

# **Weekly Newsletter**

## Week ending Friday 15 November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, we have the privilege of celebrating someone very special in our school, a person who has dedicated years of service, bringing kindness, care, and an unshakable sense of responsibility to the heart of every school day; our beloved Lead Lunchtime Supervisor, Mrs Vivier. Mrs Vivier sadly leaves us after 17 years of dedicated service.

Mrs Vivier joined Hook Junior School in 2007 (a year before me) and for 17 years has been a constant, comforting presence on our playground, in our lunch hall, and in the lives of the many children and staff who have had the privilege to work with her. Mrs Vivier's role as Lead Lunchtime Supervisor involves so much more than overseeing lunch set-up and clean down, it is a pastoral role where children's behaviour, social and personal development is nurtured and shaped. She's been here through all kinds of weather, patiently watching over our children, guiding them through the small challenges of every day, and always there to offer a listening ear. Mrs Vivier is a very special people person who cares deeply for the children and staff she works with; she has made a lasting impression on everyone; she is the glue in our lunchtimes and the lunchtime team. Over the years, Mrs Vivier was always the first to volunteer her time to go with Y6 on the residential trips to Marchant's Hill, selflessly giving her time to benefit the children and staff and support the wider life of the school.

Mrs Vivier would arrive every day at school with energy, enthusiasm and a raucous laughter, we always knew when she arrived, her presence raised a smile and everyone's spirits – a joy to be around. She approached her role professionally, showed compassion and care but always with a wicked sense of humour and practicality. Seventeen years is a long time to serve, she gave, and she served the children of Hook Junior School and now sadly leaves us to a start a new life in Devon.

Mrs Vivier is known amongst the staff as 'Mum' because she treats everyone with love, kindness, takes responsibility, gives joy and is selfless in her role. The staff and children will miss 'Mum' and we are hugely thankful for having Mrs Vivier in our lives and at our school for so long - what an achievement! Of course, we wish Mrs Vivier health, wealth and happiness in her new life and home, who knows what she'll occupy her time with between 11.30-1.30 every day!

On behalf of all the children and staff at Hook Junior School over the past 17 years, 'Thank you for everything 'Mum', good luck in your new life, your legacy will not be forgotten but we will certainly miss you!'

Miss L Powell

Headteacher

### Monday 18 November is an INSET day

Please remember that Monday 18 November is an INSET day. School is closed for teaching and children should not attend. Children return to school on Tuesday 19 November.

## Help raise funds for our library refurbishment when you shop online

We are registered with <u>easyfundraising</u>. It's a simple way to raise funds for the school every time you shop online *and there is no cost to you*! Over 7,000 brands will donate to the school when you use easyfundraising to shop with them, all at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and will make a big difference to the school. We would really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely free and only takes a moment.

Funds raised via easyfundraising will contribute to the purchase of new library furniture that will benefit all children when they visit the library. <u>Read more about our library refurbishment project on</u> <u>the school website</u>.

Find out more about easyfundraising and sign up at <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hook-junior-school/</u>

Thank you so much!

#### Year 7 Applications for September 2025

The 31 October 2024 deadline for applications to Year 7 in September 2025 has now passed. If you have not yet applied for a Year 7 place, you must now make a late application online at <u>http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions</u>.

#### **Music Exam Success**

Congratulations to Azarius Staska who has passed his ABRSM Violin Practical Exam Grade 1 with distinction. Well done Azarius!

Mrs Wakefield

#### **HSCA News**



#### **Employer Matched Funding Schemes**

Did you know that many companies offer matched funding schemes for their employees? That means any employee who donates to or helps raise funds for a charity can have their donation topped up by their employer. These schemes can make a huge difference to charities like us - the HSCA! Just a few of the companies that participate are: Aviva, Barclays, DHL, Mondelez, Morrison's, Scottish Power, Sky, and Vodafone, but there will be many, many more with similar schemes. If you work for a company that offers a matched funding scheme we'd love to hear from you to learn more about the scheme and see if it can help us to raise money for Hook schools. Please get in touch at <u>team@hsca.org.uk</u>.

#### **Christmas Fair Update**

Advance sales for our Santa's Grotto are now sold out, but don't worry you will still be able to book on the day! Remaining slots will go on sale from 11am, head to the Raffle Ticket table to sign up.

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Our raffle team have absolutely 'sleighed' it this year with our collection of raffle prizes generously donated from the community - over 60 prizes worth £2,500 in total are up for grabs! Get your tickets now from the HSCA's dedicated <u>Christmas Fair</u> page.

Volunteer roles during the Fair and for helping the day before are still available! We particularly need help selling tokens and in Santa's Grotto please. Don't forget Year 6's can run their own games stall (as can younger children with the help of an adult)! Help make the day magical for all the children that attend, sign up now at <u>PTA Events</u>.

#### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a friendly, caring person who enjoys working with children to join our hard working and supportive team of Lunchtime Supervisors.

The role involves helping to set up and organise our pupils in the hall, classrooms and outside areas, encouraging good manners and supporting healthy eating.

We can offer you continued professional development, happy, polite and well-behaved children within a caring, friendly environment where there is a genuine commitment to raising standards of achievement and care for all.

For more information and an application form, please contact the school office on 01256 762468 or <u>adminoffice@hook-jun.hants.sch.uk</u>.

#### **Catering Assistant Vacancy**

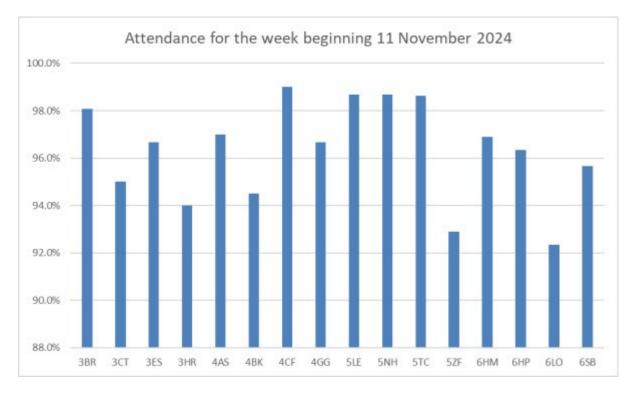
Pabulum Catering are now recruiting for a part time Catering Assistant to help us deliver exceptional food experiences to our children at Hook Junior School. As a Catering Assistant, you will be working in a passionate and hard-working team to create an outstanding experience for our school.

In return we offer an excellent work life balance, support and a fantastic company culture for a business committed to providing healthy food to children. At Pabulum, you're important; without our employees we wouldn't be where we are today with such a strong, innovative, and constantly growing business.

For more information and to apply online visit the Pabulum website.

### Attendance

#### Attendance this week



Whole school attendance this week: 96.3%

#### **Stars of the Week**

Year 3: Aurelia G, Sophie J, Guneev R, Joseph H, Jessica A, Sidarth N

Year 4: Mia S, Luke W, Amber D, Zachary A

Year 5: Poppy M, Blythe S, Bella A, Toby B, Quinn H

Year 6: Mariia S, Caleb L, Lila S, Charlie P

#### House Points this week

Austen: 177

Brunel: 180

Nightingale: 153

Wellington: 177

House point winners this week: Brunel

#### Find out more...

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

Twitter.com/hookjunior

Facebook.com/hookjuniorschool

Instagram.com/hookjunsch

#### **Key Dates**

Key Dates are also published <u>on our website</u>.

Event	Start Date	End Date	Time	End Time
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 11 November 2024	Friday 15 November 2024		
<u>Children in Need</u>	Friday 15 November 2024	Friday 15 November 2024		
INSET Day - school closed	Monday 18 November 2024	Monday 18 November 2024		
Road Safety Week	Monday 18 November 2024	Friday 22 November 2024		
<u>Christmas Jumper Swap Rail Opens</u>	Wednesday 20 November 2024	Wednesday 20 November 2024		
Year 5 Learning Event	Tuesday 26 November 2024	Tuesday 26 November 2024		
Year 5 Learning Event	Wednesday 27 November 2024	Wednesday 27 November 2024		
Year 3 Learning Event	Wednesday 04 December 2024	Wednesday 04 December 2024	14:00	
<u>Non-Uniform Day for HSCA Bottle</u> <u>Tombola</u>	Friday 06 December 2024	Friday 06 December 2024		
<u>Year 6 Learning Event</u>	Friday 06 December 2024	Friday 06 December 2024	09:00	10:00
<u>HSCA Christmas Fair</u>	Saturday 07 December 2024	Saturday 07 December 2024	11:00	15:00
<u>Christmas Jumper Day</u>	Thursday 12 December 2024	Thursday 12 December 2024		
NHS Flu Vaccinations	Thursday 12 December 2024	Thursday 12 December 2024		

Year 4 Christmas Production - 4CF		-	09:15	
and 4GG	2024 Wednesday 18	2024 Wednesday 18		
Pupil Christmas Lunch	December 2024	December 2024		
<u>Year 4 Christmas Production - 4BK</u> and 4AS	Wednesday 18 December 2024	Wednesday 18 December 2024	09:15	
Carols Around The Tree	Thursday 19 December 2024	Thursday 19 December 2024	16:00	17:00
End of Term - 1:20 Finish	Friday 20 December 2024	Friday 20 December 2024		
<u>Christmas Holiday</u>	Monday 23 December 2024	Friday 03 January 2025		
INSET Day - school closed	Monday 06 January 2025	Monday 06 January 2025		
<u>Coffee Morning for all Parents and</u> <u>Carers</u>	Wednesday 22 January 2025	Wednesday 22 January 2025	08:45	17:00
<u>Children's Mental Health Week</u>	Monday 03 February 2025	Friday 07 February 2025		
<u>Safer Internet Day</u>	Tuesday 11 February 2025	Tuesday 11 February 2025		
<u>Book Fair</u>	Wednesday 12 February 2025	Thursday 13 February 2025		
Learning Consultations	Wednesday 12 February 2025	Wednesday 12 February 2025	15:30	18:30
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HSCA Bake Sale	Friday 14 February 2025	Friday 14 February 2025		
Spring Half Term	Monday 17 February 2025	Friday 21 February 2025		
<u>Year 6 Bikeability</u>	Thursday 20 February 2025	Friday 21 February 2025		
<u>World Book Day</u>	Thursday 06 March 2025	Thursday 06 March 2025		
Year 5 Young Shakespeare Company perform Hamlet	Thursday 06 March 2025	Thursday 06 March 2025		
Year 6 Young Shakespeare Company perform Hamlet	Thursday 06 March 2025	Thursday 06 March 2025		
HSCA Uniform Sale	Friday 07 March 2025	Friday 07 March 2025	15:20	

STEM Fair	Monday 10 March 2025	Monday 10 March 2025		
<u>Science Week</u>	Monday 10 March 2025	Friday 14 March 2025		
<u>Governor Day</u>	Wednesday 12 March 2025	Wednesday 12 March 2025		
<u>Red Nose Day</u>	Friday 21 March 2025	Friday 21 March 2025		
HSCA Mother's Day Sale	Thursday 27 March 2025	Thursday 27 March 2025		
<u>Year 6 Learning Event</u>	Thursday 27 March 2025	Thursday 27 March 2025	14:00	
Year 6 SATS and RSE Presentations	Wednesday 02 April 2025	Wednesday 02 April 2025	17:00	
Easter Service	Thursday 03 April 2025	Thursday 03 April 2025		
<u>End of Term - 1:20 Finish</u>	Friday 04 April 2025	Friday 04 April 2025		
<u>Easter Holiday</u>	Monday 07 April 2025	Monday 21 April 2025		
<u>Year 4 Residential Trip to Gordon</u> <u>Brown Centre</u>	Monday 28 April 2025	Tuesday 29 April 2025		
Year 2 Parent Coffee Morning	Wednesday 07 May 2025	Wednesday 07 May 2025	08:45	
<u>Year 6 SATS Week</u>	Monday 12 May 2025	Friday 16 May 2025		
<u>Summer Half Term</u>	Monday 26 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025		
<u>Year 6 Bikeability</u>	Thursday 29 May 2025	Friday 30 May 2025		
INSET Day - school closed	Monday 02 June 2025	Monday 02 June 2025		
HSCA Father's Day Sale	Thursday 12 June 2025	Thursday 12 June 2025		
<u>Sports Day</u>	Wednesday 18 June 2025	Wednesday 18 June 2025	09:00	13:00
HSCA Summer Fair	Saturday 28 June 2025	Saturday 28 June 2025	11:00	15:00
HSCA Uniform Sale	Saturday 28 June 2025	Saturday 28 June 2025	11:00	15:00
<u>Year 6 Production - 6SH and 6LO</u>	Thursday 10 July 2025	Thursday 10 July 2025		
End Of Year Reports Circulated To Parents	Friday 11 July 2025	Friday 11 July 2025		

<u>Year 6 Production - 6SB and 6HP</u>	Friday 11 July 2025	Friday 11 July 2025
<u>Strawberry Tea</u>	Thursday 17 July 2025	Thursday 17 July 2025
<u>HSCA Year 6 Leaver Festival</u>	Monday 21 July 2025	Monday 21 July 2025
End of Term - 1:20 Finish	Tuesday 22 July 2025	Tuesday 22 July 2025
<u>Summer Holiday</u>	Wednesday 23 July 2025	Tuesday 02 September 2025

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.









## School Age Immunisation Service Get protected against flu



### FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

- Protect your child The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
- Protect you, your family and friends Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
- No injection needed The nasal spray is painless and easy to have.
- It's better than having flu The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide
- Avoid costs If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare



The Immunisation team will be coming to school soon to administer the flu nasal spray to the students.





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School Code

SH116045



# Dates: Monday 9th to Thursday 12th December Curtain's up: 6pm

Tickets will be available to purchase from ticketsource.co.uk/rmays at 6pm, Wednesday 20th November

Refreshments will be available to purchase

TIL