



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24 March 2023

Update from the Governors

We wish to thank school leaders and staff for doing all they could to keep the school open and maintain our children's education, during recent NEU strike action. Industrial action and pay disputes are very difficult times for those involved and can open up the difference in opinion and objectives. A reminder of the importance of living the school's core values: Responsibility, Respect, Inclusion and Empathy.

Towards the end of Autumn term, the school and governing body undertook a parent survey. Thank you to all of you who took the time to respond.

The results were overall very positive. Some 98% of you are confident that their child is taught well at the school, and the school helps develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics, and 91% would recommend the school to another parent. The written feedback has been particularly helpful in putting the responses in context, and also have helped Mrs Martin and the leadership team take some immediate steps to respond to issues raised.

Having reviewed and discussed the results, the key area of focus identified where we would like to improve before the next survey is Communications, which had the lowest score (80%) across any of those asked, and also showed a drop compared to pre-Covid. A number of changes have already been made to improve in this area, which I hope you have seen the benefits of. We will continue this focus through the full school year.

A selection of the changes made in response to your comments are shown below. For those interested in the detail, full results of this survey have been published on the school's website, under the Governance section.



Red Nose Day

Thank you once again, for supporting this worthwhile cause - we are delighted to tell you that we raised a total of £1,022 which was a combination of proceeds from the sale of the red noses and donations through the JustGiving platform. Thank you to our School Councillors for helping to coordinate the process.

Inter-house Sport

Last Monday, we had our first inter-house sporting event of the year. Years 3 and 5 took part in inter-house tag rugby, and Years 4 and 6 took part in inter-house lacrosse. All children that participated showed excellent form when playing. There were some fantastic passes, goals and great communication and teamwork was shown by all. The children supporting on the side-lines also showed great sportsmanship, cheering for their teams but also encouraging the others. Austen were the overall winners, with Wellington coming second.

Netball

Our netball team have been training incredibly hard this year. A selection went to a tournament on Tuesday at Elvetham Heath where they played 4 matches. They showed excellent resilience and determination, working well as a team and showing great tactics which resulted in them winning 3 out of the 4 games. Another selection went to our first league match on Wednesday after school. The team were incredible, showing initiative in finding space as well as superb interception skills, allowing them to maintain control of the game throughout. They came away winning 23 – 1, a fantastic first league game

result. Both Miss Bowyer and I have been very proud of them all so far, and we are excited for the upcoming games to see what more they can achieve.



International Women's Day Football Event

After being postponed due to the snow last time, we were thrilled to be able to participate in the rearranged event on Wednesday lunchtime. There was an amazing turnout of girls that came to join in, with over 120 taking part over the hour. Some children spent the time practising their passing and dribbling skills, and others took part in some mini matches. The children were delighted to have members of staff joining in, especially when Mrs Bailey scored a goal! It was lovely to see so many girls involved and enjoying the event, and there are some excellent footballers coming up through the school!

Gymnastics Club for the Summer Term

Inspire Gymnastics have places available for their early morning Gymnastics club, starting on Thursday 20 April. For more information please see the flyer at the end of this communication.

Year 3 Iron Age Workshops

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed the past two days stepping back in time to the Iron Age period. Iron Age Matt made the two days extremely entertaining for all the children from getting them dressed up as warriors and 'Chiefy' to handling artefacts like the Quern Stone. During the workshop, the children have designed and decorated their own fighting shield and spear tips, which they are all looking forward to showing you. Today, the children have participated in warrior training using javelins and swords to fight off

enemies and protect their roundhouses. Thank you for providing some amazing costumes, it has made the days feel even more special.







Easter Assemblies

Year 3 are looking forward to performing our Easter assemblies with you next week too.

3HR and 3LO is on Tuesday 28th March at 9am.

3BR and 3ZO is on Wednesday 29th March at 9am.

HJS at Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival News



This time of year marks the start of the Basingstoke Music and Arts Festival. Over the four weekends in March, Queen Mary's College in Basingstoke comes alive with the performing arts! This year some of Hook Junior School's talented pupils participated, with outstanding results.

Bethany, Emily, and Finn from Year 5 won first place in the woodwind section with their flawless flute trio performance of Pachelbel's Canon. In addition, Bethany won the mini challenge (9 years and under), and she and Finn both came first in their graded solo classes - Bethany in grade 4 and Finn in grade 2!

The following day, Finn returned to compete in the brass section. In both graded and brass ensemble classes, he won first place. In recognition of their outstanding performance, he and his older brother were awarded the adjudicator's choice trophy.

Last weekend it was the turn of the strings and creative writing sections. For her superb performance of Petite Rhapsodie Hongroise in the grade 4 class, Evie won first place and the Philip Brown Violin Junior Cup. And finally, Ava's entry - a short story entitled 'The Lost Bag' - was chosen (out of many, many entries) to be performed on Sunday in the Creative Writing Section!

As a school, we are so proud of all these pupils; for their dedication to this event, and their fearless and inspiring bravery when it comes to performing!

This Sunday, the festival will hold a Gala Concert in the Main Hall at QMC, where you can catch some of the top performances from the event. The performances begin at 2:30 p.m.

Orchestra Spring Concert

As part of an entertaining evening of music for their friends and family, Hook Junior School's orchestra joined three other schools on stage at Christ Church in Chineham on Wednesday evening.

Among the program highlights were Great Binfields' 'Skat Cat Swing', Oakley's 'Township Jive', and St Mary's 'Hard Hat Rock' (for which they donned hi-vis jackets).

A trio of outstanding performances were given by Hook's young musicians. It included Ian Mackenzie's 'Samba Groove' and 'Nightflight' and Mrs Linehan-Hill's fantastic arrangement of Camila Cabello's 'Havana'.

Well done to all the players involved from Hook; Mrs Raimbaux, Mrs Linehan-Hill, and your families are extremely proud of you.

It takes a team effort to play at such a high level; without the foundations (which they receive in abundance from their instrumental teachers) and the support they receive from Mrs Linehan-Hill, Mrs Raimbaux, and parent-helper, Mrs White, during Friday rehearsals, I am confident the concert wouldn't have been as polished as it was yesterday.

The audience was filled with so many familiar faces - thank you so much for all your support and encouragement - it is greatly appreciated!

Sainsburys Store Construction

A communication has been sent to local residents by the Sainsbury's project team. At the time of writing, it is anticipated that current highway works will be completed on 13 April and Sainsbury's Hook will open to customers on Tuesday 16th May 2023.

Recruitment of colleagues to work in the store has now begun and anyone who is interested in applying will be able to do so via Sainsbury's jobs website in the coming weeks by navigating to <https://sainsburys.jobs/>.

The full communication is attached to this newsletter.

Learn how to play the Tenor Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, or Tuba, completely free of charge

For the last 18 years, the Hampshire County Youth Band (one of the UK's leading youth bands) have made this a possibility via the Endangered Species Scheme.

They are looking for Year 4 or 5 pupils to be the next generation of players of instruments that, for one reason or another, have become endangered within their groups.

On Saturday 22 April 2023 10am- 11am or 11am - 12pm and Saturday 29 April 2023 10am - 11am or 11am - 12pm they are offering the opportunity for students to start learning to play an endangered species brass instrument. Initially, they will run a small series of taster sessions which will give interested students the opportunity to try out the different instruments before committing to the scheme. These sessions will then evolve into an hour-long tuition and ensemble session on a weekly, term-time basis.

If you would like to attend the taster sessions, please follow the link below (or via the flyer attached at the end of this communication).

[HCYB Endangered Species 2023 Taster Day](#)

Curry and Quiz Night

Victoria's Promise is a Hook-based charity that supports young women, and their families, through cancer and beyond. They are hosting a Curry and Quiz night at Hook Tandoori, on Wednesday 19th April, so give yourself a mid-week treat and book at:

<https://www.victoriaspromise.org/events/victorias-promise-curry-and-quiz-night/edate/2023-04-19/>

Further details to follow. Any questions, please email katrina@victoriaspromise.org

Support Staff Vacancy – still open for applications

We are looking to increase our team of lunchtime supervisors; 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.

For further details of either post and an application pack, please contact the school office via email or call 01256 762468.

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Sophia C, Jak J, Toby B, Elliot H,

Year 4: Pietro A F, Xander H, Freya C, Sophie R, Thomas D

Year 5: Noah S, Madeleine P, Hope B, Hannah V

Year 6: Izaiah R, Elsie O, Lara W, Dylan H, Dan P, Sophie J

House Points this week

Austen: 155

Brunel: 171

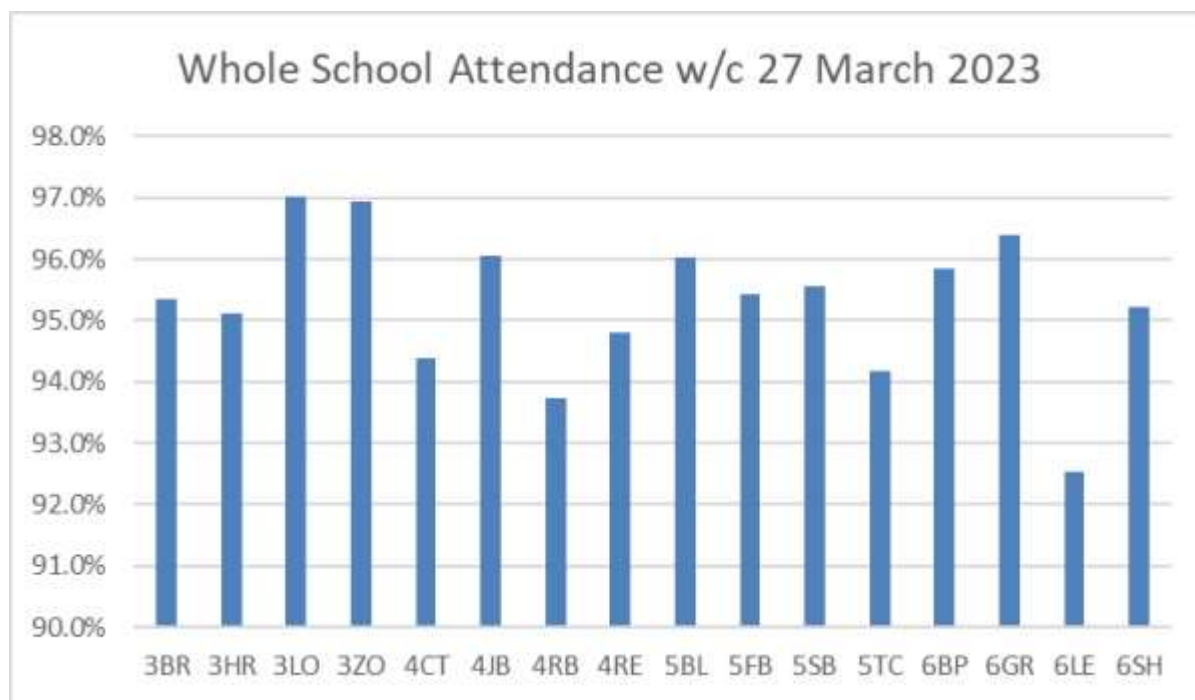
Nightingale: 160

Wellington: 154

House point winners this week: Brunel

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week: 95.28%



Find out more...

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

25 Mar HSCA Beer Festival

27 Mar Year 6 Learning Event – 6BP and 6SH, 2pm – 3pm

28 Mar Easter Service to Parents – 3HR and 3LO

28 Mar Year 4 Learning Event, 2.15pm – 3pm

29 Mar Easter Service to Parents – 3ZO and 3BR

29 Mar Year 6 Learning Event – 6GR and 6LE, 2pm – 3pm

30 Mar Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting (information sent on 7 February)

31 Mar End of Spring Term - 1:30pm finish

3 Apr Easter Holiday

17 Apr Summer Term – Back to school

17 Apr Year 4 Viking Workshop – 4JB and 4RE (Viking Dress-up Day) letter sent 21 March

18 Apr Year 4 Viking Workshop – 4RB and 4CT (Viking Dress-up Day) letter sent 21 March

19 April Coffee Morning for parents of children in Year 3 to 6

24 Apr Inter-house cross country (PE kit for whole school)

4 May King's Coronation Lunch Menu

8 May Bank Holiday – The King's Coronation

9 - 12 May Year 6 SATS

21 May Hook Fun Run

22 May Inter-house sports

23 May Year 6 Marchants Hill and Sex and Relationships Education Meeting for parents

29 May Summer Half Term

15 Jun Father's Day Sale – Junior School

16 Jun Bag2School collection

19 Jun Sports Day

22 Jun Year 4 Trip to Lepe Beach (4JB and 4RE)

23 Jun Year 4 Trip to Lepe Beach (4CT and 4RB)

24 Jun HSCA Summer Fair

26 Jun Year 6 Transition Day to Robert May's School

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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.

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Victoria's Promise

CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY
19TH APRIL 2023
At 6:30 PM
Tickets: £30/head**

**Hook Tandoori,
Fairholme Parade,
1 Station Road,
Hook, RG27 9HE**

**Bookings Required
Call: Kat Narey: 07830 288693
Email: katrina@victorias-promise.org
Online: www.victoriaspromise.org/events**



Easter Alive

Thursday 6th April

10 am - 4 pm

**at St John's, Hook
for under 12yrs.**

Bring a packed lunch

for more info & to book places

whitewaterchurches.co.uk/whatson/easter-alive/



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Join us this Easter at St John's, Hook

your local parish church



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Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday

10am All Age Service
6pm Holy Communion

Monday 3rd April

8pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 4th April

8pm Reflective Service

Wednesday 5th April

10am Communion in the Lady Chapel
8pm Fellowship & Prayer in the Lady Chapel

Children's Easter Activities

Easter Alive

Thursday 6th April 10am – 4pm
Activity day for under 12yrs, preschool children welcome with a carer. For details & to book places see <https://www.whitewaterchurches.co.uk/whitaton/easter-alive/>

Children's Activities during Services

On Friday 7th April 10am there will be Junior Church B on Sunday 9th April 10am there will be a separate young people's worship

Thursday 6th April – Maundy Thursday

10am Easter Alive – Activity Day for under 12yrs
8pm Maundy Thursday Communion

Friday 7th April – Good Friday

8:30am Stations of the Cross
10am Good Friday Service with Junior Church
12 noon Hook Churches Together – Walk of Witness. Meet at St John's
2pm Hour at the Cross, at Mattingley Church

Sunday 9th April – Easter Sunday

6:30am Sunrise Communion Service & Breakfast
8:30am Holy Communion at Mattingley Church
10am Easter Sung Eucharist & Easter Egg Hunt. Alongside this service, there will be a separate young people's worship.
6:30pm Evensong at Rotherwick Church

So that we can continue to support our village community, can you support us with a monthly or a single donation? Scan this QR Code or visit www.tinyurl.com/stjohndonation



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We are looking for Year 4 or 5 students to be the next generation of tenor horn, euphonium, trombone, and tuba players

The Hampshire County Youth Bands are re-launching their highly successful Endangered Species programme on Saturday 22nd April 2023. Students will take part in fast-track learning every term-time Saturday at our rehearsal base in Alresford, before joining the Hampshire County Junior Band

FREE RESOURCES!



Scan the QR code to book your place



Hampshire County Council

www.hants.gov.uk/hms