

Weekly Newsletter

Week ending Friday 19 April 2024

The Landscape Project



Over the Easter break our poly tunnel was assembled and is being prepared for planting. We have already received donations of tomato plants from members of the community – if you have any surplus vegetable plants at home, please do send them in to school for children to care for and grow. We would also like to hear from anyone with experience in gardening or vegetable growing to volunteer regularly for an hour or

two each week and help our young gardeners get started - please contact the school office if you would like to get involved.

You may have noticed that during the Easter break the large wooden play frame has been removed from the school playground. This was unfortunately due to the equipment no longer being safe for use, nor were we able to replace it with something similar in the same location. Children are benefitting from the extra playground space this has provided and we hope that in future we can install new outdoor play equipment for pupils to enjoy.

Clothing Bank



A clothing bank has been installed outside the main pedestrian school gate. Any clothing donated here will earn a small return for the school and funds raised will be reinvested for the benefit of children, as is the case for similar collections organised by the HSCA (which will continue on a termly basis).

You **can** deposit the following wearable items:

- All men's, ladies and children's clothing
- Paired Shoes

- Handbags, bags, ties and belts
- Bed clothes, towels, soft toys

You **cannot** deposit the following (the school won't be paid anything if you do!):

- Duvets both synthetic and feathered
- Pillows & cushions
- Carpets & Rugs
- Soiled or wet clothing
- Workwear
- Branded school clothes (pass these to the HSCA for their pre-loved uniform sale)
- Shredded or mutilated textile material
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Village Magpies – recycle your Pringles, biscuit and cake wrappers

Our Eco Warriors have partnered with Village Magpies to enhance their recycling initiative in the Hook community. Join us in collecting Pringles tubes and biscuit/cake wrappers. Deposit your recyclables in the Big Purple Bin on the playground. Remember, when in doubt, leave it out! Let's work together for a greener, cleaner Hook.

Thank you from your eco-friendly, Hook Junior School Eco Team

Year 3



This week, the Year 3 pupils went to London on their school trip. They went on the train to Waterloo then walked to the London Eye. They looked at the sky line and identified landmarks they had been drawing in their art lessons. After having lunch at the Southbank Centre, they walked along the Thames to the Covid Memorial and viewed the Houses of Parliament. At different points in the day, the children completed sketches considering their perspective.

Throughout the trip, the children used polite manners and demonstrated respect towards others including members of the public.

Thank you to the parent helpers who attended and helped on the day.

Pabulum School Lunches

This week we had to make a last-minute change to the school meal offer on Monday morning as our refrigerator experienced a fault and food was not safe to eat. Temporary arrangements are now in place

and menu options from Tuesday onward have been unaffected. We are sorry if your child was unable to enjoy the lunch they were expecting on Monday.

The [school meals page on our website](#) has been updated to include a visual, photographic menu – all meals on offer are displayed visually with a photograph. We hope you find this a useful reference at home. Children will be shown a visual menu in class by their teacher when ordering a meal during registration.

Supporting Pupils with Additional Needs

We are advised by Hampshire County Council that we are no longer permitted to make Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) referrals for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Where a child is suspected to have ADHD, a referral can only be made through a GP, rather than via schools. CAMHS referrals can still be made by school for mental health concerns and autism.

Crossways Parking Permits

Parking permits have arrived in the Infant School office for Crossways car park, courtesy of Hart District Council and Hook Parish Council.

If you would like a permit and would benefit from parking at Crossways car park, please call in to the Infant school office to collect one – only a limited number of permits are available. To receive a permit, you will be required to provide your vehicle registration and your child's name.

Permits grant parking for the morning and afternoon school visits and are only valid whilst your child is at Hook Infant School or Hook Junior School.

Robert Mays School Transition

Robert Mays School [have published a transition website](#) to support pupils as they move from Hook Junior School to Robert Mays School. The site includes welcome messages from staff and pupils, an introduction to day-to-day life at school, frequently asked questions, subject specific information and more.

HSCA News

Volunteer slots for the Summer Fair on 22 June are now open! Sign up to help and you might just win yourself a bottle of fizz, as all volunteers are entered into our prize draw for a bottle of champagne or a box of sweets (for under 18s). There are lots of ways for you and your kids to get involved so please see <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hsc/> for the full list of roles. Games Stalls advertised in the volunteering list can be run by Year 6 children, or by younger years with a parent. Raffle tickets will also be available soon so watch this space!

Music Exam Success

Congratulations to Isabella Lau 6FS for passing ABRSM Violin Grade 3 Practical Exam with Merit - very well done indeed!

Mrs Wakefield

Cemetery Footpath to Church View

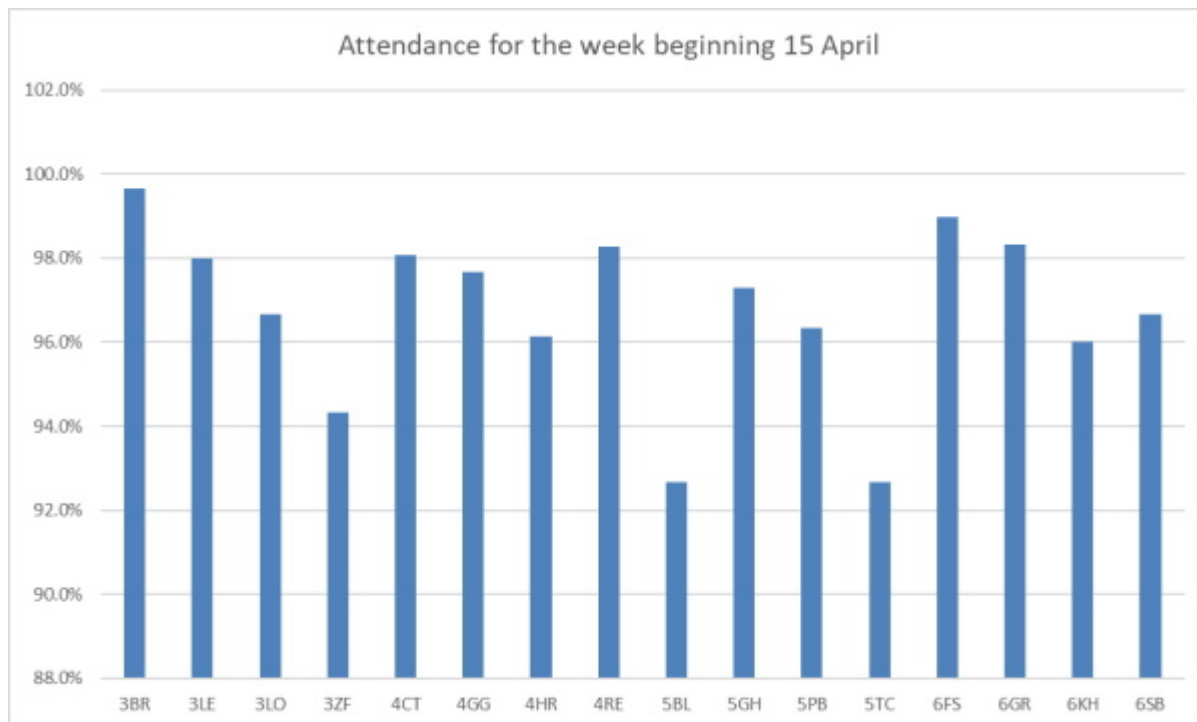
The 'short cut' through private property from St. John's Church car park on London Road across the graveyard to Church View will be closed for up to two weeks between Monday 22nd April – Friday 3rd May 2024 for essential work to be carried out on the West Window of the church.

We ask that the main footpath to the left (East) of the church, running between the Rectory boundary and the Village Garden be used during this time.

There will be notices put up nearer the time to remind people - see attached.

Martin Rudd on behalf of Parochial Church Council of Hook Parish.

Attendance



Whole School Attendance this week: 96.7%

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Oscar D, Sebby M, Harry W, Daniel G

Year 4: Archie B, Isaac B, Emily N, Isla P

Year 5: Isis B, Evie HC, Eathan M, Emilie R

Year 6: Esme S, Alfie H, Paige M, Amelia E, Dorothy C

House Points this week

Austen: 176

Brunel: 163

Nightingale: 191

Wellington: 174

House point winners this week: Nightingale

Find out more...

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Key Dates

23 Apr Year 4 Ufton Court Viking Workshop in school
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29 Apr Year 5 Open Box Theatre Company Workshop
6 May Spring Bank Holiday – school closed for teaching
8 May Coffee Morning for Parents of Year 2 Children – 8.45am
13 May Year 6 SATs Week
14 May Class Photos
19 May Hook Fun Run
20 May – 24 May Walk to School Week
22 May Year 5 RSHE Parent Information Evening
24 May End of half term – 3:20 finish
27 May - 31 May Summer Half Term
3 Jun Back to School
3 Jun – 14 Jun Year 4 Times Tables Assessments
13 Jun HSCA Father's Day Sale
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 HSCA Non-school Uniform Day
22 Jun HSCA Summer Fair
24 Jun Robert May's Transition Day for Year 6 pupils
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25 Jun Whole School Transition Day, including Year 2 pupils

2 Jul Year 3 Learning Event
9 Jul Lepe Beach 4HR and 4CT
9 Jul Year 6 trip to Matilda the Musical in London, 4:15 departure, 11:30 return
10 Jul Lepe Beach 4RE and 4GG
10 Jul Strawberry Tea
11 Jul Year 5 Learning Event
12 Jul End of Year Reports to Parents
15 Jul Year 3 Samba Workshop
15 Jul Year 4 Learning Event
16 Jul 9:15 Year 6 Production - 6GR and 6SB
17 Jul 9:15 Year 6 Production - 6SF and 6KH
22 Jul Year 6 Leavers Assembly
22 Jul Year 6 Leavers Lunch
22 Jul Year 6 Leavers Festival
23 Jul End of Summer Term – 1:20 finish
24 Jul - 30 Aug Summer Holiday
2 Sep INSET Day – school closed
3 Sep Back to School – Autumn term
9 Nov HSCA Firework Show

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Miss L Powell (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.

CALLING MEN AGED 40 - 80 FREE PSA BLOOD TESTING

TO DETECT THE EARLY SIGNS OF PROSTATE CANCER

**ODIHAM COTTAGE HOSPITAL RG29 1NE
SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024 10.00-14.00**

PLEASE REGISTER & BOOK YOUR TIMESLOT ONLINE BY VISITING

holc.mypsatestests.org.uk



The Lions Club of Hook and Odiham

mark.hazell@hookandodihamlions.co.uk

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£5
over 6s

Camberley Jump



25th April 6pm - 7pm

6-7 Admiralty Way, Camberley GU15 3DT

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www.spotlightuk.org Reg Charity 1129258

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4 years and over
£6.50 per person

NINJA WARRIOR GUILDFORD



Friday 19th April
6-8pm

2 Thornberry Way, Guildford GU1 1DQ

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