



## **Weekly Newsletter**

### **Week ending Friday 3 November 2023**

We are always delighted to receive feedback from parents and it helps inform our future decisions.

This week many parents attended our Mental Health and Online Safety workshop with Brightcore Education.

*I just wanted to say thank you for organising such an informative and important training session on Monday, covering online safety and mental health.*

*I found it terrifyingly useful! The speaker was extremely knowledgeable and it was very helpful to be provided with so many resources. I also found the mental health section excellent, especially useful to have the pillars explained and the slide on ways to encourage wellbeing. It's scary what children face these days so as a parent I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to have this training plus I know that the school will pass on the key principles to the children, which will be so beneficial to them all.*

With Year 6 children getting back into their routine here at school after Marchants Hill residential, another parent wrote:

*I just wanted to say thanks to the team for taking the year 6s to Marchants hill and also posting daily updates on social media. It was lovely to have an update each day. What a fantastic opportunity for the kids to build their confidence and independence. Probably a good opportunity for parents to start letting go of them a bit as they approach secondary school too. My daughter had a great time.*

### **Decorate a Christmas bauble for the Grand Parade Christmas Tree**

Hook Parish Council would absolutely love for Hook Junior pupils to create their own baubles again to go around the Grand Parade Christmas tree.

Children have been given a plain white paper Christmas bauble today for them to take home and decorate. Decorated baubles will be displayed on the Christmas tree in Grand Parade in December. Please encourage your child to decorate their bauble and bring it back to school no later than Tuesday 12 November. Baubles can be as creative as children would like, however they must be drawings only as the baubles will be laminated before they are put on display.

### **Hampshire Illustrated Book Award 2023**

The Year 5 children have been invited to take part in this years Illustrated Picture Book Awards which are organised by Hampshire School Library Service, this year is extra special as the awards are in their 20th year and over 110 schools are taking part in this year's event.

The books were launched to the Year 5's in a special assembly on Tuesday, where the children got to see the books for the first time. Over the coming weeks, the children will have the opportunity to read and

study the books, using their discussion skills, visual literacy skills alongside developing their creativity through the arts.

In November, the children will be asked to judge the books and to cast a vote that will determine the winner of the award. It's their choice that makes this so special. The winning author is presented an award by Hampshire School Library Service and the results will be announced to the classes in December.

I hope the children have fun looking at the books and casting the votes.

Mrs Adsley

## **Children in Need**

A separate communication in regard to this event on Friday 17 November has been sent to parents today.

## **Victoria's Promise Supper Party Night**

Parents, carers and friends; please join Victoria's Promise on Friday 24th November for a fantastic night of live music, delicious food and fine wine, all to raise funds to support young women, and their families, through cancer and beyond 💜

More details in the flyer below. Tickets available at: <https://www.victoriaspromise.org/events/>

## **Roadworks on London Road**

SGN have advised us that work will be carried out on the London Road, Hook to replace old gas pipes from the week beginning 30 October. They have passed the following details on to us - work will be completed in four phases.

### **Monday 30 October – for approx. seven weeks**

Work will be from outside Winkworth Business Park to Trotters Lane. the speed limit will be reduced from 60mph to 30 mph. While we are working in this location, Thames Water will be working overnight from 30 October until 3 November.

### **Monday 11 December until 15 December and then January for approximately four weeks**

Work will take place from Trotters Lane to Holt Lane. it will be necessary to install temporary three – way traffic lights at Totters Lane and Murrell Green Business Park. The speed reduction will remain in place during this phase.

### **Mid-February for approximately four weeks**

To ensure the safety of everyone around the worksite we will need to close the road, while we are working there. Access will be maintained for all residents and businesses and a signed diversion will be in place.

### **1 April for approximately four weeks**

We will be working in Holt Way and Whitewater Rise.

We will be asking road users to 'give and take' past our worksite. We will need to place parking cones in the roads to allow traffic to pass safely.

### **How will this affect your journey?**

Please check your bus providers website for changes to your route and time as some bus stops may be suspended.

Please ensure that visitors, suppliers, or delivery drivers are aware of the restrictions.

Your journey may take longer due to the reduced speed limits, temporary lights and road Please contact us at [customer@sgn.co.uk](mailto:customer@sgn.co.uk) if you have any queries closure.

## Attendance

3BR	3LE	3LO	3ZF	4CT	4GG	4HR	4RE	5BL	5GH	5PB	5TC	6FS	6GR	6KH	6SB
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Whole School Attendance this week: 97.08%

## Stars of the Week

Year 3: Olivia J, Rowan W, Beatrice M, Jake R, Maia S

Year 4: James M, Evie C, Alp A, Aarohi K

Year 5: Tabitha TG, Pietro A, Lexie C, Darcey G

Year 6: Eleanor D, Hannah V, Ellie-Mai B, Ben W, Divannusha H, Hope B

## House Points this week

Austen: 143

Brunel: 142

Nightingale: 150

Wellington: 153

House point winners this week: Wellington!

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## Key Dates

New dates added since the last Newsletter appear in green

### Dates for 2023 - 2024

4 Nov HSCA Firework Show

13-17 Nov Anti-Bullying Week

13-24 Switch Off Fortnight (more information to follow)

13 Nov Odd Socks Day

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

13 Nov HSCA Bag2School Collection

17 Nov Children in Need

17 Nov Year 5 & 6 Taiko Drumming Workshop

21 Nov Year 5 Performance (5TC and 5GH) – 9.15am (parents and carers to attend)

22 Nov Year 5 Performance (5BL and 5PB) – 9.15am (parents and carers to attend)

24 Nov Year 4 World Music Workshop

30 Nov Flu Vaccinations in School

30 Nov Year 3 Learning Event – 2pm (parents and carers to attend)

2 Dec HSCA Christmas Fair

8 Dec Year 6 Learning Event – 2pm (parents and carers to attend)

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

13 Dec Christmas Lunch for Pupils

13 Dec Carols around the Tree – 4pm

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

18 Dec – 1 Jan Christmas Holiday

2 Jan Inset Day – school closed to children

5 Jan Year 5 Swimming starts (classes tbc)

8 January Year 3 Iron Age Workshop

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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 Safer Internet Day

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12 Feb – 16 Feb Spring Half Term

19 Feb Inset Day – school closed to children

28 Feb HSCA Bag2School Collection

4 Mar SATs Presentation to Parents – 5pm

7 Mar World Book Day

11 Mar Science Week (all week)

14 Mar Gremlin Dance Challenge

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15 Mar Red Nose Day

27 Mar Year 3 (3BR & 3ZF) Easter Service in the Church (Learning Event) – 9.30am

27 Mar Year 3 (3LO & 3LE) Easter Service in the Church (Learning Event) – 2pm

29 Mar – 12 Apr Easter Holiday

23 Apr Year 4 Ufton Court Viking Workshop in school

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29 Apr Open Box Theatre Company visit for Year 5

6 May Spring Bank Holiday

8 May Coffee Morning for Parents of Year 2 Children – 8.45am

13 May SATs Week

27 May – 31 May Summer Half Term

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

24 Jul – 30 Aug Summer Holiday

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 Mrs Boardman (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.