



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending Friday 17 November 2023

Spotacular Friday

Children arrived at school today in a bright array of 'spotacular' outfits. We would like to thank you for the donations you have already made [via the school JustGiving page](#) – at the time of writing this stands at £744 of our £1000 target. You can still donate to BBC Children in Need via our JustGiving page, or directly to the charity via the various methods they advertise during the televised event this evening.

Anti-Bullying Week

There have been lots of activities going on in school this week to celebrate anti-bullying week. Emily from 6GR and Arianne from 6FS have written about what anti-bullying has meant to them.

"This week, for anti-bullying I learnt the different ways bullies affect people and why they act the way they do. I learnt all about the fact that bullies can do what they do because of jealousy, home life and much more. It encouraged me to think more about how others might feel and how I can help others who are going through it. I really understand more about bullying and its effects than I did before. I also learnt it can be done online as well as face to face."

Emily

"On Monday, we had Odd Socks Day to celebrate diversity. It helped everyone learn and accept our differences. As well as this, there were many assemblies to highlight disabilities and our theme of making a noise. We have this topic throughout the week, especially in our PSHE lessons, such as who are bullies and why they bully."

Arianne

Thank you from the HSCA

The HSCA events team would like to extend a sincere thanks to everyone who helped at the recent fireworks event, especially to the children who gave up their time to set up and clear down, it's wonderful to see the children giving back to their community and helping to support the events which raise money for their school. Special thanks also to all the school teachers. Without our volunteers the events would not be possible.

Thank you to everyone who attended the event, we hope you enjoyed the fireworks.

The HSCA Events Team

HSCA Christmas Fair, Saturday 2 December

The HSCA are now busy planning some exciting fundraising for the festive season! On **Saturday 2nd December** we will host our annual Christmas Fair, from **11am to 3pm** across both the Hook Infant and Hook Junior schools. The fair will have lots of festive fun; games, Christmas marketplace (including fresh Christmas Trees!), food & drink, games and crafts, facepainting and of course our fantastic grotto... plus much, much more!

We have released a limited number of Grotto tickets, book a trip to our magical North Pole Grotto to meet our very special Santa!

We have also launched our Christmas Raffle tickets. There are some fantastic prizes this year....

- 1st - Highfield Park Afternoon Tea for Two
- 2nd - 6ft Christmas tree from Gosling's garden and fencing services*
- 3rd - Christmas food & drink Hamper

Further prizes include: Hooked on Hair Voucher and Retail Hair Care Bundle, Hartletts Cafe Breakfast Voucher, Diverse Fitness Voucher, Pathfinder Cafe Voucher, Mens Watch, Basingstoke Country Hotel Afternoon tea and more! *note Christmas tree includes free local Hook delivery.

Raffle tickets and Limited Grotto tickets are now on sale at <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hasca> you can also use this link if you are able to sign up to volunteer! The Christmas fair is a great opportunity for the children to get involved, especially in the games room, years 5 and 6 children are allowed to run games by themselves or with friends and younger years can do so with their adult helper.

In addition to our traditional fundraising we are also joining with local business Hooked on Hair to launch a bauble competition. Children are invited to collect a bauble from Hooked on Hair in the village, decorate your bauble and return it to be included in their window display. Customers will vote for their favourite baubles with the winner announced on Christmas Eve, the top prize will win £15 Smyths Toyshop voucher! Hooked on Hair will collect donations from customers over the festive period and will match donations, with all proceeds going direct to the HSCA! So please pop along to collect your baubles, between 10 Nov & 15 Dec. Thank you hooked on hair!

Many thanks for all your support

The HSCA Festive Events Team

Applications for Year R in September 2024

Applications for a school place in Year R opened on 1 November. If you have a child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2024, they can start school in September 2024.

The national closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.

For further details, and to make an application, [visit the Hampshire School Admissions website](#).

Christmas Jumper Day

We shall be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December, when children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school.

We appreciate these times may be hard financially for some and have set up a **Christmas jumper swap** rail in our reception area for you to donate any pre-loved jumpers your child may have outgrown, or swap it for a new jumper that will fit them. Everyone is welcome to come and have a browse and get a jumper if your child does not have one.

Christmas Post Box

From Friday 1 December our Christmas post box will be available for those children who would like to give Christmas cards to their peers. The post box will be located in the central area of school, our prefects will deliver the cards to class at the end of each day.

Please ensure that each envelope is clearly labelled with the recipient's **first name, first initial of last name and class**. We are not able to guarantee delivery of cards if the recipient name and class is not visible on the envelope.

Switch off for cleaner air

Leaving a car engine running when stationary, often referred to as 'idling', is a common occurrence around many schools and causes high levels of air pollution. This 'idling' means that a high concentration of fumes are released into the air which is then breathed in by pupils, parents and anyone else in the area. Vehicle exhaust fumes are damaging to everyone's health, but this especially affects younger children as their bodies are still developing. They also breathe faster than adults, tend to take in more air relative to their body weight, and are generally at a lower level (either when walking or in a buggy) and therefore nearer to the exhaust fumes. Every child should be able to breathe clean air. If you are using the Community Centre car park, please consider switching off your engine whilst waiting to help improve the air quality for everyone in the vicinity.

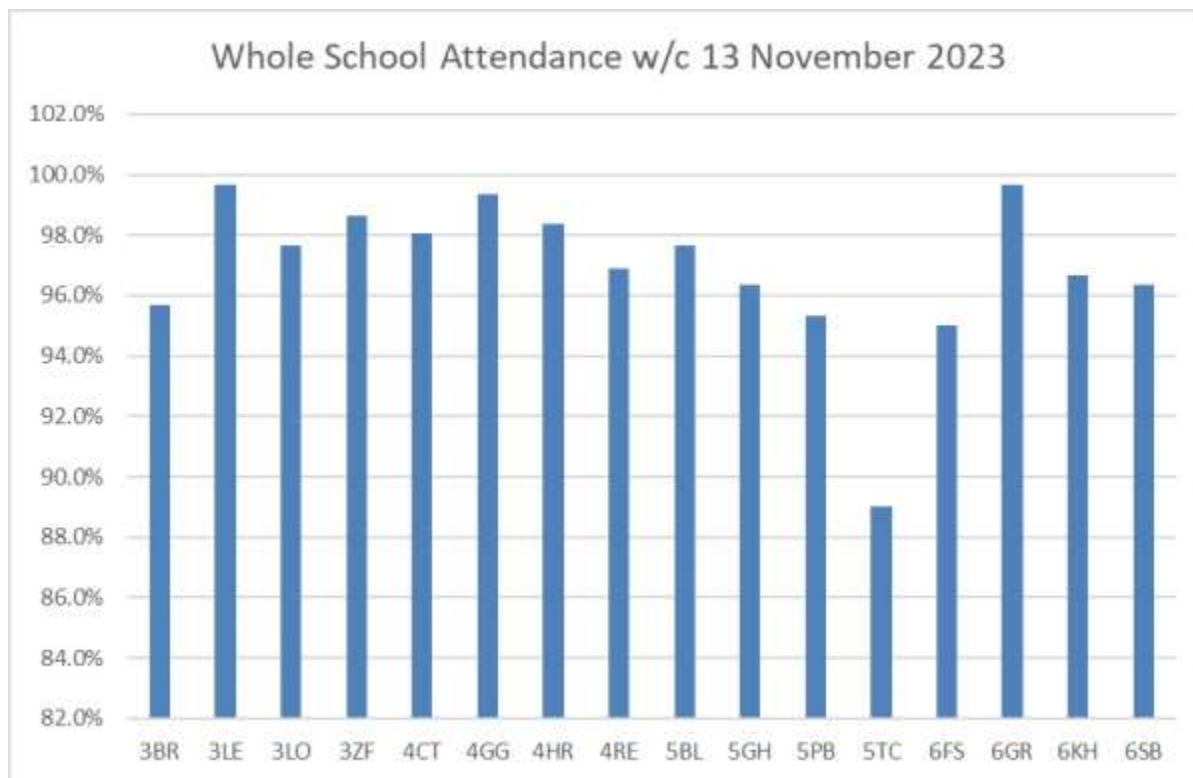
Discount on Earth Uniform

Earth Uniform are one of our chosen suppliers of branded and un-branded uniform. Items of uniform can be purchased from Earth Uniform [via the Uniform page in the Parents section of our website](#). Earth Uniform are offering a 'black Friday' discount on sweatshirts, jumpers and cardigans from 1 December until 4 December. More details are included in the flyer at the end of this communication. Use a discount code of 20OFF23 at the Earth Uniform checkout to take advantage of this offer.

Anyone for Tennis?

Hartley Wintney Tennis Club are offering new coaching sessions from January 2024 at Greenfields Junior School. Coaching is available for all ages. More details can be found in the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Attendance



Whole School Attendance this week: 96.89%

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Lacey P, Oliver I-W, Mia S, Jasper Y

Year 4: Jack P, Lilia A, Daisy P, Miley-Joe T, Logan R-H

Year 5: Louis H, Rosanna B, Hannah C, Hope M,

Year 6: Ethan P, Joel D, Emma C, Emily T, Eleanor D

House Points this week

Austen: 180

Brunel: 172

Nightingale: 187

Wellington: 173

House point winners this week: Nightingale!

Find out more...

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Key Dates

New dates added since the last Newsletter appear in green

2023

20 Nov Year 5 Astronomer Visit 5.15-6.15pm (confirmed)

21 Nov Year 5 Learning Event (Performance, 5TC and 5GH) – 9.15am (parents and carers to attend)

22 Nov Year 5 Learning Event (Performance, 5BL and 5PB) – 9.15am (parents and carers to attend)

24 Nov Year 4 World Music Workshop

30 Nov Flu Vaccinations in School (*information sent to parents w/c 6 November*)

30 Nov Year 3 Learning Event – 2pm (parents and carers to attend)

1 Dec **Non-school Uniform Day (Bring a bottle for the bottle stall at the Christmas Fair)**

2 Dec HSCA Christmas Fair

7 Dec Christmas Jumper Day (children can come to school in their favourite Christmas jumper)

8 Dec Year 6 Learning Event – 2pm (parents and carers to attend)

12 Dec Christmas Production (4HR and 4GG) – 9.15am, parents to arrive from 8.45am

13 Dec Christmas Lunch for Pupils

13 Dec Carols around the Tree – 4pm

14 Dec Christmas Production (4RE and 4CT) – 9.15am, parents to arrive from 8.45am

15 Dec End of term – 1:20 finish

18 Dec – 1 Jan Christmas Holiday

2024

2 Jan Inset Day – school closed to children

5 Jan Year 5 Swimming starts (*information sent to parents w/c 6 November*)

8 January Year 3 Iron Age Workshop

9 January Year 3 Iron Age Workshop

16 January Year 6 Natural History Museum Virtual Evolution Workshop (6FS & 6GR)

18 January Year 6 Natural History Museum Virtual Evolution Workshop (6SB & 6KH)

23 Jan Young Shakespeare Company Visit for Year 5 & 6

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 Safer Internet Day

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12 Feb – 16 Feb Spring Half Term
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
29 Mar – 12 Apr Easter Holiday
23 Apr Year 4 Ufton Court Viking Workshop in school
24 Apr Year 4 Ufton Court Viking Workshop in school
29 Apr Open Box Theatre Company visit for Year 5
6 May Spring Bank Holiday
8 May Coffee Morning for Parents of Year 2 Children – 8.45am
13 May SATs Week
27 May – 31 May Summer Half Term
14 Jun Class Allocation Letters to Parents
17 Jun Sports Day
19 Jun Information Evening for Parents of Children in Year 2 - 5pm
21 Jun Non-school Uniform Day (Bring a bottle for the bottle stall at the Summer Fair)
22 Jun HSCA Summer Fair
5 Jul End of Year Reports to Parents
10 Jul Strawberry Tea
24 Jul – 30 Aug Summer Holiday

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 Mrs Boardman (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

CHRISTMAS FAIR

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Saturday 2nd December



CHRISTMAS
MARKETPLACE



GAMES &
CRAFTS



SANTA'S
GROTTO



PRESENT
ROOM



MULLED WINE &
HOT FOOD



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@ HOOK SCHOOLS



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GROTTO
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BLACK FRIDAY WINTER WARMER

Take advantage of our special offer to help keep them warm this winter

20% OFF

All Sweatshirts, Sweat Cardigans, Knitted Jumpers and Knitted Cardigans for your school!

Friday 1st - Monday 4th December inclusive

Using Code 20OFF23

While stocks last - don't miss out!

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The small Print:

Offer runs from 12.01 am Friday 1st December and ends 11.59pm Monday 4th December.

You must enter the given code at checkout to receive the 20% discount.

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HOW MUCH DO THE HOLIDAY CLUBS COST?

THIRD
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GREAT VALUE!
(7% Less than South East Average!)

ACTIVITY PACKAGE	DAILY	WEEKLY (8% DISCOUNT)
Standard Activity Day – 10.00am to 4.00pm	£25.50	£117.30 (Save £10.20)
Standard Activity Day with AM Extension – 8.15am to 4.00pm	£27.50	£126.50 (Save £11.00)
Standard Activity Day with PM Extension – 10.00am to 6.00pm	£27.50	£126.50 (Save £11.00)
Standard Activity Day with AM and PM Extension – 8.15am to 6.00pm	£28.50	£131.10 (Save £11.40)

WHERE AND WHEN ARE THE HOLIDAY CLUBS OPEN?

8% DISCOUNT
on Full Week Bookings

VENUE	OCTOBER 2023	CHRISTMAS 2023	FEBRUARY 2024	
Berkshire	Birch Hill Primary School, Bracknell	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	The Heights Primary School, Caversham	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
Hampshire	Alderwood Infant School, Aldershot	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Portway Infant School, Andover	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Court Moor School, Fleet	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Hook Infant School, Hook	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Liphook Junior School, Liphook	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
Richmond & Kingston	Castle Hill Primary School, Chessington	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
	St. Mary's Hampton Primary School, Hampton	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
	King Athelstan Primary School, Kingston	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
	The Vineyard School, Richmond Hill	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
	Teddington Sports Centre, Teddington	23rd to 27th October	CLOSED	12th to 16th February
	Whitton Sports Centre, Whitton	23rd to 27th October	CLOSED	12th to 16th February
Surrey	Ashford Park Primary School, Ashford	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Wallace Fields Infant School, Epsom	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Busbridge Junior School, Godalming	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	St. Joseph's Primary School, Guildford	23rd to 27th October	2nd to 5th January	12th to 16th February
	Shottermill Junior School, Haslemere	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Danetree Primary School, West Ewell	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Nanby Lodge Infant School, Weybridge	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February
	Knaphill Lower School, Woking	23rd to 27th October	18th to 22nd December	12th to 16th February

< Siblings only

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New Classes for 2024

Greenfields Junior School, Green Lane, Hartley Wintney RG27 8DQ

Monday Mini, Junior and Adult Coaching Spring Term		
(8 January-18 March excl. half term (10 weeks) (*Dates differ for Greenfields))		
0800-0845	Greenfields Early Bird School Programme*	£8.00/session (school only)
0900-1000	Ladies Coaching (all levels)	AM - £9.50 P&P - £12.50
1700-1800	Mini Red (U8 year olds)	AM - £ 8.50 P&P - £10.50
1800-1900	Junior Coaching (9+ years)	AM - £ 8.50 P&P - £10.50
1900-2000	Adult Coaching (improvers/back to tennis)	AM - £ 9.50 P&P - £12.50

All courses payable in full at the start of the term. AM = Member of Hartley Wintney Tennis Club. P&P = Pay & Play Member of Hartley Wintney Tennis Club.

- LTA accredited, qualified and fully DBS checked coaches
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For bookings please visit

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