



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8 September 2023

Welcome back

It's been a delight to have children return to school this week just as summer makes an appearance! We have been very impressed with the enthusiasm and maturity demonstrated by all pupils as they get settled into routines once again. It has been a great start to the year and has been lovely seeing children dressed smartly and glad to be back at school.

Important Safeguarding message from Mrs Martin

Safeguarding - Skate Park

We have sadly been made aware of suspicious activity on the skate park which suggests County Lines is actively 'recruiting' children who use the skate park. County Lines is a widespread national issue and is occurring in Hook. This means recruiting children from our school. Some older children and adults who use the skate park travel quite some distance to do so. It has been reported that junior school children were offered brand new scooters to do 'jobs for them'; they may also offer money, new phones and other valuable and appealing items in return for children eventually delivering drugs locally.

If you see or receive any information about activity on the skate park that you are not comfortable with, **you must report it to the police by dialling 111**. If there is a particular child you are concerned about you can also refer your concern directly to Hampshire Children's Services on 0300 555 1384 / 0300 555 1384 or speak with any Designated Safeguarding Leader (DSL) / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leader (DDSL) at school. You may also wish to keep the Parish Council informed of any suspicious activity on their grounds.

Having a new skatepark next to a school site is an exciting opportunity for children in our community to be active, outdoors and social, however, with almost 900 children (between the infant and junior schools) is rich pickings for those who wish to do harm. We requested when the new park was built that the Parish Council install CCTV on their property to safeguard our children and all members of the community who use the skatepark. We have CCTV on our school site which covers up to the school boundaries and cannot go beyond this. Due to limited security on the site, it is advisable that parents supervise their children when they are using the skate park.

We will be speaking with the children as part of safeguarding education within our curriculum about the risks on the skatepark, not accepting 'jobs/favours/ gifts' from anyone, however tempting (nothing is for free!) and that if they are approached by anyone on the skatepark (or anywhere) to report this to any trusted adult at home or school as soon as possible.

Thank you all for your support and vigilance in helping to safeguard our children.

Snacks

Please be reminded that children should only be bringing in fruit or vegetables to have as their mid-morning snack. In line with our whole school approach to promoting healthy eating in school, no other snack item is acceptable. Thank you for your support.

Parent Volunteers for Year 5 needed

A form has been sent to Year 5 parents asking for parent volunteers to help with their upcoming Design Technology (DT) project. Please complete the form if this is something you are able to help with or, if you have any difficulty submitting the form, please either call or email the school office.

Attendance

What a fantastic start to the school year and a particular well done to the two Year 3 and two Year 4 classes who scored 100% attendance! Our aim is to work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure each child has the best attendance possible and is happy attending school.

Girls' Football

Hook United Youth are looking to increase the number of girls in their Under 7 and Under 8 teams.

Training sessions start this Sunday, for more information please contact Hook United directly. More details are in the flyer at the end of this communication.

Well Done William!

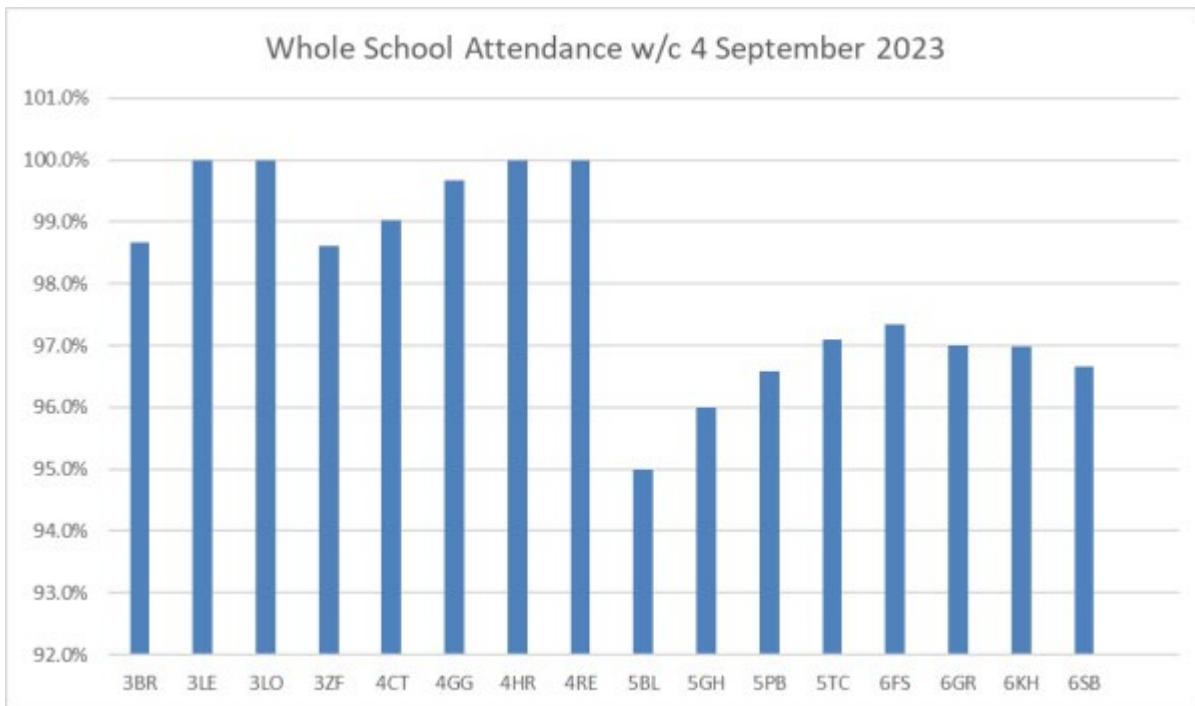
Congratulations to William J in 4GG who got through to the final of a poetry slam at Purbeck Valley Folk Festival over the summer holidays. William was competing against adults and children in the poetry slam and performed his poem to around 500 people.

Well done William, what a huge achievement!

Key dates for next academic year

Key dates for the academic year are listed on the Events page in the Parents section of our website. We have also listed them below for your convenience. Events have been planned as early as possible to give families as much notice as possible to attend. Please make a note of any events that are relevant to you and your child. Further reminders and arrangements for each event will be shared with you in due course.

Attendance



Whole School Attendance this week: 98.04%

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Avi S, Ellie G, Lily W, Erika B

Year 4: Poppy, William J, Sidney M, Aisha H

Year 5: Isaac T, Arian B, James T, Alfie J, Seraphina J-H

Year 6: Finn E, Edie M, Eloise T, Isla H

House Points this week

Austen: 120

Brunel: 129

Nightingale: 123

Wellington: 98

House point winners this week: Brunel

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Key Dates

New dates added since the last Newsletter appear in green

Dates for 2023 - 2024

18 Sep Marchants Hill Information Evening - 5pm

19 Sep Asthma Drop-in morning for parents organised by Frimley Health NHS (tbc)

20 Sep **Individual and Sibling Photographs in school**

25 Sep Inset Day – school closed to children

4 Oct Coffee Morning for Junior Parents - 8.45am

9 Oct Learning Consultations for Parents - 3.30pm until 6.30pm

10 Oct Learning Consultations for Parents – 3.30pm until 6.30pm

11 Oct Open Morning for Infant parents – 9am

16 Oct Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill

30 Oct Inset Day – school closed to children

4 Nov HSCA Firework Show

13 Nov Astronomer visit for Year 5 (back up date is 20 Nov)

13 Nov Odd Socks Day

13-17 Nov Anti-Bullying Week

21 Nov Year 5 Performance (5TC and 5GH) – 9.15am

22 Nov Year 5 Performance (5BL and 5PB) – 9.15am

30 Nov Year 3 Learning Event – 2pm

30 Nov Flu Vaccinations in School

2 Dec HSCA Christmas Fair

8 Dec Year 6 Learning Event – 2pm

12 Dec Christmas Production (4HR and 4GG) – 9.15am, parents to arrive from 8.45am

13 Dec Carols around the Tree – 4pm

13 Dec Christmas Lunch for Pupils

14 Dec Christmas Production (4RE and 4CT) – 9.15am, parents to arrive from 8.45am

2024

2 Jan Inset Day – school closed to children

5 Jan Year 5 Swimming starts (classes tbc)

15 Jan Pupil Progress Meetings (all week)

23 Jan Young Shakespeare Company Visit

- 24 Jan Coffee Morning for all Parents – 8.45am
- 29 Jan Young Voices Concert (selected Choir members)
- 5 Feb Learning Consultations – appointments between 3.30pm until 6.30pm
- 6 Feb Learning Consultations – appointments between 3.30pm until 6.30pm
- 6 Feb Safer Internet Day
- 19 Feb Inset Day – school closed to children
- 4 Mar SATs Presentation to Parents – 5pm
- 7 Mar World Book Day
- 11 Mar Science Week (all week)
- 14 Mar Gremlin Dance Challenge
- 15 Mar Red Nose Day
- 27 Mar Year 3 Easter Service in the Church (Learning Event) – 9.30am
- 27 Mar Year 3 Easter Service in the Church (Learning Event) – pm
- 8 May Coffee Morning for Parents of Year 2 Children – 8.45am
- 13 May SATs Week
- 29 Apr Open Box Theatre Company visit for Year 5
- 14 Jun Class Allocation Letters to Parents
- 17 Jun Sports Day
- 19 Jun Information Evening for Parents of Children in Year 2 - 5pm
- 5 Jul End of Year Reports to Parents
- 10 Jul Strawberry Tea

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.



HOOK UNITED
YOUTH FC



GIRLS FOOTBALL

School Years 2 & 3

Hook United Youth FC are actively supporting U7 & U8 girls players to start playing football. The focus is to have fun, make friends and play locally.

WHEN: Sundays 10-11am

WHERE: Hook Junior School

COST: £5 pay as you go

FIRST SESSION IS FREE!

CONTACT: girls@hookunitedyouthfc.org

NOTE: We hope to extend sessions to a wider age range at a later date