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**Weekly Newsletter, week ending Friday Friday 3 February 2023**

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### **World Book Day**

A Parent Mail communication was sent out on Monday this week advising of our plans to celebrate World Book Day on 1<sup>st</sup> March. We have invited parents to come in and share a story with their child's class at 3pm on WBD, please do complete the form if this is something you would like to take part in.

We also requested voluntary donations of £1 which will go towards our exciting project of creating an outdoor reading shed. Donations for this event can be made through SCOPAY (Tucasi).

### **Clever Never Goes (Stranger Danger)**

We have reminded the children today of how to keep safe outside of the school grounds, discussing 'Clever Never Goes' and reminding children of stranger danger. Please use the link below for further information that you may like to access and continue discussions at home <https://clevernevergoes.org/>

### **Support Staff Vacancies**

We have two positions available within our support staff team; please see below for further details.

#### **Lunchtime Supervisor**

We are looking to recruit a friendly, caring person who enjoys working with children to join our hard working and supportive team of Lunchtime Supervisors. The position involves working from 11.45am until 1.30pm on four or five days of the week.

#### **Learning Support Assistant 1:1 Support in KS2**

We are looking to appoint a 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. The role will involve you working 1:1 with a pupil with special educational needs. Your support will extend into lunchtimes covering lunchtime duties.

The position is Monday to Friday, term time only, for a total of 32.5 hours per week.

For further details of either post and an application pack, please contact the school office via email or call 01256 762468. Alternatively, read more on the [Hampshire Education Jobs website](https://www.hampshireschools.co.uk/jobs/).

### **Office Team**

We welcome to the office team this week Mrs Hart and her main focus will be finance aspects, including pupil dinners.

### **Schools' Football Week – 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February**



We are joining schools across the country in supporting the above event and shall be celebrating school football and embracing the wellbeing benefits it provides to pupils and players. The key to this week is to promote the game to ALL, with a particular focus of promoting the women's game. If you would like to read more, please follow the link: <https://schoolsfootballweek.co.uk/>

Our aim is to provide every child in the school with the opportunity to take part in some fun football activities, including a crossbar challenge being organised by Mr Bower.

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

Linking well with Football Week, is Children's Mental Health week which we shall also be celebrating. Our assembly on Monday will be based around this year's theme, Let's Connect. Please see image below giving top tips and advice on ways you can support your child.

## Message from the Governors

We held our first full governor meeting for 2023 this week. There has been lots of great activity at school since returning from the Christmas break and time has definitely flown by quickly! Our meeting on Tuesday focused on the Head Teacher report that is presented to the governors every term, this gives a fantastic overview of all aspects of the school and enables the Governors to discuss operational and strategic matters with the Senior Leadership Team.

We also reviewed the results of the parent survey from the Autumn term. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey, we value your feedback and we will be publishing the results and action points very soon.

Finally, we must mention the strike held by the National Education Union (NEU) on Wednesday. As Governors we appreciate the impact that the industrial action causes for everyone associated with the school, whether you agree or not with the action taken, as school leaders our priority is to avoid children missing education and causing disruption to parents and families. The school achieved this by remaining fully open on Wednesday for all children.

Our next meeting in February will focus on the curriculum.

Gareth Evans

Chair of Governors

## Basingstoke Town U11s Fundraising Disco

We have been contacted by one of our parents whose son plays for Basingstoke Town U11s Football Team, they have organised a fundraising disco – please see details below:

Saturday 11th Feb, 5:30-9pm

Elizabeth Hall, Hook, RG27 9HH

Featuring DJ Grimesey

FIFA Station

Tuck shop & Food

Age limit - Year 8

Children Year 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult - ratio 4-1 adult

Tickets:

Child: £5, including a soft drink

Adult: £0.00, adult tickets are free, however you will still require a ticket for entry, please select an adult ticket option.

Adults are welcome to bring their own drinks

[Find out more on the event website.](#)

## Learning Consultations for Parents and Children

As you are aware, Spring Term Learning Consultations are taking place in school on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 February. A Parent Mail has been sent to parents this afternoon giving details on how to book an appointment. **In order for you to make an appointment with your child's class teacher it is essential that we have the correct email address on record for you and that you have completed the Arbor Parent Portal registration process. Please do not try to book an appointment before the system is live which will be on Monday 6 February.**

## Stars of the Week

Year 3: Reyansh I, Willow D, Isla P, Katie G

Year 4: Eathen M, Robin K, Isabel R, Harry R

Year 5: Eloise T, Magda C, Josh V T, Casper K

Year 6: Ed B, Joshua F-T, Jacob A, Dilraj P, Tabitha E-P, Dylan H

## House Points this week

**Austen** 162

**Brunel** 163

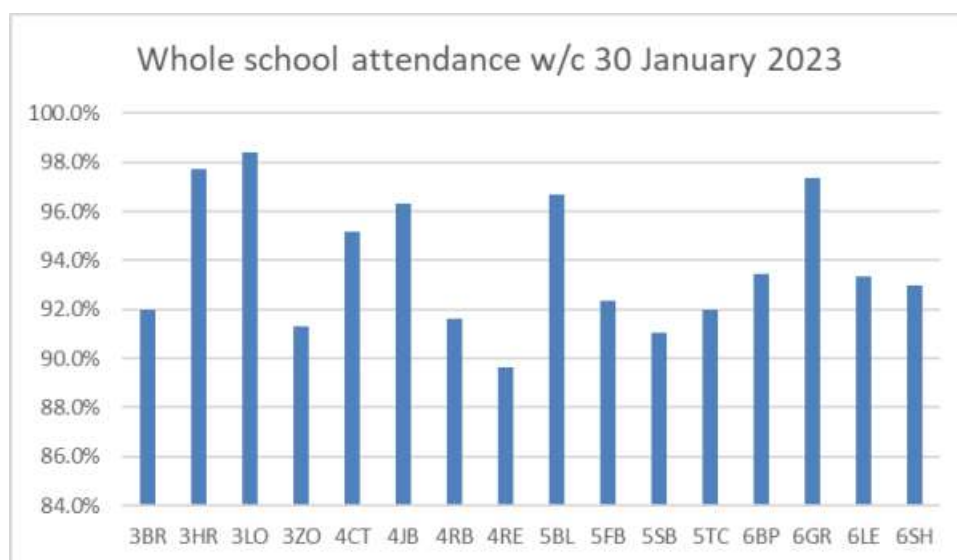
**Nightingale** 171

**Wellington** 163

**House point winners this week: Nightingale**

Reading Raffle Winner: Abeeshca

## Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: 93.86%

## Find out more...

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

**Key Dates** – New dates added since the last Newsletter appear in green

<b>23 Jan</b>	Fleet Scoop visiting Year 4
<b>6 Feb</b>	<b>Learning Consultations Bookings open</b>
<b>8 Feb</b>	Coffee Morning for parents and carers of Year 5 and Year 6
<b>6 Feb</b>	Year 5 Learning Event, 5TC and 5SB, 1:30 – 3:10
<b>9 Feb</b>	Year 5 Learning Event, 5FB and 5BL, 1:30 – 3:10
<b>13 Feb</b>	Spring Half Term
<b>20 Feb</b>	INSET Day – Hook Juniors (please note that the Infants do not have an Inset day)
<b>21 Feb</b>	New School Lunch Menu starts
<b>22 Feb</b>	Learning Consultations
<b>23 Feb</b>	Learning Consultations
<b>1 Mar</b>	Whole School World Book Day – dress up as a fictional character
<b>1 Mar</b>	Bag2School collection
<b>2 Mar</b>	Year 5 River Trip, 5TC and 5SB
<b>3 Mar</b>	Year 5 River Trip, 5FB and 5BL
<b>8 Mar</b>	<b>Year 5 Marchants Hill and Sex and Relationships Education Meeting - 5pm</b>
<b>16 Mar</b>	Mother's Day Sale – Junior School
<b>17 Mar</b>	Red Nose Day
<b>20 Mar</b>	Young Shakespeare Company performing to Year 5 & 6
<b>23 Mar</b>	Iron Age workshop with Year 3
<b>24 Mar</b>	Iron Age workshop with Year 3
<b>25 Mar</b>	HSCA Beer Festival
<b>28 Mar</b>	Easter Service to Parents – 3HR and 3LO
<b>28 Mar</b>	Year 4 Learning Event, 2.15pm – 3pm
<b>29 Mar</b>	Easter Service to Parents – 3ZO and 3BR
<b>29 Mar</b>	Year 6 Learning Event – 6BP and 6SH, 9am – 10am
<b>29 Mar</b>	Year 6 Learning Event – 6GR and 6LE, 2pm – 3pm
<b>30 Mar</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting (further information to follow)</b>
<b>31 Mar</b>	End of Spring Term - 1:30pm finish
<b>3 Apr</b>	Easter Holiday
<b>17 Apr</b>	Summer Term – Back to school
<b>17 Apr</b>	Year 4 Viking Workshop – 4JB and 4RE (Viking Dress-up Day)
<b>18 Apr</b>	Year 4 Viking Workshop – 4RB and 4CT (Viking Dress-up Day)

<b>8 May</b>	Bank Holiday – The King's Coronation
<b>9 - 12 May</b>	Year 6 SATS
<b>21 May</b>	Hook Fun Run
<b>29 May</b>	Summer Half Term
<b>15 Jun</b>	Father's Day Sale – Junior School
<b>16 Jun</b>	Bag2School collection
<b>19 Jun</b>	Sports Day
<b>22 Jun</b>	Year 4 Trip to Lepe Beach (4JB and 4RE)
<b>23 Jun</b>	Year 4 Trip to Lepe Beach (4CT and 4RB)
<b>24 Jun</b>	HSCA Summer Fair
<b>26 Jun</b>	Year 6 Transition Day to Robert May's School
<b>27 Jun</b>	Year 6 Transition Day to Robert May's School
<b>4 Jul</b>	Year 6 Production
<b>6 Jul</b>	Year 6 Production
<b>7 Jul</b>	Annual pupil reports circulated to parents
<b>10 Jul</b>	Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill
<b>18 Jul</b>	Strawberry Tea
<b>18 Jul</b>	HSCA End of Year Disco (Years 3,4 and 5)
<b>20 Jul</b>	Year 6 Leaver Assembly
<b>20 Jul</b>	Year 6 Leavers Festival
<b>21 Jul</b>	End of Summer Term – 1:30 finish
<b>24 Jul</b>	Summer Holiday
<b>16 Oct</b>	Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill
<b>4 Nov</b>	HSCA Firework Show
<b>2 Dec</b>	HSCA Christmas Fair

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the schools Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Mrs L Martin (Headteacher), Mrs N Bailey (Deputy Headteacher), Miss J Carne (Inclusion Leader) or Miss E Smith (SENDCo) with any concerns. Further Safeguarding information and support can be found via [www.NSPCC.org.uk](http://www.NSPCC.org.uk) or Childline 0800 1111

Any concerns may also be raised directly with Hampshire County Council Children's services phone line (anonymously if you wish) by calling 0300 555 1384. Keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility.

## TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear parents and carers,

6 - 12 February 2023 is Children's Mental Health Week. The week is run by children's mental health charity Place2Be to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is Let's Connect.

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections, and for Children's Mental Health Week 2023, Place2Be is encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.

As parents and carers, you are an important role model to your child. How you connect with friends and family will influence your child, and how they develop their own friendships and relationships. For example, how you greet people and maintain friendships, but also how you forgive people or say sorry when you need to.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Here are a few simple ways you can connect with your child and help them to make meaningful connections.

#### 1. Connect with your child in everyday ways

Moments of connection (and re-connection) are really important in child-caregiver relationships. For example, when you pick them up from school, or come in from work, try to give them your full attention and see if this helps you feel better connected as you hug, talk, smile and hear about their day. Watching your child play and joining in is really important to them – so put your phone away and have a bit of fun – being playful is good for adults, too!

With your older child, you may find times such as car journeys a good time to talk, or to re-connect by playing music you both like. It is important to be accessible to a teenager when they need to talk. You may have to be there 'on their terms' and be ready to listen.

#### 2. Talk to your child about important connections

This could include talking about family members, friends, neighbours, childminders, people in the local community and others in your faith group (if you have one). Remember it's ok to talk about people they miss, for example, family members who live in a different country or people who have died.

Children learn a lot from their parents about how to express their feelings, including the joy that comes with feeling connected to others and the sadness that comes with missing others.

#### 3. Talk to your child about their friends

As children become teenagers, their friendship groups become increasingly important to them. Be open to hearing about their friendships and try to listen without judgement.



Ask them about their life in real life and online. You may not think online friends are 'real friends', but your child may feel differently. Losing friends, feeling left out or being bullied is very painful and your child needs to know you will support them through these difficult times.

#### 4. Connect by taking an interest in your child's world

As adults we can sometimes be dismissive of the things that our children and teenagers are interested in, e.g. their music, fashion, what they watch etc. If you do take an interest in these things, however, you may feel better connected to your child and the important things in their world. This can lead to other conversations about other things in their lives that matter to them.

#### 5. Find time to connect as a family

Family life can become busy and stressful, so it's important to find some time where you connect together. This could include simple things like cooking, watching a film, playing a game, going to the park or even doing the family shop together.

#### 6. Try to resolve conflict and re-connect after arguments

Arguments and moments of disconnection are bound to happen in families - between your children, between yourself and your children and between yourself and your partner, if you have one. It is important that children learn how to disagree in appropriate ways, how to say sorry and how to make amends when they have done something wrong. They will learn a lot about how to do these things from you - so try to model the behaviour you want to see in your children. Talk to them about how to re-connect with friends after arguments including what they can do to help repair relationships.

### Video activities from Place2Be

**Puzzle Pieces** - aimed at 4-7 year olds, this activity is presented by CBBC's Art Ninja, Ricky Martin, and will show children how we are all connected. Why not take part as a family? [childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/puzzlepieces](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/puzzlepieces)

**Connecting Paperchains** - developed by Place2Be's Art Room team for 7-11 year olds, this activity helps children think about the people, things and activities they feel connected to. [childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/paperchains](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/paperchains)

**Exchanging Postcards** - developed by Place2Be's Art Room team for 11-14 year olds, this activity encourages young people to explore what connection means to them. [childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/postcards](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/postcards)

### Looking for free practical advice to help you support your child?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour. [parentingsmart.org.uk](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

**Let your child know that if they are worried about something, they should always talk to an adult they trust. It could be you, someone in your family, a teacher or someone else in their school.**

If you're worried about your child's mental health you can talk to your GP or someone at your child's school.

You can also find a list of organisations that provide support and advice on our website: [place2be.org.uk/help](https://place2be.org.uk/help)

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**Basingstoke Town U11s Fundraising**

# DISCO

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**5:30pm-9pm**

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*featuring DJ Grimesey*

**FIFA Station  
Tuck shop & food**

Tickets

**£5**

Inc. 1 soft drink

[Click here to buy tickets](#)

**Age limit - Yr 8**

children Yr 6 and under must be  
accompanied by an adult - ratio 4 to 1 adult

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