



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9 September 2022

Dear Families of Hook Junior School,

Like many of you we are deeply saddened by the death yesterday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11. After recently celebrating a long and glorious reign of 70 years which is unlikely ever to be surpassed, we honour the Queen's selfless, faithful service and commitment.

Today and over the national period of mourning we will be respecting and reflecting on the Queen's extraordinary life and the magnificent impact she made on our lives and to many world-wide.

On behalf of all at Hook Junior School we extend our thoughts and prayers to the Royal Family.

Mrs L Martin

Headteacher

Attendance

As a school, attendance continues to be a key focus not only at a national level but also for our own school. As a result, we have a named Senior Leader, Miss Carne, who has a responsibility to oversee attendance across the school. If any parent/carer is experiencing any difficulties around attendance or lateness, please contact Miss Carne at the earliest opportunity so that she can discuss with you your particular circumstances.

We are currently finalising our Attendance Strategy document for this year and will be sharing this with parents over the next few weeks.

As you will be aware, a child's attendance (and absence) is a legal parental responsibility. Children at this school are dependent on their parents/carers, who are responsible for their level of attendance and punctuality. It is vital that children enjoy coming to school, and whilst being encouraged to attend well and on time, children do not carry blame for their own attendance or lateness.

What should I do if my child is going to be absent from school?

Our main priority first thing in the morning, is always to establish that every child is safe and attending school.

Parents/carers have a responsibility to inform the school as soon as possible if their child will not be attending school or is likely to be late on a particular day, by no later than 9 am. This can be done via either sending an email to adminoffice@hook-jun.hants.sch.uk or ringing the attendance line and leaving a message.

Messages about absences should include the child's name, their class and a clear reason for absence. **We ask that parents are not vague with their reasons e.g., 'not well' as this will not be authorised until further detail is clarified.** For these parents, the admin staff or the Attendance Leader (Miss Carne) will ring in order to establish a more acceptable reason for absence.

If children are absent with for example anxiety or not sleeping at night, the Attendance Lead will ring these parents/carers in order to help remove barriers for these children coming into school.

Uniform

We know that some uniform products supplied by Marks and Spencer are currently difficult to obtain and we thank you for your patience at this time of peak demand. Products are slowly getting back to normal supply levels and in the meantime, please simply ensure that your child arrives at school wearing the non-branded elements of the uniform. If you wish, do send your child to school in a plain navy jumper or cardigan in lieu of the items bearing the school logo. School portrait photographs will be taken on Wednesday 21 September, so please ensure that your child is smartly dressed and well presented for this, [in accordance with our uniform expectations](#).

Paying for School Meals

We encourage all parents to pay for school meals using the online Scopay portal or app. It's a simple means of paying for meals in advance without the need to deliver cash to the school office. If your child is in year 4, 5 or 6 then you should already have access to Scopay. Letters have been sent home with year 3 pupils this week so that you can access and top-up their account where necessary. If you still don't have Scopay access for any of your children, please let us know by emailing the office (adminoffice@hook-jun.hants.sch.uk).

Roald Dahl Day School Lunch Menu for 13th September

Roald Dahl day is celebrated every year on 13 September – the day he was born. There will be a change to the lunch menu for pupils on this occasion as follows, each one inspired by one of his books:

- Meat option: Squiggly Spaghetti (Spaghetti with Bolognese Sauce), The Twits
- Vegetarian option: Snotty Green Boogers (Broccoli Alfresco Pasta), The BFG
- Sides: Snozzcumber Salad (Shredded Cucumber Salad), The BFG
- Sides: Mikey Wormwoods Magical Carrots (Carrot Batons), Matilda
- Dessert: Bruce Bogtrotters Chocolate Cake (Chocolate Brownie and Chocolate Sauce), Matilda
- Also available: Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese

There is no need to pre-order and children who wish to have a school meal will be invited to choose their meal during the morning registration. Special diets will be catered for. Meals are charged at £2.50, except for pupils who qualify for free school meals.

Bikeability Courses for Pupils

Each year we aim to offer a number of [Bikeability courses for pupils](#). There have been some recent changes to the training provider in our region and we are doing our best to organise a number of opportunities for children to participate during the year. We have already invited year 6 pupils to sign up for Bikeability sessions in the Autumn half term – for the time being, these sessions are only being offered to pupils in year 6. If you have a child in year 6 and would like to apply for a place, please follow the instructions in the email we circulated earlier this week. We will invite other year groups to sign up as and when sessions can be provided.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Evie C, Elliot H, Emily N, Argheen S

Year 4: Jobe M, Jack H, Jack N, Syon S, Oscar B

Year 5: Rajvir P, Clara W, Aiden L, Ella H, James C

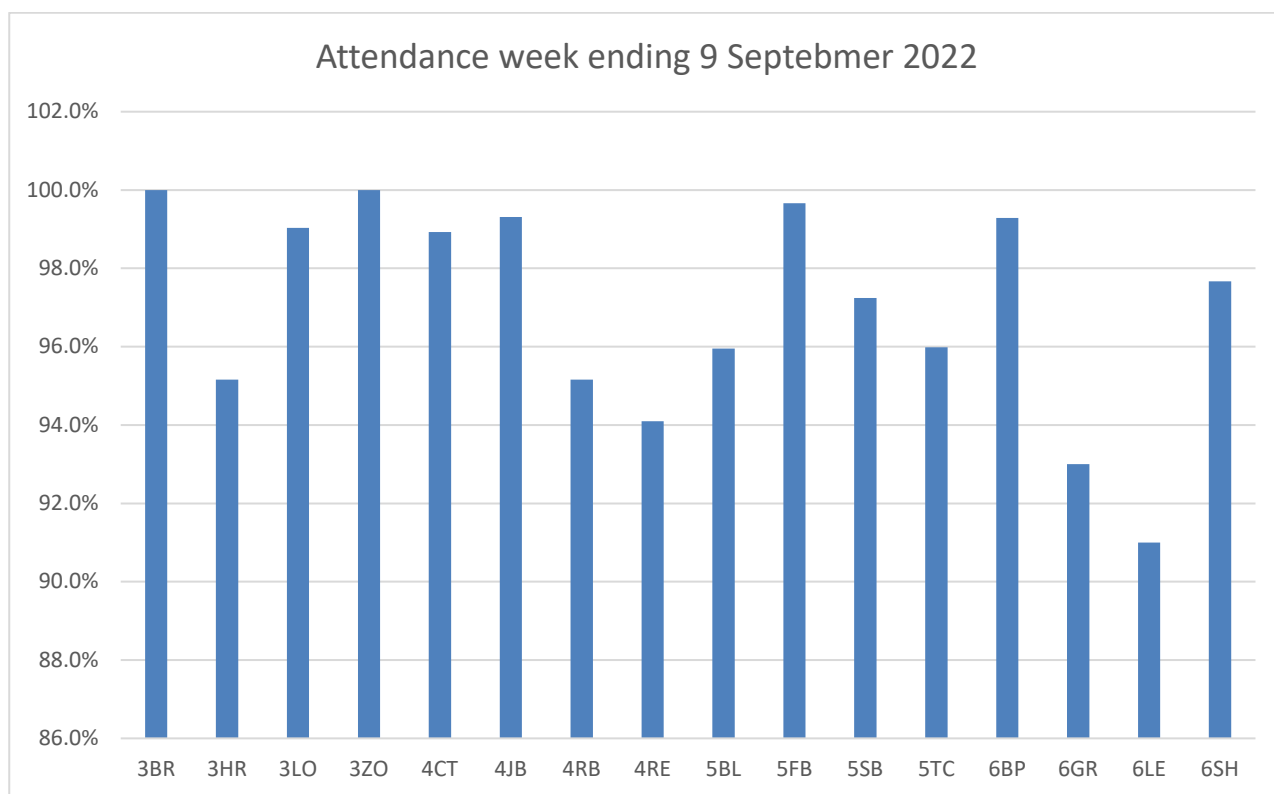
Year 6: Josh M, Quinn E, Dan B, Alicia C

House Points this week

Austen	78
Brunel	104
Nightingale	85
Wellington	98

House point winners this week: **Brunel**

Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 97%

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Key Dates

21 Sept	Portrait Photographs
24 Oct	Autumn Half Term
31 Oct	INSET day
2 Nov	Learning Consultations
3 Nov	Learning Consultations
5 Nov	HSCA Fireshow
15 Nov	Year 5 Learning Event
17 Nov	Year 6 Learning Event
22 Nov	Year 3 Learning Event
28 Nov	INSET Day
6 Dec	Year 4 Christmas Production
8 Dec	Year 4 Christmas Production
14 Dec	Carols Around the Tree
16 Dec	End of Autumn Term - 1:30 finish
19 Dec	Christmas Holiday
13 Feb	Spring Half Term
20 Feb	INSET Day
22 Feb	Learning Consultations
23 Feb	Learning Consultations
31 Mar	End of Spring Term - 1:30 finish
3 Apr	Easter Holiday
29 May	Summer Half Term
19 Jun	Sports Day
4 Jul	Year 6 Production
6 Jul	Year 6 Production
7 Jul	Annual pupil reports circulated to parents
10 Jul	Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill
18 Jul	Strawberry Tea
20 Jul	Year 6 Leaver Assembly
24 Jul	Summer Holiday

Special Menu

Roald Dahl Day

13th September



Squiggly Spaghetti - The Twits
Spaghetti (G) with Bolognaise Sauce (C)

Snotty Green Boogers - BFG
Broccoli Alfresco Pasta (G,MK) V

Snozzcumber Salad - BFG
Shredded Cucumber Salad ve

Mikey Wormwood's Magical Carrots - Matilda
Carrot Batons ve

Bruce Bogtrotter's Chocolate Cake - Matilda
Chocolate Brownie (G,E) & Chocolate Sauce (MK) V

Also available - Baked Jacket Potato with Baked
Beans ve or Cheese (MK) V



BM1 & BM2

V - Suitable for vegetarians

ve - Suitable for vegans & vegetarians

Allergen Key -

CAPITAL LETTERS = contains, lower case = may contain
celery and celeriac (C), Crustaceans/Shellfish (CR), Eggs (E), Fish (F), Gluten (G), Lupin (L), Milk (MK), Molluscs (MO), Mustard (MU), Nuts (N), Peanuts (P), Sesame Seeds (SE), Soya and Soya products (SO), Sulphites (SU)

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD



ALL-DAY FAMILY FRIENDLY MICRO FESTIVAL

17 SEPTEMBER 2022

TICKETS: [OFFTHEHOOKFEST.COM/TICKETS](https://offthehookfest.com/tickets)

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