



## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021

### Governor Update

**Chris Bass, Acting Vice Chair and Parent Governor**

The Full Governing Body convened for its October meeting this past week and, for the first time in some 18 months, in a face to face setting. It was an ideal opportunity to welcome Assistant Headteacher, Miss Cooke, to the school team and to the Governing body as a co-opted Governor.

Throughout the academic year, Governors balance time between a number of standing and seasonal topics. In the autumn term, particular focus is placed on the revised School Strategic Plan (SSP), which captures objectives, priorities and direction in implementing the school's vision and aims. The SSP underpins Governor monitoring, a core component of our role to ensure clarity of vision and strategic direction and to hold the school to account for performance and management. Each Governor takes the lead on specific areas to ensure appropriate expertise and continuity are built.

Safeguarding our children is a priority for our school at all times. The Child Protection and Safeguarding policies have recently been updated, in line with local and national updates, reflecting the very latest developments and approaches. Our policies establish objectives and procedures for handling any protection related issues, as well as incorporating the school's response to developing areas of risk, such as online safety. As statutory documents, these policies are available to read on our website.

Would you like to be involved in the strategic oversight of the school? The Governing Body has a number of vacancies for co-opted and parent governors; please express your interest in becoming a Governor via the school office. If are interested in joining the Governing Body, [please review the additional information provided via the school website.](#)

### Applying for Year 3 and Year 7 School Places

Applications for school places in secondary schools are currently being accepted. If you have a child who is currently in year 6, you must apply for a year 7 place before the deadline of 31 October 2021. Applications are [made online via the Hampshire School Admissions pages](#). You will be advised of the outcome of your application by Hampshire County Council on 1 March 2022.

The application window for year 3 school places opens on 1 November and the deadline for making your application is 15 January 2022. Hampshire County Council will advise you of the outcome of your year 3 application on 19 April 2022.

### What parents and carers need to know about Tik Tok

We have published a fact sheet [on the Letters page of the school website](#) that explains the key facts about Tik Tok. Did you know that Tik Tok includes multiple features to help your child stay safe when using Tik Tok and filter inappropriate content?

## Year 4 News

This week in Year 4, we had a very exciting Design Technology (DT) lesson - we finally had the chance to make our survival stew!

We put all our skills from last week into practise and chopped the different vegetables and combined them together. We used some vegetable stock to help give it flavour, and everyone got a turn at stirring. Our soups were rated very highly by the children, with many asking for the ingredients to try it at home. We even had some children try it even though they were reluctant at first! A great lesson to end our DT unit with, the children all learned so much from it - we look forward to hearing how they help out with the cooking at home!

## Choir places still available for child in Years 4 to 6

We are delighted that the Hook Junior School Choir was able to return in September. It was lovely to welcome back former members and new joiners. Rehearsals have got off to a great start and the choir is sounding wonderful! We have some extra spaces for children who would still like to join. The choir is friendly and fun and we explore a wide range of song repertoire.

The choir is open to pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 and rehearses every Tuesday after school until 4.15pm and performs regularly to pupils and parents at school concerts etc. Each year a number of our choir members take part in a concert of massed school choirs and orchestras, run by Basingstoke Primary Schools Music at the Anvil. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and a highlight in the choir's calendar!

If your child is interested in joining the choir, please contact the School Office in the usual way. The school charges £2 per child, per week for choir.

Mrs Laird and Mrs Linehan-Hill, Choir Leaders

## Parking in the Community before and after school

The Parish Council have asked us to remind you that the Community Centre car park is regularly used by attending the Community Centre and Hartletts Park and other nearby facilities. Activities at the Community Centre take place throughout the day and those who are attending these venues are entitled to use the car park.

Please be courteous to others and be mindful of pedestrians that are crossing the car park. You must not stop on the yellow hatched areas, particularly when exiting the car park as this prevents other drivers from entering, which in turn generates congestion on Ravenscroft.

Remember that in addition to the Community Centre car park, Crossways car park (by the Doctors Surgery) is also available. This is free to use until 9am and during the afternoon pick up. School Parking Permits should be used – please [email the school office](#) for more information.

## Vacancy for an Assistant Cook

### Hook Infant and Junior Schools

Our catering provider, Pabulum, are seeking to appoint an Assistant Cook.

Pabulum is a professional catering company for the education sector, providing healthy food for children at schools and colleges. With over 25 years' experience, based in Fleet, Hampshire, we provide a range of core and complementary services to clients within a 125 miles radius of our offices. 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.

**Assistant Cook £11 per hour / £16,632, 35 hours per week, 7:00am – 2:00pm**

About the Role:

- Preparing our delicious food, serving our lovely customers and clearing and cleaning up after service
- You'll need to replenish counters where necessary.
- Providing a fantastic service with a smile

Benefits:

- Tremendous work/ family life balance, most of our catering contracts involve early starts and early finishes Monday - Friday
- Term time only
- Uniform and training provided

Please apply by sending your CV to [recruitment@pabulum-catering.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@pabulum-catering.co.uk), or for more information please call Lisa on 07964 117453

As you will be working in Education, you must provide two employment/character references and we will also carry out an Enhanced DBS / Criminal Record Check as well (which we'll pay for).

## Congratulations Beth S

Congratulations to Beth S who recently won a huge book bundle having read a number of books.



## Stars of the Week

Year 3: Taylor McF, Benjamin S, Ethan P, Alfie J, Collette W, Ruth M, Jack H, Rosanna B, Grace R, Arianne I, Danny H, Holly C

Year 4: Imogen H, Ines A, Maty-Anne V, Ellie-Rose W, Noah B, Emilia D

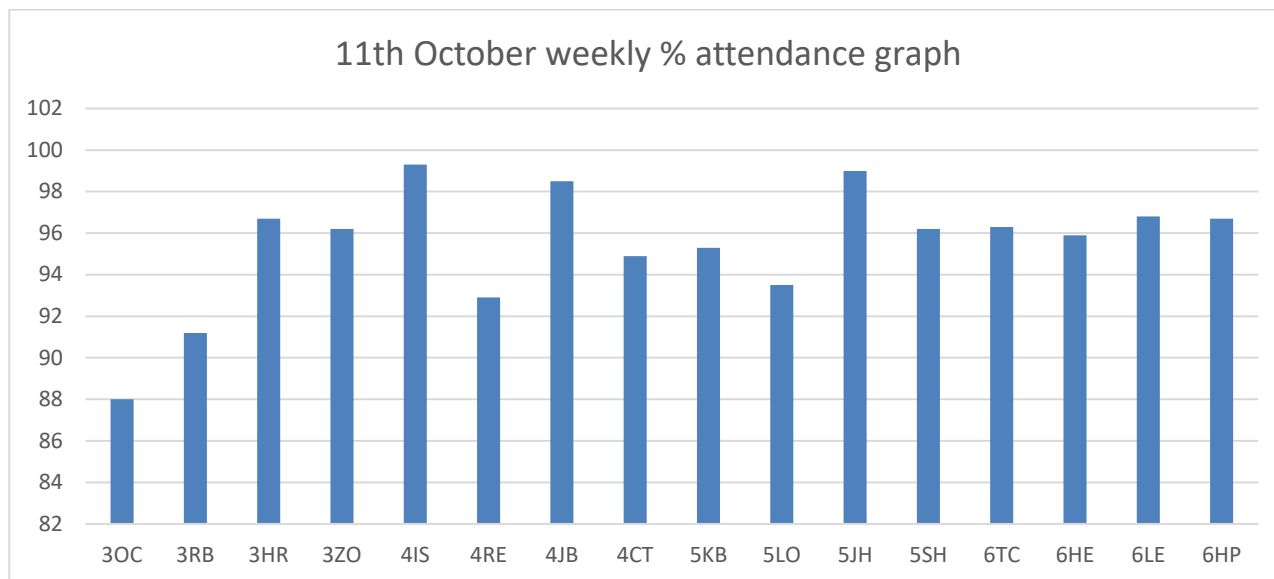
Year 5: Hugo L, Imogen D, Blake C & Elsie O, Josh B

Year 6: Honor M, Violet D, Freddie R, Morgan HF, George E

House point winners this week: **Wellington**

## Attendance This Week

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



## Find out more...

Follow [@hookjunior on Twitter](#) and [visit our Facebook page](#) for more updates and photos.

## Key Dates

- 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
- 02 Nov** Pupils return to school
- 04 Nov** Y5 Marchants Hill Meeting
- 06 Nov** HSCA Fireshow
- 17 Nov** HSCA Bag2school
- 27 Nov** HSCA Christmas Fair
- 07 Dec** Year 4 Christmas Play, 9:15 to parents / carers
- 07 Dec** Year 4 Christmas Play, 1:45 to parents / carers
- 08 Dec** Year 4 Christmas Play, 1:45 to parents / carers
- 17 Dec** End of Term – 1:30 finish
- 28 Feb** INSET Day
- 03 Mar** HSCA Bag2school

<b>19 Mar</b>	HSCA Beer Festival
<b>22 Mar</b>	HSCA Mothers Day Sale
<b>24 Mar</b>	HSCA Mothers Day Sale
<b>27 Apr</b>	Happy's Circus
<b>28 Apr</b>	Happy's Circus
<b>19 May</b>	Class Photos
<b>8 Jun</b>	HSCA Bag2School
<b>25 Jun</b>	HSCA Gin Festival
<b>16 Jul</b>	HSCA Summer Fair





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## ANNUAL XMAS GIFT APPEAL

**PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING NEW,  
UNWRAPPED GIFTS FOR 0-18 YEAR OLDS!**

Every item donated will be distributed via  
Childrens' Services to local families in  
need this Christmas.

**Collection points for gifts & monetary donations:  
TESCO Chineham, TESCO Hook, The Raven Hotel,  
Hook, TESCO EXPRESS Fleet**

Please note: All cash donations will be used to buy presents

**This appeal has been running for 6 years, help us make  
a child happy again this Christmas, your gifts are  
always truly appreciated.**

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