



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st April 2022



Reading Rockets workshops

Over the last four weeks, every class has had the opportunity to have a basketball workshop with a Reading Rockets basketball coach. The children have really enjoyed practising their basketball skills and then playing some matches. The coach has also supported with the basketball games at lunchtime which has been a great opportunity for some extra tuition.

Thank you again to Mrs Bone (lunchtime supervisor and parent) and Mrs Dawson (parent) for helping us arrange this opportunity for the children.

Year 5 and 6 Netball

The Year 5/6 Netball Team have been training this term and have competed in 3 matches. They have made phenomenal progress over the weeks, working well together as a team, communicating and applying their tactical awareness within game situations. They have shown excellent support for each other, cheering and supporting their teammates. Well done on representing Hook Junior School so well!

Winchester Science Centre

Year 4 had a wonderful time away at the Winchester Science Centre on Thursday. We watched a fantastic planetarium display, taking a trip as astronauts through the Solar System, learning more about the different planets. They also had the chance to look at some constellations, learning how to find the Plough and use it to locate the North Star. The children then had time to explore different exhibits, learning about subjects including gravity, planets and a huge ear they could crawl through! Some children discovered a station where they could print off their names in sign language and tried to practise that throughout the trip. In the afternoon, they all had a workshop on Sound, linked to their current Science learning. The children were able to show off the knowledge they already knew, and develop it further through active workshops, including becoming a gas and passing a sound and a very exciting activity where they closed their eyes and tried to identify where a sound was made - producing amusing results with children realising how easily sound can be misheard. The Science Centre said how lovely the children were, behaving excellently and politely at all times, representing Hook Junior School perfectly. The Year 4 team would also like to thank the parents that came along with us - we hope you had as much fun as the children!

End of term – 1:30 finish

Please remember next Friday, 8th April, is the last day of the spring term and school finishes at the earlier time of 1:30pm.

Living with Covid guidance

Today marks the start of further revised guidance for living with Covid and there are a number of key aspects that all parents must now be aware of, including changes to isolation and testing.

These changes are part of the Government's Living with COVID plan, which aims to manage the virus like other respiratory infections. This has been made possible largely thanks to the successful vaccination programme, increased immunity and an improved understanding about how to manage risk.

- *adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.*
- *children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.*
- *adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days.*

Anyone who is already isolating can transfer to these new guidance timings from today, which also means that there is no longer a requirement to test on day 5/6 to return to school.

With a few exceptions, [lateral flow tests](#) and [PCR tests](#) are no longer generally available and with the guidance above, the availability of a either type of test is not a factor that will influence the attendance of your child.

Year 5 – Water bottles

To help them with their RAF project, please can Year 5 bring in any clean, 500ml drinking bottles you may have. They can give them to their teacher.

Second-hand uniform sale

On Wednesday 6th April, the HSCA will be holding a Second-hand uniform sale between 2.30pm – 3.30pm on Hartlett's park.

Year 6 Learning Event Spring 2022

This term, the children have been busy designing and building their own elastic band powered cars as part of the rubber band car championship. Not only have they been working together as a team, they have been developing their design technology skills of measuring and sawing, as well as their problem-solving skills to ensure their car is the best it can possibly be! During lessons, the teams have been working extremely hard to modify their vehicle before being entered into a series of challenges including speed, distance and strength.



Parents of children in Year 6 are invited in to support them with their final challenge ... strength and aesthetics.

Our learning events will take place in the hall on the following afternoons:

Monday 4th April from 1.45 – 3.15pm (6LE and 6TC)

Tuesday 5th April from 1.45 – 3.15pm (6HP and 6DK)

Starlight Stage School end of term performance

During spring term Starlight Stage School has been looking at the stories of David Walliams and this proved very popular with our pupils and culminated in our end of term showcase. Several family members and friends attended and were able to see all the hard work the children have undertaken during the past couple of months.

For many of our students this was their first experience of drama and the brilliant showcase was a testament to their abilities and hard work. I have received some lovely comments from proud parents regarding their children's experiences this term and I share their pride in what they achieved.

The children are involved in deciding each term's theme and we're really looking forward to the summer term which will feature Alice in Wonderland.

Lunchtime Supervisors vacancies

Would you like to come and join our team? We are looking to recruitment some Lunchtime Supervisors to work every day from approximately 11.45am, for 1.75 hours per day. You'll assist with the overall lunch service, either in the hall or outside supporting the children at play. If you're interested, please contact the school office for an application form.

Happy Circus is back!



The HSCA are very excited to be welcoming back the fabulous Happy Circus!

The circus visited us back in 2019 and both nights SOLD OUT fast! The reaction from the children who attended was fantastic (the parents loved it too, especially Mr Slinky!) so we have really been looking forward to welcoming back Mr & Mrs Happy, with their amazing team.

This year's theme is CABARET! This is an all-human show where family-friendly Cabaret meets razzle -dazzle Chicago! Bringing the magical world of Circus to every event, with international artists from around the world, who will entertain audiences with a stunning range of aerial and ground acts, including some very rarely seen unique performances.

The spectacular Big Top will be situated on the Hook Junior field and there are 2 nights to see the show - Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th April. Gates open at 4.30pm with hot food available, as well as the HSCA bar and some sweet treats - so make it a fun family night out! The Big Top itself opens at 5:30pm, with a show warm up soon after that and the actual main show starting promptly at 6pm.

Tickets will be available online and go on sale on Friday 25th March at 7am. This information will not be shared on any wider public social media until the following week, to allow Hook parents a chance to login and purchase tickets first. Tickets are £10 each or £36 for family/group of 4 ("Babes in arms"/children under 2 are FREE). To purchase tickets please go to <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hasca> (be sure to select the correct performance date)- be quick as tickets are limited!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer (sign up also available during ticket purchasing process) please get in touch contactus@hs-ca.org.uk

KOOSA Kids Easter Holiday Club

Two Weeks of Unlimited Fun Ahead at KOOSA Kids Easter Holiday Clubs (11th to 22nd April).

KOOSA Kids Easter Holiday Club programme is set to excite and delight your children with our Mini Beast Madness and Easter Eggstravaganza themed weeks. Your children will be taking part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama and imagination. All from just £24 per child, per day (10.00am to 4.00pm)!

Whether you need essential childcare or are looking for a fun day out for your children, we will ensure your children have so much fun, they will be itching to come back again and again! Bookings for May Half Term and Summer are also open.

Call 01276 21884 or visit www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club for more information.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Artiom G, Theo W, Thomas D, Jack H

Year 4: Kayden W, Faris A, Ellie-Mai N, Isabelle E

Year 5: Eibhlin W, Ed B, Tabitha E-P, Thomas A, Harry P

Year 6: Jensen S, Abigail G, Amy R, Pauravi P, Laila W

House Points this week

Austen	177
Brunel	181
Nightingale	195
Wellington	147

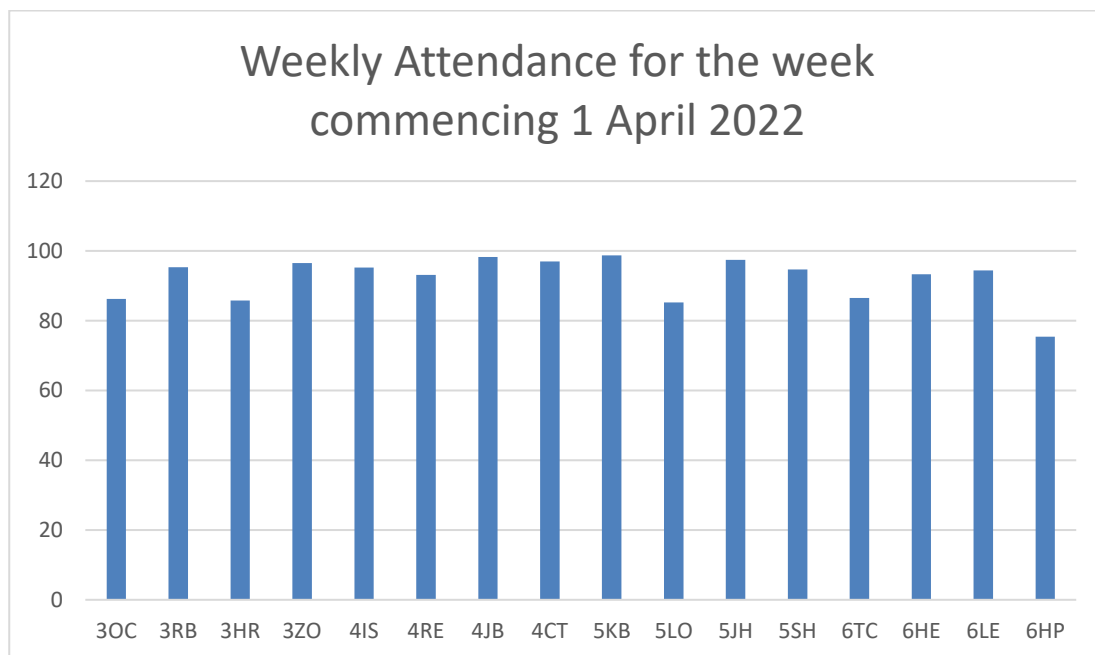
House point winners this week: Nightingale

Reading classes of the week: 3OC

Reading Raffle Winner: Grace 5KB

Attendance This Week

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



Overall attendance this week: 92.3%

Find out more...

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Key Dates

4 Apr	Life Education Wessex LifeBus visits for the week
4 Apr	6TC and 6LE learning event, 1.45pm
5 Apr	3RB and 3ZO Easter Service to Parents, 09:00
5 Apr	6DK and 6HP learning event, 1.45pm
6 Apr	3OC and 3HR Easter Service to Parents, 09:00
6 Apr	Governor Day
6 Apr	Orchestra School Concert
8 Apr	End of term – 1:30 finish
11 Apr	Easter Break
25 Apr	Summer Term – back to school
27 Apr	Happy's Circus
28 Apr	Happy's Circus
19 May	Class Photos
23 May	Year 3 Roman Workshop
30 May	Summer Half Term Week
8 Jun	HSCA Bag2School
9 Jun	Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court
10 Jun	Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court
14 Jun	HSCA Father's Day Sale
16 Jun	HSCA Father's Day Sale
22 Jun	Sports Day
25 Jun	HSCA Gin Festival
27 Jun	Year 6 Transition day to Robert Mays School
28 Jun	Year 6 Transition day to Robert Mays School
11 Jul	Year 6 Residential trip to PGL Marchants Hill
16 Jul	HSCA Summer Fair
20 Jul	Year 6 Festival
21 Jul	End of term – 1:30 finish

King's Theatre
Academy presents

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP



**21st and 22nd April @ Hook Juniors
10am to 3pm
(9.00-3.30 child care available if
needed)**

£50 per day or £80 for both days

Sibling discount available

**To book a space please email
kingstheatreacademy@gmail.com**



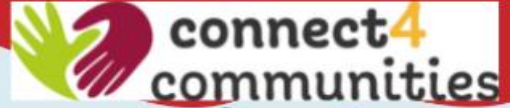
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Easter Workshop



FREE HAF Funded workshops

at Elizabeth Hall, Hook

(funded by DfE)

Non funded places available

Wednesday 13th April 2022

10am-2pm

**Hot cross buns, Chinese
noodles and spring rolls**

Thursday 14th April 2022

10am-2pm

**Easter biscuits and Stuffed
crust pizza and salad**



Supported by



**Hampshire
County Council**

**All
ingredients
included!**



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