

# **Weekly Newsletter**

## Friday 01st October 2021

## **Village Connect Trail**

More than 300 walkers took part in the Village Connect Trail last weekend, enjoying footpaths throughout the locality. We were delighted that so many took part – from your comments it is clear that participants enjoyed the walk. Generous donors have already raised almost £3000 for a number of local schools, including Hook Junior School and Hook Infant School. Thank you to everyone who took part – we hope that you enjoyed the experience and discovered some new places to enjoy.

You can still <u>make a donation via the JustGiving page</u>. The organisers - Hook and Odiham Lions and the Rotary Club of Odiham and Hook – are hoping that we can reach a grand total of £4000. Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation.

## School Lunch 'Favourites Day' Menu

Our school caterers, Pabulum, are offering a 'favourites day' menu on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup>. This will include the following options:

Main: BBQ Chicken Pizza or Margherita Pizza or Jacket Potato with Grated Cheese / Baked

Beans

Sides: Sweetcorn, Potato Wedges, Coleslaw

Desert: Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce or Fruit Jelly or Fresh Fruit Platter

Children having a school lunch on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> should order their meal choices in classroom when they arrive.

## **Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy**

We are looking to appoint a lunchtime supervisor to support us this term.

Lunchtime supervisors work one and a half hours per day, five days per week over the lunch break and support children throughout the lunch period with their dining and play.

If you are interested in joining our team, please contact the school office by phone (01256 762 468) or email (adminoffice@hook-jun.hants.sch.uk) and request an application form.

## **Learning Support Assistant Vacancy**

We are looking to appoint an experienced, confident, flexible and highly-motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our dedicated school team. The successful applicant will be required to join our strong, supportive team of support staff to support teaching and learning of all children of all abilities in KS2. If you would like to learn more about the role, please review the full details on the Hampshire Education Jobs webpage.

#### Walk to school week

Monday 4th October to Friday 8th October is Walk to School Week for Hampshire schools. We would be grateful if as many of you as possible were able to take part. If you are unable to walk the whole distance, you could park a little further away and walk the last part of the journey. The school 'Junior Road Safety Officers' (JRSOs) will be sharing some resources with the children throughout the week.

## **School Photographs**

School portrait photograph proofs have already been sent home for you to place orders. We encourage you to place your order online when possible. If you need to return an order to us at school, please make sure we have received this by 13 October when all paper orders will be collected. Orders placed by 13 October will be delivered to school for and distributed to children to bring home with them. If you have not ordered by 13 October, your order may be subject to an additional handling fee of £5 per order. All late orders must be returned directly to Cardwell and Simons.

## Help for families struggling with utility bills

If you are having difficulties with the cost of energy bills, you may be eligible for a free fuel voucher from Citizens Advice to help pay for your utilities.

For more details and to find local branch contact details visit the Citizens Advice website.

#### Year 3

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 3 have enjoyed taking part in their gym mornings. Where they revised the different gymnastic shapes, used teamwork for balancing, jumping and creating sequences. The use of benches, mats and boxes allowed them to explore different height and movements.









#### Year 4

Year 4 have had a very exciting and practical week this week. They have had their gym mornings, a chance to practise skills and create short routines which were great so far. In DT, after tasting soup last week, they had the chance to chop, peel and grate some potatoes today. The children had a lot of fun, with some saying they would like to help out more at home with food preparation. Another fantastic week for Year 4!

## Year 5 are reporting on the Mars Rover



Today, Year 5 had a special visitor as part of their English unit. They are writing News Reports about the famous Mars Rover 'Curiosity' and Mr Orchard, a scientist who worked on the mission, visited for a question-and-answer session. The children were amazed to find out more about how the Rover was designed, its journey to Mars and the important work it is undertaking on the surface of the red planet. The data collected may help to put a human on Mars in the not-too-distant future. Some of the children are determined that they will be among those pioneers lucky enough to do so. We are all CURIOUS to find out just how far these pupils will go.

## Year 5 and Year 6 Fuse Drumming Club

A few places remain for the Fuse Drumming club for children in year 5 and 6, starting on Monday 4th October. 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. The club takes place in the Music Room between 3:20 and 4:20 and costs £3 per session. If you'd like more details or to enrol your child, please contact Nicky Raimbaux via <a href="mainbaux.music@gmail.com">mraimbaux.music@gmail.com</a>.

## **Free Trumpet and Trombone Taster Sessions**

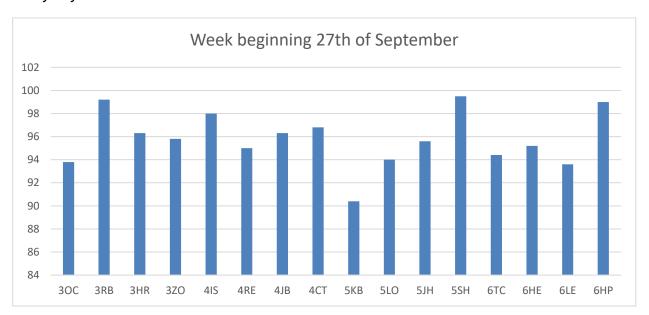
Children were introduced to two of the brass family of instruments during assembly this week; the trumpet and trombone. Free taster sessions on these instruments are available during the school day on Mondays. To book a slot or to find out more please email Nicky Raimbaux via <a href="mailto:nraimbaux.music@gmail.com">nraimbaux.music@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Piano Lessons**

We are pleased to offer peripatetic piano lessons with Mrs Claire Hamer. Mrs Hamer is an experienced piano teacher and will be offering lessons after school on a Friday. Spaces are limited and all abilities are welcome. For more information, please contact Mrs Hamer directly via <a href="mailto:claire.hamer@outlook.com">claire.hamer@outlook.com</a> or 07927 688 803.

#### **Attendance This Week**

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



#### Stars of the Week

Year 3: Hannah C, Sienna S, Jacob S, Henry S

Year 4: Charlotte T, Biranish N, Bobby C, Zack K

Year 5: Izzy D, Lucas T, Alicia C

Year 6: Sanjeev V, Carmine A, Cerys-June H, Hermione W

House point winners this week: Nightingale.

#### Find out more...

Follow <a>@hookjunior on Twitter</a> and <a>visit our Facebook page</a> for more updates and photos.

## **Key Dates**

02 Nov

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04 Oct	Walk to School week
05 Oct	Hook Schools Community Association (HSCA) AGM, 7:30pm
13 Oct	Open morning for Year 2 Parents
14 Oct	Flu immunisations
18 Oct	Learning Consultations – face to face
19 Oct	Learning Consultations - online
21 Oct	Harvest Festival – 5SH and 5JH, 9:00 to parents / carers
21 Oct	Harvest Festival – 5LO and 5KB, 2:15 to parents / carers
25 Oct	Autumn Half Term
25 Oct	Bikeability for Year 6 Pupils only
01 Nov	INSET Day

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Pupils return to school

**HSCA Fireshow** 

17 Nov HSCA Bag2school

27 Nov HSCA Christmas Fair

**07 Dec** Year 4 Christmas Play, 9:15 to parents / carers

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**17 Dec** End of Term – 1:30 finish

**28 Feb** INSET Day

**03 Mar** HSCA Bag2school

**19 Mar** HSCA Beer Festival

**22 Mar** HSCA Mothers Day Sale

24 Mar HSCA Mothers Day Sale

**27 Apr** Happy's Circus

28 Apr Happy's Circus

19 May Class Photos

8 Jun HSCA Bag2School

25 Jun HSCA Gin Festival

16 Jul HSCA Summer Fair

