

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

28 March 2024



Dear Parents,

What a busy term it has been with the Easter Services, Reports and Parents Evenings! It was lovely to see so many of you at the church for the Easter celebrations and on the playground for the Easter Hat parade this morning, despite the windy weather. The retiring collection from the Easter Services totalled **£311.93** which will be forwarded on to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Staffing

It is with great sadness that after 30 years of dedicated service at Hook with Warsash **Mrs Heidi Jackson** will be retiring from the school in July. Throughout the years she has been an integral part of our staff team and we will greatly miss her. We are all enviously listening to her plans for the future, some of which may involve a few trips back to Hook!

Following the announcement of Mrs Jacksons retirement, we are pleased to inform you that **Gavin Bater** will be joining us in September as our new Assistant Headteacher responsible for Key Stage 2. Gavin has many years of experience, most recently working at Red Barn Primary School. He will be spending a bit of time at Hook during the Summer Term when we will introduce him to the children. We are looking forward to Gavin joining us.

Curriculum Links – Our curriculum links inform you of what will be studied in each year group during each half term. The ones for April and May can be found on our website under **Curriculum/Curriculum Links** and have also been attached to this Update.

Parental e-Safety Awareness Session – Previously an email was sent out regarding the e-safety awareness session for parents on **Tuesday 23 April 2024** between 5:30pm and 6:30pm. If you haven't already done so, please complete the online form via this [link](#) to let us know whether you will be attending this event.

Online Safety Newsletter – Please find attached the latest Online Safety Newsletter for your information.

Eating Outside Permission – As soon as the weather starts improving we would like to offer all children the opportunity to eat their own packed lunch outside on the playground. Please complete the online form accessed via the link below for every child to let us know whether or not you are happy for your child to eat outside.
<https://forms.office.com/e/QW5fbaeX3B>

Type 1 Diabetes Screening Opportunity - Researchers at the University of Birmingham are conducting an ELSA (EarLy Surveillance for Auto-immune diabetes) study and they are asking for parents of children aged 3-13 years to take part. The ELSA study is screening children, aged 3-13 years to find out their risk of getting type 1 diabetes. This is a simple finger stick blood test which can be done at home or at school.

The study will be offering the screening at Hook on **Thursday 23rd May 2024**. There will be an in-school session run by Solent NHS Trust Research Nurses in the afternoon from 1.30pm, followed by an after-school drop-in session if you would like to accompany your child which will run from 3.30-5.30pm.

Children at high risk can be monitored and could enter research studies aiming to delay the start of type 1 diabetes. Every family who takes part in the ELSA study is helping us to understand more about type 1 diabetes. A parents' information leaflet for this study is attached for your information.

If you would like to take part or to find our more information, please visit our website or scan the **QR code** below.



Please fill in the online consent form prior to the school session should you wish your child to take part in school and select Hook with Warsash C of E Academy when asked where you heard about the study. If you have any questions, please contact the ELSA study team by email, phone or on our website. If you decide you are not interested in this study, you do not need to do anything further.

Rock2theBeat – There are a few spaces for current Year 4, 5 and 6 to join 'Rock 2 the Beat' in the summer term. Hampshire Music are also building their waiting list for **September 2024**, which is open to current Year 3, 4 and 5, with spaces on all instruments (Vocals, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Keyboard and Drums). If you would like to sign up for a place, please visit www.rock2thebeat.org.uk/signup to fill in the form, and they will be in touch to offer a place if there is one available. The lessons take place during the school day on a Thursday. To find out more about Rock 2 the Beat, please visit www.rock2thebeat.org.uk or see the attached flyer.

PTFA UPDATES

- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Infant and Junior School **Disco's** will be held on **Friday the 17th of May**. Tickets will be £5. More information will be sent out after the Easter holidays.
- **HAPPY'S CIRCUS REMINDER:** Wednesday 24th April. Book tickets via the following link <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hwwschoolptfa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=74370> before they go on release to the general public on 1 April - £9 each.

Easter Tennis Camps - Abshot Country Club will be running Easter Tennis Camps on Tuesday 2nd April, Thursday 4th April, Tuesday 9th April and Thursday 11th April, see flyer attached for further information.

IDPE Sport Summer Term - ID PE & Sport are pleased to announce that our Summer term sports clubs are now live to book!

Year 1-2 Dodgeball club (Tuesday's 15:30-16:30pm) - Book here: <https://idpe-sport.classforkids.io/info/127>

Year 2-6 Dance club (Tuesday's 17:00-18:00pm) - Book here: <https://idpe-sport.classforkids.io/info/129>

Year 3-6 Dodgeball club (Friday's 15:30-16:30pm) - Book here: <https://idpe-sport.classforkids.io/info/123>

Payment, discounts and childcare vouchers information:

- We accept childcare vouchers! (Care4U, Computershare, Co-operative Flexible Benefits, Edenred, Gov tax-free, Fideliti, Reward Gateway and Sodexo) - Please email bookings@idpesport.co.uk for more information.
- We offer 15% sibling discounts on all bookings! - This is applied automatically at checkout.
- We offer 20% pupil premium discounts on all bookings! - Please email bookings@idpesport.co.uk for more information.
- We accept universal credit claims! - Please email bookings@idpesport.co.uk for more information.
- Book now, pay later! - Simply enter your child's details and complete booking to confirm their place! You can then return to your bookings at a later date to authorise payment.

For enquiries please email: bookings@idpesport.co.uk

Payment Reminders –

Y4 Dorset	£80.00	01 April 2024
Y3 Swimming	£25.50	16 April 2024
Music	£70.00	26 April 2024

And finally, we wish you all a fun filled and happy Easter holiday. Don't forget that the CLOCKS GO BACK at 1am on Sunday 31 March 2024! We look forward to seeing you back in school on **Tuesday 16th April**, following our Inset Day on Monday 15 April.

Yours sincerely

Sara Willoughby

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Attachments:

Easter Tennis Camps Flyer
Rock2theBeat Flyer
ELSA Study
Online Safety Newsletter
Curriculum Links
Junior Spanish Club

Dates for your diary

Fri 29 Mar – Fri 12 Apr Easter Holidays			
Mon	15 Apr	Inset Day	
Tue	16 Apr	New Year R Notification Day	Spanish Lunchtime
Wed	17 Apr	PTFA Meeting 7:45pm	Art Club (Jnr) 3:30/5:00pm Judo 3:30pm & 4:30pm
Thurs	18 Apr	Production Choir 3:30/4:30	X-Country Running Club 8:15am French Lunchtime
Fri	19 Apr	HMS Piano (am) Swimming Y4	Y5/6 Netball 3:30/4:30pm

Mon	22 Apr	HMS Woodwind (am) & HMS Drums (pm) Y6 Production Choreography 3:30/4:30	Art Club (Inf) 3:30pm/4:30pm
Tue	23 Apr	Parental e-Safety Awareness Session	Y5/6 Cricket 8:10am Spanish Lunchtime IDPE Dodgeball Y1/2 3:30pm IDPE Dance Y3/6 5:00pm
Wed	24 Apr	HMS Guitar (am) & HMS Brass (am) Happy Circus	Y3/4 Netball 8:05am Y5 Boys Football Lunchtime Judo 3:30pm & 4:30pm Art Club (Jnr) 3:30/5:00pm
Thurs	25 Apr	Listen2Me Rock2theBeat Production Choir 3:30/4:30	X-Country Running Club 8:15am Y4 Football Lunchtime French Lunchtime
Fri	26 Apr	HMS Piano (am) Swimming Y4	Y5/6 Girls Football Lunchtime? Y5/6 Netball 3:30/4:30pm IDPE Y3/6 Dodgeball 3:30pm

Wed 01 May	New Entrants Meeting 2:10pm & 7:15pm
Fri 3 May	Y3 Swimming Starts
Thurs 09 May	Y6 Theatre Trip
Mon 13 May	Y6 SATs Week
Fri 17 May	Infant & Junior Disco Night
Mon 20-24 May	Walk to School Week
Mon 20 May	School Class Photos
Thurs 23 May	ELSA Screening
Fri 24 May	Y6 Trip Paulton's Park
27 May – 31 May	Half Term Holiday