



HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE Friday 20 December 2024



Dear Parents,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had with Church services, class parties, the Christmas Fair and the Rock2theBeat and Listen2me concerts. We hope you have been able to enjoy the photos we have shared on our Facebook page. It was lovely to see many of you at our Nativity and Carol Services this week where the children enjoyed sharing the Christmas story with so many people. The Infant retiring collection for the **Salvation Army** raised **£458.06** and the Junior retiring collection for **Shelter** raised **£327.68**. In addition to this we were able to deliver a large amount of donated food, toys and gifts to the Salvation Army in Portsmouth yesterday. Thank you so much for your generosity with all of these collections.

Curriculum Links – The Curriculum links for Spring 1 2025 are attached for your information and have been uploaded onto the school website. <https://www.hookwithwarsash.co.uk/curriculum-links/>

Day Closures – Our outstanding day closure for this academic year will take place on Monday 2 June 2025. A list of all of the day closures can be found below: -

Friday 31 January 2025

Monday 04 April 2025

Monday 02 June 2025

Friday 11 July 2025

School Calendar – Did you know that you can synchronize the calendar on the school website with your own? To do this click on “Subscribe to this calendar” and follow the instructions on the calendar page of the website -

<https://www.hookwithwarsash.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/12/>

Y5 Swimming - Swimming for Year 5 will restart on the **first Friday back, 10 January 2025**. Please remember to send your child in with their swimming kit and hat.

School Lunches - Please remember to order your child's lunches for January when we come back. Likewise, please can you cancel any orders if your child is off sick. We would also ask that you discuss choices with your child as we get several children every day requesting to change their meal choice.

Early Morning Groups – If your child is invited to attend early morning groups it would be greatly appreciated if they could arrive promptly for an 8:20am KS1 or 8:30am KS2 start. If they arrive late they often miss inputs or important pre-teaching information. Morning groups will restart on Monday 6 January 2025.

Parking on site – When dropping off children in the morning please can we ask that parents do not park anywhere on the school site and walk their children onto the playgrounds. We intentionally try to avoid vehicle movement at this busy time of day. On occasion we do give parents permission to do this, but this is only under exceptional circumstances and agreed with the Headteacher.

World Book Day Costume Sale - The PTFA and the school Eco-committee are going to be holding a sale of World Book Day Costumes on **Wednesday 5 February**, the idea of this is to reduce landfill and to give good quality costumes a second life. Please see the attached Poster made by LW in Year 5 for further information.

Wellbeing – Please click on the following link to access a wellbeing link for over Christmas which you may find useful. <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/christmas-coping-tips/>

Governor Update – This term, the governors have worked closely with the senior leadership team on improvement projects for the children. Recently Pip's Place has been refurbished and has been well received whilst the major project for wraparound care next to the Environmental Room is taking shape.

We have welcomed two new governors to the Board. **David Bissell** will be known to some of you as he is a parent governor and **Milly Taylor** is an appointed governor who is a teacher by trade, currently working in secondary education. I would also like to thank **Luke Bailey** for being the Chair of Governors for the last 4 years. His contribution to the Board has been outstanding.

We are always keen to increase our involvement in school life, and this term we have been present at Parents' Evenings and the Harvest Festival, Remembrance and Nativity church services.

Governors were also asked to judge the recent ROAR competition and the attached photo shows Mrs Osborne, Mrs Bartlett and Miss Forder with members of the Lions Club and Mr Lamb.

On behalf of the governing board and the members of the Trust, the Governors would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2025.

Children due to start school in September 2025 - Please note that the deadline for applications for children due to start school in September 2025 is **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. If you require help, or have any questions regarding the application process, please either contact the school office or Hampshire Admissions on 0300 555 1377. Parents can apply:

- Online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. Using this option will mean that you are advised of the outcome by email instead of by post. Applications can be changed or amended at any time up to the deadline. (Hampshire's preferred option)
- Using a paper application available from the school office of any Hampshire infant or primary school.

Music Lessons - We would like to remind you that if you have not already paid for the year in full, next terms fees of **£75** per child (£71 for 2nd child) are due on our return to school. Reminders will be sent home during the first week and payments should be made by the **17 January 2024** at the very latest.

Pupil Charity Head Shave - Jack S in Year 6 has been growing a mullet for the past few months, which he has become very attached to. His Aunt is taking part in the "CoppaFeel Trek" in Iceland next year to raise money for breast cancer, a charity very close to our hearts. On the first weekend in January, Jack has decided that he will shave his hair off to raise money for his Aunt and this amazing charity. If you are able to donate, it would be hugely appreciated. When donating please could you mention Jack in the message so his will know if he has reached his target.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/charlotte-stamp-1733923053362?newPage=true>

Spanish Club - Bookings are now open for the next term of Spanish Club. Unfortunately, the infant club is currently full with a waiting list but there are spaces available in the junior club. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Tesco Blue tokens – Don't forget to vote now in **Tesco Express Warsash Road and Fareham Whiteley Superstore for Hook with Warsash C of E Academy PTFA** by picking up a blue token at the till and dropping it into the Tesco Stronger Starts voting box as you leave.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 6 January 2025**.

Yours sincerely

Sara Willoughby

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Attachments:

Spr1 2025 Curriculum Links / Fareham Community Christmas Flyer / Junior Spanish Club Flyer / World Book Day Poster / ROAR Photo / Southampton Rocks Flyer

Next Week

21/12 – 05/01		Christmas Holiday	
Mon	06 Jan	First day of Spring Term	KS1 Art Club 3:30/4:30pm
Tue	07 Jan	HMS Music – Guitar	Spanish Lunchtime
Wed	08 Jan		Y4 Football Lunchtime KS2 Art Club 3:30/5:00pm Judo 3:15pm & 4:30pm
Thurs	09 Jan	Rock 2 the Beat Hampshire Cup Boys Round 3	Y5/6 Football (Girls) Lunchtime Y1/2 Art Club 3:30/4:30pm Y5/6 Football (Boys) 3:30/4:30pm
Fri	10 Jan	HMS Music Lessons – Drums Y5 Swimming	Y5/6 Netball 8:05am Y5/6 Football Lunchtime

Diary Dates

Tue	14 Jan	Y1-2 Dodgeball starts 3:30/4:30pm Y6 SATs Information evening 6pm
Wed	15 Jan	New Year R 09/2025 Applications Portal Closes HMS Music – Brass/Woodwind/Keyboard starts
Thurs	16 Jan	Running Club 8:15/8:45am Starts Lunchtime French Club starts No Art Club Census Day
Fri	17 Jan	Music Tuition Instalment deadline

		Y3-6 Dodgeball starts 3:30/4:30pm
Tue	28 Jan	Y3/6 Hockey
Fri	24 Jan	Cross Country – Portsdown Hill
Fri	31 Jan	Inset Day – School Closed Cross Country – Portsdown Hill