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Weekly Newsletter, week ending Friday 13 January 2023

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Applications for Year 3 places for September 2023

The deadline for parents to apply for a Year 3 place is almost upon us and will close at 23:59pm on Sunday 15 January 2023. It is vital that parents apply by the deadline as late applications will not be considered until after all on-time applications which could jeopardise your chance of gaining a place at your preferred school.

PE Uniform Reminder

We have noticed many children coming to school in various forms of PE kit which do not form part of the school PE uniform. When children have PE they should arrive at school wearing the PE kit described below, instead of their regular school uniform. All children are required to wear an appropriate combination of the following upper body and lower body PE kit:

- White short sleeve polo shirt bearing the Hook Junior School logo in the appropriate house colour.
- Navy shorts or skirt bearing the Hook Junior School logo
- White sports socks
- Trainers

An optional navy tracksuit, formed of navy top and bottoms, each bearing the Hook Junior School logo may be worn for some outside activities during the winter months. Our uniform is described and illustrated on the [School Uniform page of our website](#).

Thank you for your support in ensuring that children are appropriately dressed for school each day.

Coffee Mornings for parents and carers in January and February

You are invited to join us for an informal coffee morning on the appropriate date in January and February, as listed below, between 8.45 to 9.30am. This is an opportunity to drop in, enjoy a hot drink and a pastry and talk to us. Please come to the school office from 08:40 on the appropriate date. We look forward to seeing you!

18 January: Year 3 and Year 4 parents and carers

8 February: Year 5 and Year 6 parents and carers

Design Technology

As part of our enquiry cycle in design technology, the pupils investigate topic related items before designing, making and evaluating their own product. As a school, we would like to create a bank of high-quality resources specific to the DT units for the children to explore as part of their learning.

We would be grateful for good condition donations of the following:

- Steady hand games; electrical buzz/wire games
- Pop-up books: for younger and older children
- Small wildlife shelters such as bird houses/hides
- Materials/clothing/items that contain glow in the dark or LED lights or reflective materials or colour changing (photochromatic).

Please deliver any donations to the school office, clearly marked 'DT resources'.

We are a nut-free school

Important Reminder: we are a nut-free school. We have a number of children who have nut allergies and we kindly ask that any products containing nuts are not brought into school.

Pabulum 'Favourites' Day Menu

Thursday 20 January is 'favourites day' and there will be a change of school lunch menu options as explained below.

Children can order their meal on the day – there's no need order in advance. If your child will be having school meal on Favourites Day, it will be helpful if you would indicate your child's meal preference by completing the Favourites Menu Options form we sent this week on ParentMail.

The Favourites Day menu is free from the following allergens: Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Fish, Crustaceans, Molluscs, Celery, Lupin, Mustard and Sulphites.

Mains:	Beef Burger in a Bun
	Margherita Pizza (V)
	Baked Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) or Cheese (V)
Sides:	Potato Wedges (Ve) and Sweetcorn (Ve) & Coleslaw (V)
	Fresh Bread (available daily)
	Fresh Salad Bar (available daily)
Desserts:	Jelly (Ve)
Available Everyday:	Fresh Fruit (Ve)
	Yoghurt with Fruit Topping (V)
	V = vegetarian
	Ve = vegan

Do we have the correct information on record for your child?

We recently invited all parents and carers to login to the Arbor Parent Portal and review the information we hold in relation to your child. This includes important details such as emergency contacts, medical details, dietary needs and more. If you have not already logged into the Arbor Parent Portal, please do this as a matter of urgency and review the details we hold. It is essential that the information we hold is current and accurate so that we can fully care for your child while they are attending school. Login to the Parent Portal here, using your email address as the username: <https://login.arbor.sc/>

If you have not previously logged in to the Arbor Parent Portal, you will have received an email from us today inviting you to do so. Please follow the instructions within to register.

Our communication system has changed

The product we use to send you email and text messages has changed over the Christmas break. We will now send messages to you using ParentMail. You may already be familiar with ParentMail as it is also used by Hook Infant School. There's nothing you need to do at this stage and we will let you know when ParentMail is operational.

If you have not previously logged in to ParentMail, you will have received an email from us today inviting you to do so. Please follow the instructions within to register.

Parents who have not successfully logged into a ParentMail account will now also be alerted to school communications with an SMS message.

If think you are not receiving communications from us (or perhaps you know of someone else who is not receiving our messages), please contact the school office so that we can assist.

Vacancy

Hartley Wintney Parish Council have an exciting opportunity for a part time Finance Officer to join their team. If you are interested in this role, please register your interest with the Executive Clerk by Sunday 22nd January 2023, along with your CV and a covering letter detailing why you would like to be part of the Parish Council Team; clerk@hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk

Please visit www.hartleywintney-pc.gov.uk/vacancies for more details including job description.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Megan D, Marcey G, Gabby S, Laura A

Year 4: Molly F, Theo W, Caitlin D, Harry P

Year 5: Kayden W, Ravit G, Isla H, Arianne I, Ellie K

Year 6: Hugo F, Anja E, Imogen D, Sophie D

House Points this week

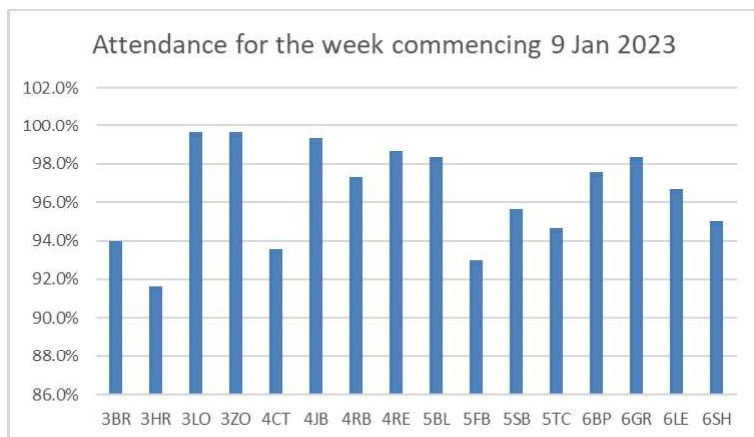
Austen 261

Brunel 266
Nightingale 240
Wellington 289

House point winners this week: Wellington

Reading Raffle Winner: Phoebe, Year 5

Attendance



Whole school attendance this week: **96.44%**

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Key Dates – **New dates added to this Newsletter appear in green**

18 Jan	Coffee Morning for parents and carers of Year 3 and Year 4
23 Jan	Fleet Scoop visiting Year 4
8 Feb	Coffee Morning for parents and carers of Year 5 and Year 6
6 Feb	Year 5 Learning Event, 5TC and 5SB, 1:30 – 3:10
9 Feb	Year 5 Learning Event, 5FB and 5BL, 1:30 – 3:10
13 Feb	Spring Half Term
20 Feb	INSET Day
22 Feb	Learning Consultations
23 Feb	Learning Consultations
1 Mar	Whole School World Book Day – dress up as a fictional character
1 Mar	Bag2School collection
2 Mar	Year 5 River Trip, 5TC and 5SB
3 Mar	Year 5 River Trip, 5FB and 5BL
16 Mar	Mother's Day Sale – Junior School
17 Mar	Red Nose Day
20 Mar	Young Shakespeare Company performing to Year 5 & 6
23 Mar	Iron Age workshop with Year 3
24 Mar	Iron Age workshop with Year 3
25 Mar	HSCA Beer Festival
29 Mar	Year 6 Learning Event – 6BP and 6SH, 09:00 – 10:00
29 Mar	Year 6 Learning Event – 6GR and 6LE, 14:00 – 15:00
31 Mar	End of Spring Term - 1:30 finish
3 Apr	Easter Holiday
17 Apr	Summer Term – Back to school
8 May	Bank Holiday – The King's Coronation
9 - 12 May	Year 6 SATS
21 May	Hook Fun Run
29 May	Summer Half Term
15 Jun	Father's Day Sale – Junior School
16 Jun	Bag2School collection
19 Jun	Sports Day
24 Jun	HSCA Summer Fair
26 Jun	Year 6 Transition Day to Robert Mays School
27 Jun	Year 6 Transition Day to Robert Mays School
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
18 Jul	HSCA End of Year Disco (Years 3,4 and 5)
20 Jul	Year 6 Leaver Assembly
20 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Festival
21 Jul	End of Summer Term – 1:30 finish
24 Jul	Summer Holiday
16 Oct	Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill
4 Nov	HSCA Firework Show
2 Dec	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 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.