



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th November 2021

Remembrance, 11am, Thursday 11 November



On Thursday 11th November all children and staff gathered in the hall to observe remembrance, including a two-minute silence. Children sang the remembrance song and the assembly ended with Mr Hall playing the last post.

*Turn your thoughts on this occasion
To those who fought and died in the war.
Years have passed and time has forgotten,
But we will remember the soldiers once more.*

Governor News

We hope that you are keeping well.

We are pleased to announce that Mark Powell has now been confirmed into post as a Parent Governor. Mark brings a wealth of experience and his skills will be a great addition to the Governing Body and we welcome him aboard.

The Governing Body held a meeting on Tuesday 9th November during which our School Business Manager, Chris Grant, provided us with a mid-year budget update including details of the equipment and facilities that are being improved around the school. We also discussed governor training and reviewed recent monitoring reports and school policies.

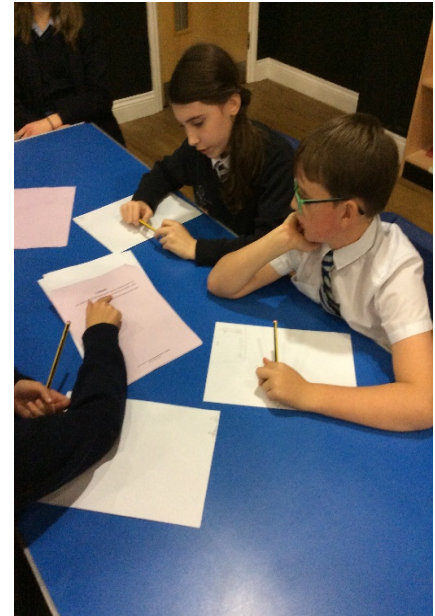
We would like to say a huge thank you to the HSCA and all the volunteers who helped with the phenomenal fireworks display that took place on Saturday. The funds raised by these events make a real difference to Hook Infant school and Hook Junior school and help contribute towards the fantastic facilities and learning experiences the school provides.

We are also proud to say that staff at Hook Junior School have been supporting a number of children who have been seeking refuge from the recent events that took place in Afghanistan. Teachers have been helping these children learn English and have spent some time helping them settle and feel welcome. The school fosters a culture of inclusion, diversity, dignity and respect to all in our community and we wish to thank them for the work and especially the care they provide, not only to our children at Hook Junior, but to all people in our local community.

Best wishes

The Governors

Maths Challenge



On Wednesday 10th November, eight of our amazing year six pupils visited Alton School to take part in a Maths Challenge afternoon that tested their resilience, perseverance and team work skills. As well as this, they were able to develop their problem-solving in a fun and competitive environment against other local schools. As always, their behaviour was impeccable and it was a real honour to watch their confidence grow throughout the competition! Although we did not win, the children thoroughly enjoyed demonstrating their mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding through some difficult questions. Well done year six – you made us all proud at Hook Junior School!

Miss Cooke and Mrs Sidhu

Thank you HSCA for an amazing firework show

On 6th November the HSCA (Hook Schools Community Association) resumed their regular events at school with the first firework show since 2019.

A record-breaking number of tickets were sold this year meaning that this was the HSCA's biggest ever event. We hope that if you attended, you and your family had an enjoyable evening.

The volunteers in the HSCA dedicate considerable time and energy to fundraising for the Infant and Junior school and we are extremely grateful for their continued support and commitment.

HSCA Christmas Fair, Saturday 27 November

The HSCA's next big event is the Christmas Fair, taking place at Hook Infant School and Hook Junior School on Saturday 27th November between 11am and 3pm - a whole extra hour longer than previous occasions.

The day before the fair, Friday 26th November, children may come to school in non-uniform. We ask that in exchange for this, each child brings with them a bottle of something to go into the always popular bottle tombola at the Fair. Please remember that your contribution must be new, unopened and non-perishable. Bottles that work well and encourage visitors to try the bottle tombola are still drinks, soft drinks and alcoholic drinks.

As always, the HSCA relies on volunteers to help run the event. Please spare an hour or two of your time if you can. More details will follow on how to sign up for a slot to help out.

Bag2School collection

This term's HSCA Bag2School collection is on Wednesday 17th November, just in time for a pre-Christmas clear out. Good quality second hand clothes and linen are accepted. Place your donations in bin bags (not bags distributed by other charities) and leave these in one of the vacant spaces adjacent to the Junior School main entrance before 9am on the day.

Odd Socks Day

On Monday the 15th November, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day which marks the start of Anti Bullying week. By wearing odd socks we will celebrate us all being unique. There is no cost or donation to be made.

Children in Need

On Friday 19th November, it is Children in Need day. The theme this year is "Together, We Can". The children will be taking part in activities linked to this theme in school on Friday. We are inviting the children to come into school in non-uniform for a minimum donation of £1. Donations can be [made online via the Hook Junior School JustGiving](#) page.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Emilie RM, Mya F, Phillippa B, Lila S

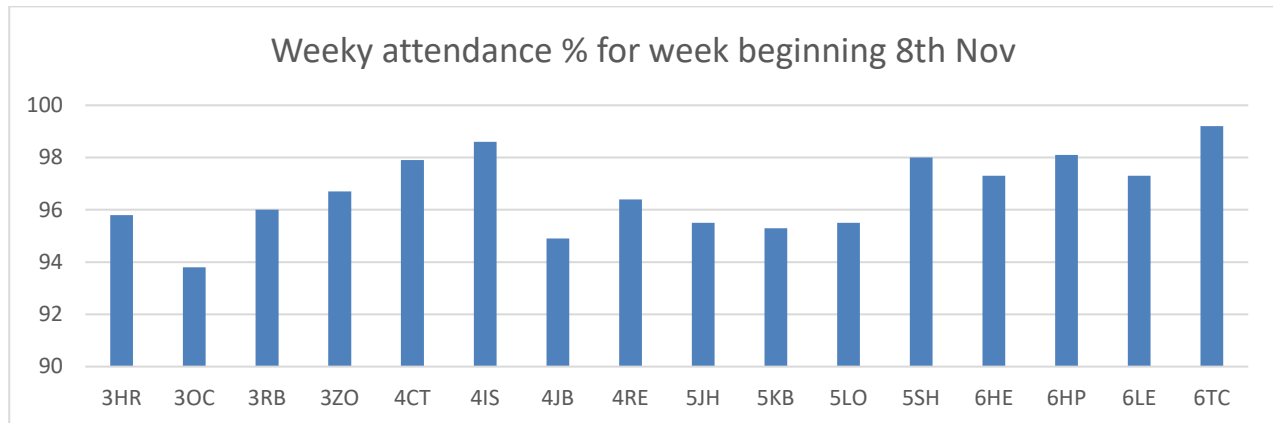
Year 4: Olivia S, Miguel G, Eleanor D, Maddison D

Year 5: Bethany C, Erik F, Isla HC, Yvette W

Year 6: Jessica T, Charlie C, Hollie A, Kyran M

House point winners this week: [Wellington](#)

Attendance This Week



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

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Key Dates

15 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
15 Nov	Odd Sock Day
19 Nov	Children in Need – Together We Can
17 Nov	HSCA Bag2school
27 Nov	HSCA Christmas Fair
07 Dec	Year 4 Christmas Play, 9:15 to parents / carers of 4JB and 4IS
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08 Dec	Year 4 Christmas Play, 9.15 to parents / carers of 4CT and 4RE
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15 Dec	Pupils' Christmas Lunch
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

**BASINGSTOKE
CONCERT
BAND
Christmas
Concert**

**ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
BASINGTOKE, RG21 7QW**

Sunday 12th December

3.00 pm

**Tickets £10 - U16 free
Complimentary mince
pie and drink**



