



HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

Week ending Friday 12 January 2024

School Landscape

We recently invited all children to bring with them to school a pair of wellington boots for use during the school day. If you haven't already done so, please consider sending a pair that may be kept at school with your child so that they can access areas of our school grounds that are not accessible to them while wearing only school shoes – such as the field, which during the winter months is often too wet for shoes. If there happens to be any snowfall this winter then children will also be able to wear their boots when outside. We have provided storage for wellington boots outside all classrooms so that boots can be stored safely while airing / drying at the same time.



Until recently, an area of woodland within the school car park has been overgrown and offered no educational benefit to children. We have established a path into the wooded area and a clearing for children to visit and experience the outdoors. With their teacher or other school staff, they can use the space as a quiet area, spend time outside in a natural environment and explore the different sights, sounds, smells and textures within. As the weather improves, children may spend time in this natural environment working together in small groups and reading. They may also try identifying some of the plants they find, or build a den from the available materials.

Children's Commissioner - The Big Ambition Survey

If you haven't already done so, this is your final chance to participate in The Big Ambition Survey. The Children's Commissioner launched '**The Big Ambition**' in 2023, a nationwide survey to hear from young people about their schools, communities, family life, hopes, dreams and aspirations. The campaign aims to ensure that the views of all children are represented fairly, and it is important that our children participate and share their opinions.

By completing this survey, it will provide our children with a valuable opportunity to tell key political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election next year. The Children's Commissioner will then share the responses with the Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

To facilitate this, children and parents can access the survey using the QR code below and complete the survey by Friday 19th January and make your voice heard!



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to
take part



 **CHILDREN'S
COMMISSIONER**

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition



Shots Foundation Soccer Camp, 15 and 16 February

The Shots Foundation are hosting a half-term football camp at Hook Junior School on Thursday 15th February and Friday 16th February.

Children attending will receive top quality coaching from FA qualified coaches and a free community stand family ticket (max 4 people) to an Aldershot Town 2023-24 home game.

More details are included in the flyer later in this newsletter. You can book a place online via <https://www.participant.co.uk/register/HookJrFeb>.

Favourites Day Menu, Thursday 18 January

There will be a 'favourites day' lunch menu on Thursday 18 January as follows. Children wishing to have a meal can order on the day. Meals cost £2.70 each.

Main courses:

- Boston BBQ Chicken Wrap with baked wedges, beans and peas
- Margherita Pitta Pizza with baked wedges, beans and peas
- Baked Jackets with Baked Beans

Dessert:

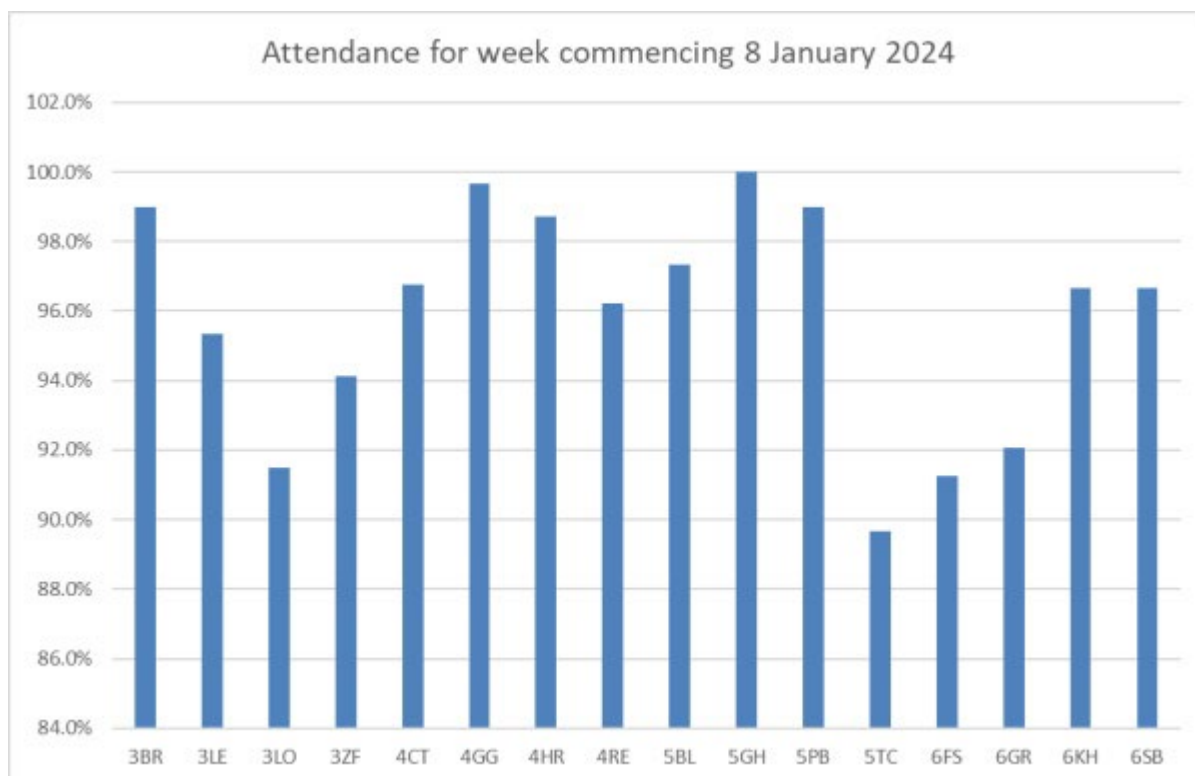
- Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

Full details including allergens are included in the flyer later in this newsletter.

Attendance

If your child won't be attending school on a given day, as a parent, you have a responsibility to inform the school as soon as possible. This can be done via either sending an email to the school office (adminoffice@hook-jun.hants.sch.uk) or by calling us on 01256 762 468 and select option 1 to leave a message on the absence line. If you would prefer to speak with a member of staff directly, select option 2.

Your message about your child's absence (whether verbal or written) must include the child's name, their class and a clear reason for absence.



Whole School Attendance this week: %

Stars of the Week

Year 3: Orla B, Harriet F, Bobby A, Alma B, Clarissa J

Year 4: Jak J, Swanik B, Lilia A, Rebecca L

Year 5: Max B, Isabelle C, Alice R, Freya C

Year 6: Sehansa D, Ravit G, Harry S, Shia B

House Points this week

Austen: 217

Brunel: 238

Nightingale: 250

Wellington: 206

House point winners this week: Brunel

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Key Dates

New dates added since the last Newsletter appear in green

16 January Year 6 Natural History Museum Virtual Evolution Workshop (6FS & 6GR)

18 January Year 6 Natural History Museum Virtual Evolution Workshop (6SB & 6KH)

23 Jan Young Shakespeare Company Visit for Year 5 & 6

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

28 Feb Year 4 trip to the Mary Rose

4 Mar Year 5 River Trip – 5TC and 5GH
4 Mar SATs Presentation to Parents – 5pm
5 Mar Year 5 River Trip – 5PB and 5BL
7 Mar HSCA Mother's Day Sale
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 (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
13 Jun HSCA Father's Day Sale
14 Jun Class Allocation Letters to Parents
17 Jun Sports Day
19 Jun Information Evening for Parents of Children in Year 2 - 5pm
21 Jun Non-school Uniform Day (Bring a bottle for the bottle stall at the Summer Fair)
22 Jun HSCA Summer Fair
24 Jun Robert May's Transition Day for Year 6 pupils
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25 Jun Whole School Transition Day, including Year 2 pupils
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 school's Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Miss L Powell (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 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.



Shots Foundation
Half-Term Football Camp
Thursday 15th February and Friday 16th February
10:00 - 15:00

Boys and Girls from Reception up to Year 6
Maximum 30 children per day

Includes:
Coaching from FA Qualified Coaches
FREE family ticket to Aldershot Town FC this 2023/24 season.

£25 for 1 day
£45 for both days

To sign up - <https://www.participant.co.uk/register/HookJrFeb>
Email jamie.macallister@shotsfoundation.org for any questions.



Special Menu

Favourites Day

Thursday 18th January

Boston BBQ Chicken Wrap (G)

Margherita Pitka Pizza (G,MK)

Baked Wedges

Baked Beans & Peas

Chocolate Sponge (G,E)
with Chocolate Sauce (MK)

Alternative Available
Baked Jackets with Baked Beans

BM1, BM2 & BM3

Allergen Key -

CAPITAL LETTERS = contains, lower case = may contain

Celery and Celeriac (C), Crustaceans/Shellfish (CR), Eggs (E), Fish (F), Gluten (G), Lupin (L), Milk (MK), Molluscs (MO), Mustard (MG), Nuts (N), Peanuts (P), Sesame Seeds (SE), Soya and Soya products (SO), Sulphites (SU)

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