



Hook Infant School



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Newsletter 6th January 2023

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Happy New Year

Welcome back to the Spring Term. This term we have been thinking about the wellbeing of our children, parents and community and we are delighted to announce a new project we are trialling, called the Green Fingers Café. Please read the attached document for full details and dates. To help with elements of the project, we are hoping to gather together a range of garden tools, such as spades, forks, hoes, rakes, shears and other similar hand tools. If you have any of these tools that you no longer need and are willing to donate them to Hook Infant School, we would be extremely grateful. They will be put to great use with the Green Fingers Café project, as well as with the children's outdoor learning activities.

Activities for children at lunchtime have been updated and new playground "areas and zones" have been created. Why not ask your child about which zone they have visited today?

The area by the bushes next to the slide is called the **Football Fan Zone**. This is an area where children can watch the football but not participate. The area where children play football at lunchtime is just in front of this.

The area that used to be the quiet area is now called the **Sensory Area**. During lunchtimes children will be able to make things using natural resources and participate in sensory activities. Some photos of your children using this area have been included within this newsletter.

The **Playdale** equipment will be used by Year 1 and 2 at lunchtime. Any climbing and cart-wheels will be done on this soft surface but it is not for use before and after school.

The **Friendship Bench** is now in front of the covered area. This is temporary until a new L shaped metal bench is built where the old area used to be.

The **Quiet Area** is now the covered area next to the Year 2 block. This area has books to read and some board games. It is not for running.

The **Thinking Bench** is the long bench area in the middle of the playground. Staff on duty will ask children to sit here to think about any activity where they have made the wrong choice. The staff on duty will have a restorative conversation with these children on the playground before they return to play after 5 minutes. Any non-negotiable behaviour will be followed up with a playtime letter home.

Playground Buddies from Year 2 will be starting to help in the playground. They will introduce games to the children which have been taught to them by Mrs Heath. They have a visible sash and will also be there to help other children.

We hope that your children enjoy their new lunchtime playtimes with much more to do to keep them happy.



2023 Year R Application Deadline

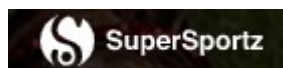
If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they are due to start school in the school year beginning September 2023, your application must be submitted **by midnight on Sunday 15 January 2023**, can we urge you to apply online at, www.hants.gov.uk/admissions as late applications are not always successful.

Diary Dates - updates will be marked in a different colour

09/01/23	Year R parents workshop - Phase 4 phonics workshop 2.15pm
10/02/23	Year 1 work sharing event 2.40pm - more details to follow
13/02/23 — 17/02/23	Half Term Break
24/02/23	Year R parents workshop - Maths workshop 2.15pm
01/03/23	HSCA Bags to School collection 9am
02/03/23	World Book Day - Dress up in your pyjamas—more details to follow
07/03/23	Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 7.00pm, booking via Parentmail to follow
09/03/23	Parent Consultations 3.30pm - 7.00pm, booking via Parentmail to follow
14/03/23	HSCA Mothers Day sale
17/03/23	Red Nose Day
27/03/23	Year R Easter craft afternoon—details to follow
28/03/23	Year 1 Easter craft afternoon—details to follow
29/03/23	Year 2 Easter craft afternoon—details to follow
31/03/23	Children Break up for Easter Break at 1.15pm
17/04/23	Children return to school for Summer Term

Clubs at Hook Infant School

Every day Breakfast and After school Club run by Koosa Kids	
Monday before school	- Judo in Hook Junior School hall
Tuesday before school	- Gymnastics in Hook Junior School hall
Tuesday after school	- Little Voices in Butterfly Class and Dragonfly Class
Tuesday after school	- French in Hedgehog room
Wednesday after school	- Wild Things in Hedgehog room Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesday after school	- French in Seahorse Class
Thursday after school	- Football Club Year 1
Friday after school	- Football Club Year 2
Before and after school daily	- Koosa Kids wraparound care



The school office can be contacted by phone between 8am and 3.30pm on 01256 764487. Leave a message if we don't answer as we may be helping another family on the other line. Alternatively, you can email the school office so your questions can be directed to the correct member of staff via office@hook-inf.hants.sch.uk (this is monitored during school hours).

If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please let the office know and your child's class teacher will arrange a telephone call or appointment to see you. Appointments can be made at 2.45pm from Monday to Thursday.

Safeguarding your children is our priority. Please contact the schools Designated Safeguarding Leads, either Mrs M Walker (Headteacher), Mrs L Hannan (Deputy Headteacher) or Mr P West 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.