

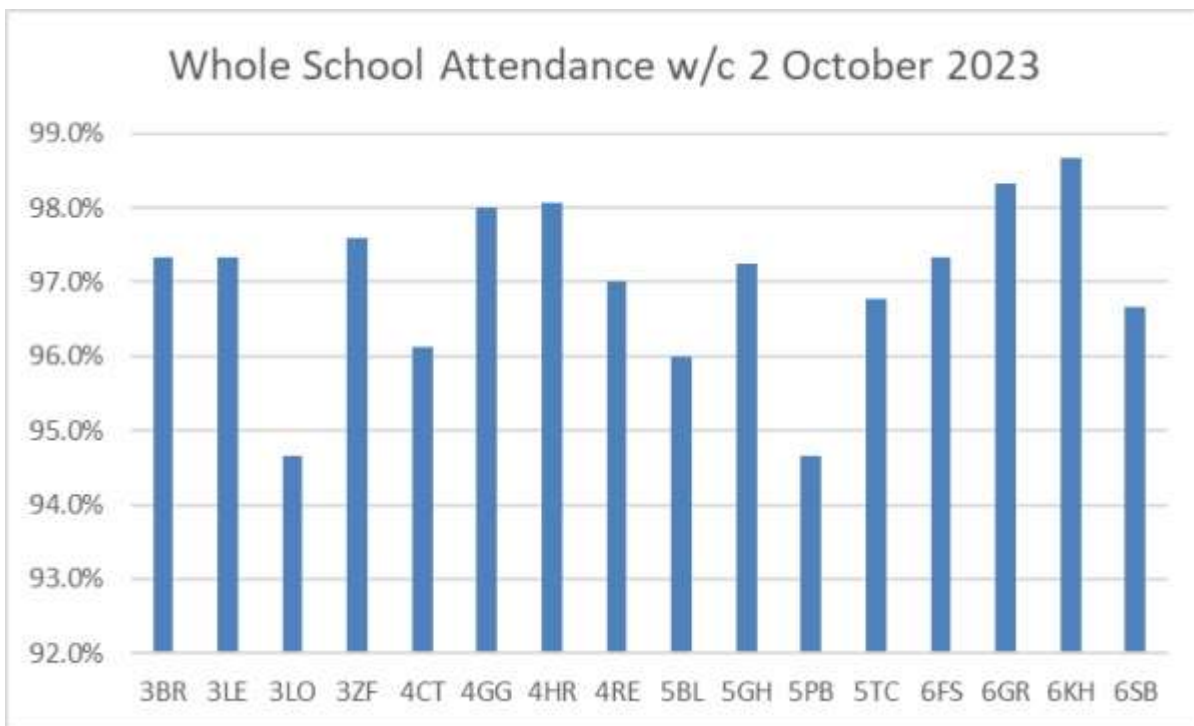


HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6 October 2023

Attendance



Whole School Attendance this week: 97%

On Thursday, it was lovely to see whole school attendance at 98.6% with several classes hitting 100%. Indeed, so far this year, the average overall attendance for the school is 97.2% which currently puts us in the 91st percentile against other schools nationally.

With this pleasing data in mind, we would like to remind parents and carers that if you have any concerns about your child's attendance then they should contact Miss Carne via the school office at the earliest opportunity.

You can view your child's attendance online using the Arbor Parent Portal. Visit <https://login.arbor.sc> and login with the email you have registered with us.

Hook Fireworks 2023 - 4th November 2023

Tickets for the Hook Fireworks 2023 will go on sale at **6pm tonight (Friday 6 October)!**

This incredible community event is organised by the HSCA and is their largest fundraiser of the year to raise money for both Hook Infant and Hook Junior schools. The team behind this are all volunteers, but

need some additional help on the event day - **if you can help, even just for an hour, please sign up using the list below!**

The event has sold out well ahead of time for the last 2 years, so it is advisable to get your tickets as soon as possible. ***Family tickets have been replaced with a "Family Discount" this year - simply add 2 x Adult and 2 x Child tickets to your basket and a discount will be applied at checkout!***

To purchase tickets and sign-up to volunteer, please visit: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hasca/>

More details in the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Wellington Boots for Breaktimes and Lunchtimes

We are fortunate to have excellent school grounds for children to enjoy. To utilise the grounds and field space at breaktime and lunchtime, children are able to play on the field if they have wellington boots in school. If you haven't done so already, please provide your child with a named pair of wellington boots that will be stored on racks outside of the classrooms for them to change into for playtimes should they wish.

HSCA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

The Hook Schools Community Association will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale after school on Friday 20 October on the school playground. Proceeds from the sale go directly to supporting the HSCA fundraising efforts for the Infant and Junior schools.

If you have uniform that you would like to donate, please place clean and good condition items in the HSCA uniform donation bin immediately outside the Junior school reception.

Year Cooking Activity

Year 4 have designed and cooked a vegetable curry for an explorer, to give them warmth and energy during an expedition. They have practised their skills in peeling, cutting and grating.



Democracy - UK Parliament Visitor

On Thursday this week we had a visit from Kerrie Carpenter, an Engagement Outreach Officer working for the UK Parliament. Her presentation to the whole school included an understanding of how UK Parliament works, the roles and responsibilities of MPs and members of the House of Lords as well as how they could get their voices heard.

Kerrie is the first of our planned visitors to help develop the children's knowledge around the concept of democracy. In early November, we look forward to welcoming a councillor from Hart District Council who will be coming to talk about his role and the election process. These visitors along with all children being involved in our own School Council elections, will lead to an increased understanding of democracy in action at a national, local and school level.

Parent Reader Volunteers

Thank you to those parents who have kindly offered to be parent readers in school this year. Information has been sent to class for children to give to parents today. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the office and ask to speak to Lisa Drew.

Applying for a Secondary School Place

There are just over three weeks left for parents to apply for secondary school places for children due to start Year 7 in September 2024. The deadline is Tuesday 31 October.

This year the County Council is running drop-in sessions at libraries for parents who require support with their applications. These are on the following dates:

- Monday 9 October, 9.30am-3.30pm – [Havant Library](#) The Meridian Centre, Elm Lane, Havant, PO9 1UN
- Wednesday 11 October, 9.30am-3.30pm – [Basingstoke Discovery Centre](#) Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LS
- Monday 16 October, 9.30am-3.30pm - [Havant Library](#) The Meridian Centre, Elm Lane, Havant, PO9 1UN
- Wednesday 18 October, 9.30am-3.30pm - [Basingstoke Discovery Centre](#) Festival Place, Basingstoke, RG21 7LS

Parents are being reminded to name three schools to give them the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools. If you have already submitted your application but haven't listed three schools, you can still log back into the [School Admissions system](#) at any time to update your application before the deadline.

Parents yet to apply can now [go online](#), or alternatively request paper forms by emailing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk.

Parents who applied online and on time will be notified of the outcome of their application on 1 March 2024, and two to three working days later by letter if they applied using a paper form.

For more information about the admissions process, visit the [County Council's website](#).

Book Fair – 10th to 16th October from 3:20pm

This year's book fair will be from Travelling Books which will run from Tuesday 10th October to Monday 16th October 2023. The fair will be open until 6.30pm on Tuesday 10th October for any parents coming to the learning consultation evening. For the remainder of the week it will run from 3.20 pm to 4.00 pm.

For any children that can't come to the book fair, they can take home a 'Wish List' form. Completed forms must be returned to Mrs Adsley by Monday morning 16th October for any books to be ordered. Payment needs to be made at the time of purchase or order and can be done either by card machine, online or cash.

Travelling Books pay a small commission return to us after the book sale which we invest in new stock for our library and books that are used as reading raffle prizes.

HSCA Annual General Meeting

As members of the Hook Schools Community Association - PTFA (Parents, Teachers & Friends Association) you are all invited to the AGM which will be held at Hook Junior School on **Wednesday 18th October at 6:30pm**.

Come along to find out what events we have planned for the coming year, plus a review of 2022/23 (including the big cheque donation!) and to vote for your committee.

If you are interested in getting involved or would like more information about any events, please do come along to meet fellow parents, you are not required or expected to sign up to the committee!

Drinks & nibbles will be provided.

Busy Bees

Busy Bees is a not-for-profit toddler craft group that runs every Friday morning in Hook. They provide crafts, play, snack, refreshments for adults, and song time. It is a place for carers to meet with other carers, grow friendships, or simply get out the house and have a chat.

Resilience, Confidence and Leadership Workshops for children

Life 101 is running a two-day Resilience Workshop at Lord Wandsworth College for children aged 10-14. The workshop aims to empower children by helping them to understand the power of their mindset. It will help them to find the confidence to aim high, to persevere and not to let challenges get in the way of leading a full and happy life.

Resilience Workshop – October Half-Term, 23rd - 24th October, 10am-4pm at Lord Wandsworth College.

The cost of this workshop is £140 and there is a 20% discount for Hook Junior pupils (use the code 'LWC').

Book online at <https://life-101.co.uk/resilience-course>.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Harrison C, Emelia P, Frankie A, Teddy T

Year 4: Katie G, Emily T, Maxime S, Quinn H

Year 5: Nandita M, Sophie A, Cobi J, Cooper O, Bob L

Year 6: Colette W, Pearl M, Phoebe E-H, Eloise T, William R, Arianne I

House Points this week

Austen: 181

Brunel: 203

Nightingale: 211

Wellington: 153

House point winners this week: Nightingale!

Find out more...

Follow us online to see much more about what's happening in school.

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[Facebook.com/hookjuniorschool](https://facebook.com/hookjuniorschool)

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Key Dates

New dates added since the last Newsletter appear in green

Dates for 2023 - 2024

- 9 Oct Learning Consultations for Parents - 3.30pm until 6.30pm
- 10 Oct Learning Consultations for Parents – 3.30pm until 6.30pm
- 10-16 Oct Travelling Book Fair - after school
- 11 Oct Open Morning for Infant parents – 9am
- 16 Oct Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill
- 18 Oct HSCA AGM – 6.30pm for 7pm
- 30 Oct Inset Day – school closed to children
- 30 Oct Parent Workshop on Mental Health and Online Safety, 5.00pm to 7.00pm
- 1 Nov Year 5 Marchants Hill Information Evening – 5pm
- 4 Nov HSCA Firework Show
- 13 Nov Astronomer visit for Year 5 (back up date is 20 Nov)
- 13 Nov Odd Socks Day
- 13 Nov HSCA Bag2School Collection**
- 13-17 Nov Anti-Bullying Week
- 21 Nov Year 5 Performance (5TC and 5GH) – 9.15am
- 22 Nov Year 5 Performance (5BL and 5PB) – 9.15am
- 30 Nov Year 3 Learning Event – 2pm
- 30 Nov Flu Vaccinations in School
- 2 Dec HSCA Christmas Fair
- 8 Dec Year 6 Learning Event – 2pm
- 12 Dec Christmas Production (4HR and 4GG) – 9.15am, parents to arrive from 8.45am
- 13 Dec Carols around the Tree – 4pm
- 13 Dec Christmas Lunch for Pupils
- 14 Dec Christmas Production (4RE and 4CT) – 9.15am, parents to arrive from 8.45am

2024

- 2 Jan Inset Day – school closed to children
- 5 Jan Year 5 Swimming starts (classes tbc)
- 23 Jan Young Shakespeare Company Visit
- 24 Jan Coffee Morning for all Parents – 8.45am

29 Jan Young Voices Concert (selected Choir members)

5 Feb Learning Consultations – appointments between 3.30pm until 6.30pm

6 Feb Learning Consultations – appointments between 3.30pm until 6.30pm

6 Feb Safer Internet Day

19 Feb Inset Day – school closed to children

28 Feb HSCA Bag2School Collection

4 Mar SATs Presentation to Parents – 5pm

7 Mar World Book Day

11 Mar Science Week (all week)

14 Mar Gremlin Dance Challenge

15 Mar Red Nose Day

27 Mar Year 3 (3BR & 3ZF) Easter Service in the Church (Learning Event) – 9.30am

27 Mar Year 3 (3LO & 3LE) Easter Service in the Church (Learning Event) – 2pm

8 May Coffee Morning for Parents of Year 2 Children – 8.45am

13 May SATs Week

23 Apr Year 4 Ufton Court Viking Workshop in school

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29 Apr Open Box Theatre Company visit for Year 5

14 Jun Class Allocation Letters to Parents

17 Jun Sports Day

19 Jun Information Evening for Parents of Children in Year 2 - 5pm

5 Jul End of Year Reports to Parents

10 Jul Strawberry Tea

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the schools Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Mrs L Martin (Headteacher), Mrs N Bailey (Deputy Headteacher), Miss J Carne (Inclusion Leader) or Miss E Smith (SENDCo) with any concerns. Further Safeguarding information and support can be found via www.NSPCC.org.uk or Childline 0800 1111. Any concerns may also be raised directly with Hampshire County Council Children's services phone line (anonymously if you wish) by calling 0300 555 1384. Keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility.

HOOK SCHOOLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Hook Fireworks

2023

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

LIVE MUSIC BY:

GATES OPEN 17:00



**FAIRGROUND RIDES - BAR
GLOWARE - SWEETS - FOOD**

ADULTS	UNDER 16S	PRE-SCHOOL
£8.00	£5.50	FREE

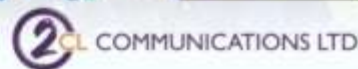
FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

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SHOTS
FOUNDATION

Shots Foundation Half-Term Football Sessions

When?

Thursday 26th & Friday 27th
October - 10am – 3pm.

Where?

Hook Junior School,
Ravenscroft, Hook, Hampshire,
RG27 9NN

Who?

All children aged 4-11
Maximum of 25 children per day

Includes...

Top quality coaching from FA
Qualified Coaches.

FREE community stand
family ticket (max 4) to an
Aldershot Town 2023-24 home
game.

Discounted prices when you
sign up to future holiday camps.

How?

<https://www.participate.co.uk/register/HookJunior>

For more information, please contact
jamie.macallister@shotsfoundation.org

Prices

1 day – £25

Both days - £45





**Hook Schools
Community Association**

AGM

**Come along to learn more about the
HSCA & our events!**

Wednesday 18th October

**Junior School
6.30pm for 7pm start**

**Drinks & Nibbles
provided**

www.facebook.com/HSCA.org.uk



BUSY BEEES HOOK



Elizabeth
Hall
Fridays
9.45 -
11.15

PRE-SCHOOL
CRAFT
GROUP



INCLUDES:

- 2 themed crafts
- Songtime
- Snack
- Refreshments for adults

Play Dough | Painting | Toys

Puzzles | Dressing Up | And more

- £4 first child
- £2 per extra child
- babies free!