Monday of each week in the Music room. Each session costs £3 per pupil.

For more details or to enrol your child, please contact [nraimboux.music@gmail.com](mailto:nraimboux.music@gmail.com).

## **Connect4Communities**

The connect4communities programme manages a range of initiatives which aim to ensure that vulnerable families with children and individuals do not go without basic necessities such as food, fuel and warmth.

In collaboration with community partners, it is led by Hampshire County Council and Isle of Wight Council and funded by the Department for Work and Pensions and the Department for Education.

Support available includes school meal vouchers, access to discounted food at community pantries, support with household utility bills and support with housing costs. A number of grants have been made to established community organisations with their work in the community.

[Read more about how you might be able to benefit from the Connect4Communities scheme via their website.](#)

## **Stars of the Week**

Year 3: Sophie R, Amelia H, Max B, Amelia G

Year 4: Edith B, Eloise T, William P, Ellie K, Josh V-T

Year 5: James N, Archie F, Hugo F, Tabitha E-P, Dilraj P

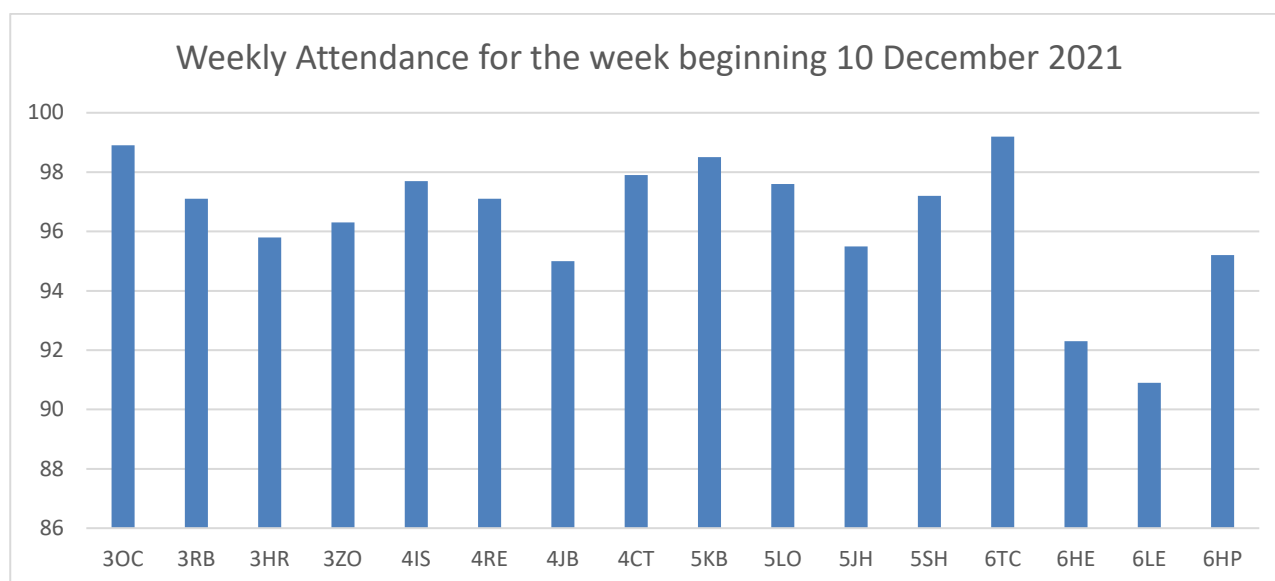
Year 6: Josh F, Archie P, Jethro A, Finn B, Isaac W

### **House points this week:**

<b>Austen</b>	131
<b>Brunel</b>	106
<b>Nightingale</b>	128
<b>Wellington</b>	94

## Attendance This Week

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



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## Key Dates

13 Dec	Year 3 Learning Event, 3RB and 3ZO, 1:45 - 2:15
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25 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
15 Dec	Pupils' Christmas Lunch
16 Dec	Carols Around the Tree, 2PM
17 Dec	End of Term – 1:30 finish
4 Jan	Start of Spring Term
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
21 Mar	Year 3 Iron Age Workshop
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22 Mar	HSCA Mothers Day Sale
24 Mar	HSCA Mothers Day Sale
4 Apr	Life Education Wessex LifeBus visits for the week

<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>25 Jun</b>	HSCA Gin Festival
<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

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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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD



# Holiday, After School & Breakfast Care for children aged 4-13



## Apply Today for FREE Holiday Club Sessions at KOOSA Kids Hook Christmas Holiday Club

We are delighted to inform you that KOOSA Kids Christmas Holiday Club at Hook Infant School will be offering a number of **FREE** holiday club places, as part of **Connect 4 Communities Holiday Activities & Food Programme** this Christmas, on behalf of Hampshire County Council & funded by the Department for Education.

**Your children are invited to a four-day festive get together from  
20th to 23rd December**

The free (and fun-packed) holiday provision will include a **healthy, hot lunch** and **enriching activities**; eligible for children aged 4-13, who are in school, and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

**Apply for up to 4 FREE sessions per child this Christmas (10.00am to 4.00pm).** To register your interest, simply complete our [online form](#) and select your **FREE** Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) sessions.

By completing the form, you will automatically be added to our waiting list. **We will confirm which sessions we are able to offer you as soon as possible.** Please note, places are limited and we may not be able to offer you all sessions requested.



## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

- Apply for up to 4 FREE sessions per child this Christmas
- Eligible for children aged 4-13 who are in school and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals
- Healthy, hot lunch & fun, active holiday club activities included (visit our [website](#) for more information on our holiday club activity programme)
- FREE sessions provided on behalf of Connect 4 Communities 4 Holiday Activities & Food Programme
- Ofsted registered, fun-packed high quality holiday club childcare

This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Hampshire County Council. The scheme is supported by Hampshire County Council, the Connect 4 Communities programme and is funded by the Department for Education.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
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