



# HOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

Week ending Friday 26 January 2024

Young Shakespeare Company Performance – A Midsummer Night's Dream



We had an absolutely spellbinding experience on Tuesday 23rd January as children in Years five and six were treated to a mesmerizing performance of William Shakespeare's comedy classic, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' by the wonderfully talented actors and actresses from The Young Shakespeare Company.

The four performers captivated our minds, immersing us in the enchanting world of the Athenian forest. Not only did they skilfully bring the story to life, but they also involved us throughout the performance, allowing us to step into the shoes of some of the beloved characters, as well as providing sound effects! They used detailed descriptions to help the amazed audience picture an image of our surroundings in the Athenian forest. The Young Shakespeare Company were incredible and they gave us a thrilling performance. They truly brought the story to life.

By Josie C and James B from 5TC.

## **HSCA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale**

The Hook Schools Parents Association (HSCA) are holding a pre-loved uniform sale after school on Friday 15 March.

If you have any good condition uniform that you no longer require, the HSCA will gratefully receive this for re-sale to other parents. Uniform donations can be placed in the collection bin outside the Junior school reception. All funds raised at the pre-loved uniform sale are returned to the Infant and Junior schools.

## **Learning Consultations on 5 and 6 February**

This week we invited all parents to book a learning consultation via Parentmail. If you haven't already done so, please open the Parentmail app and select 'Parents Evenings' from the slideout menu (press the ≡ to see this).

Learning consultations take place on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 February from 3:30pm.

If you (or another parent you know) are experiencing any difficulties accessing Parentmail, please contact the school office for assistance.

## **Shots Foundation Soccer Camp, 15 and 16 February**

Spaces are still available for the the Shots Foundation 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>.

## **A Reminder of PE Kit Requirements**

**On those days when children have PE, they should arrive at school wearing the PE kit described below instead of their regular school uniform.**

Our PE kit expectations are [clearly explained on the Uniform page of our website](#).

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 branded shorts, or plain navy unbranded short; navy branded or plain navy unbranded skort; navy branded tracksuit or plain unbranded tracksuit

- White sports socks
- Black, grey or navy trainers

An optional navy tracksuit, formed of navy top and bottoms may be worn for some outside activities during the winter months.

The following items **do not** form part of the school PE uniform and must not be worn or taken to school by any child:

- Any shirt bearing a logo, brand or other visual or graphical element
- Any shorts bearing a logo, brand or other visual or graphical element
- Trainers must be smart and appropriate for physical activity

## **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**

Across the UK, over half a million people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch 2023, counting a whopping 9.1 million birds! House Sparrows took the top spot, but counts of these chirpy birds are down by 57% compared to the first Birdwatch in 1979. In fact, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. Every bird you do – or don't – count will give us a valuable insight into how garden birds are faring.

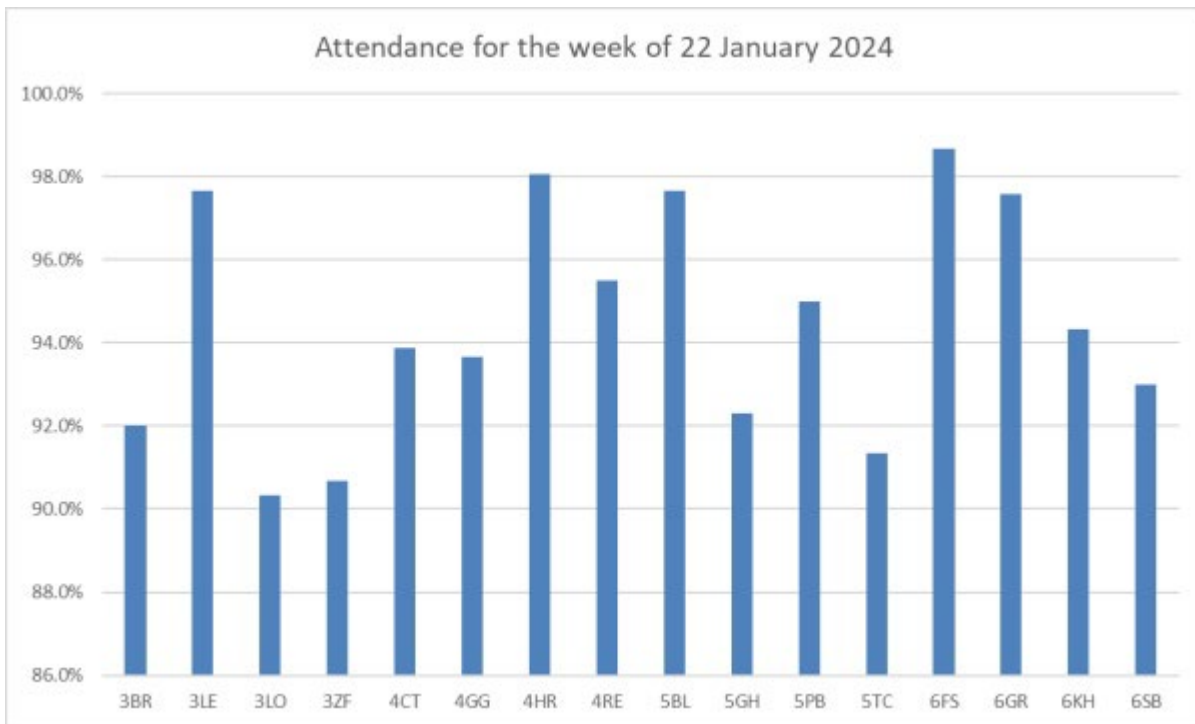
The RSPB are once again asking people to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch, which runs from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th January this year. This is entirely optional, but I know that some children will be keen to take part. You can sign up and participate by visiting the [Big Garden Birdwatch page on the RSPB website](#). Spend just one hour watching the birds in your garden and record the birds that land. Full instructions are on the RSPB website. Your results must be shared with the RSPB, either by recording online, or by post. The RSPB uses your birdwatch results to assist them in gathering data about the birds in the U.K.

We've included a recipe for a bird feeder at the end of this newsletter which you may like to make at home to attract more species of birds.

## **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](mailto: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: 94.5%**

## Stars of the Week

Year 3: Franky B, Amber P, Sophie W, Belinay Y, Ryleigh J

Year 4: Logan R, Serena F, Joey K, Dylan H

Year 5: Oscar P, Hattie S, Lexie C, Isabel R

Year 6: James C, Eleanor D, Maddison D, Alexa B, Finn M, Arianne I

## House Points this week

Austen: 197

Brunel: 191

Nightingale: 223

Wellington: 213

House point winners this week: Nightingale

## Find out more...

Follow us online to see much more about what's happening in school.

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[Instagram.com/hookjunsch](https://instagram.com/hookjunsch)

## Key Dates

New dates added since the last Newsletter appear in green

- 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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  - 7 Feb Year 3 Iron Age Workshops
  - 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
  - 15 Mar HSCA Uniform Sale from 3:20 on the Junior school playground
  - 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
  - 24 Apr Year 4 Ufton Court Viking Workshop in school
  - 28 Mar End of Spring Term – 1:20 finish
  - 15 Apr Back to School Summer Term
  - 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
  - 14 May Class Photos
- Hook Junior School Weekly Newsletter

19 May Hook Fun Run  
27 May – 31 May Summer Half Term  
3 Jun Year 4 Times Tables Assessments  
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  
25 Jun Robert May's Transition Day for Year 6 pupils  
25 Jun Whole School Transition Day, including Year 2 pupils  
5 Jul End of Year Reports to Parents  
9 Jul Year 4 trip to Lepe Beach  
10 Jul Strawberry Tea  
16 Jul 9:15 Year 6 Production to 6GR and 6SB  
17 Jul 9:15 Year 6 Production to 6SF and 6KH  
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](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.

# FLEET TOWN COUNCIL IS HIRING!



## COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER Part time 15 hrs p/w

£14.00 to £14.50 p/h. Hybrid & term time only available

**We are looking for an experienced and dynamic communicator with a creative flair to join our team**

Fleet Town Council is looking for someone with fresh ideas and multi media communications experience to deliver and develop the Council's communications strategy.

### **We'd love to hear from you if you:**

- Can create engaging and effective on and offline communications
- Have excellent writing skills, which you can use with diplomacy and creativity
- Have an eye for design and detail
- Are highly organised and take a flexible approach to your work.



For more information or to apply visit

[www.fleet-tc.gov.uk/vacancies](http://www.fleet-tc.gov.uk/vacancies)

Closing date: 18th February 2024

[executive.officer@fleet-tc.gov.uk](mailto:executive.officer@fleet-tc.gov.uk) 01252 625246





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

£25 for 1 day  
£45 for both days

Includes:

Coaching from FA Qualified Coaches

FREE family ticket to Aldershot Town FC this 2023/24 season.

To sign up - <https://www.participant.co.uk/register/HookJrFeb>

Email [jamie.macallister@shotsfoundation.org](mailto:jamie.macallister@shotsfoundation.org) for any questions.



SHOTS  
FOUNDATION



# Make a speedy birdcake



Just as the name says, this is quick and easy to make. Hang it up and feed the birds this winter.



**1** Make a small hole in the bottom of the pot/cup. Thread a long piece of string through the hole and tie a sizeable knot on the inside. Leave enough string so that you can tie the pot to a tree or bird table.

## You will need:

- Good quality bird seed
- Raisins
- Peanuts
- Grated cheese
- Suet or lard at room temperature
- Yogurt pots/plastic cups
- String
- Mixing bowl
- Wooden spoon
- Scissors



**2** Chop the lard into pieces and put in the bowl, mixing thoroughly with the other ingredients.



**3** Spoon the bird cake mix into the pots. If you can, put them in a fridge for an hour or two to set.



**4** Hang your speedy bird cakes up. Will birds such as blue tits come to feed? Wait and see!