

Hope Brook News

Week ending: April 27th, 2018

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**If your child is ill
please call school
each day before
9.00am to report
them absent.**

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Dear Parents, Governors, Staff & Friends,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Service just before the holidays, we hope you enjoyed our poetry extravaganza telling the Easter story.



Since the last newsletter we have had snow (again!) and the hottest day of the year so far. Please could we ask parents to send appropriate outdoor wear for the weather, whether that be a waterproof coat or a hat and suncream, as we do try to get outside at lunch time whatever the weather!

Key Stage 1 Information Afternoon

Our next Key Stage 1 Information Afternoon will be taking place on Friday 4th May at 2.30pm in the school hall.

Following your feedback from the last event, Mrs Blackman will be focusing on the teaching of grammar in Reception and Years 1 & 2.

We hope that you will be able to join us.



27th April 2018

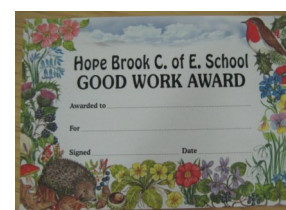
Diary Dates

Date	Event	Date	Event
Tuesday 1st May	Soccer 7's Newent School	Thursday 7th June	Quad Kids Dene Magna
Friday 4th May	Grammar afternoon for KS1 2.30pm—School Hall	Tuesday 12th June	Weston Super Mare Trip Robins
Monday 7th May	Bank Holiday	Thursday 14th June	Country Dance Festival Speech House
W/c 14th May	SATS week - Year 6	Wednesday 20th June	Usbourne Book Fair
W/c 21st May	Arts Week	Friday 29th June	Moving Up Day
Tuesday 22nd May	Vision & Hearing Check Reception Class	Wednesday 4th July	Summer Concert 6.15pm
Thursday 24th May	Archery Competition	Friday 6th July	Sports Day 9.30am
W/c 28th May	Half Term	Wednesday 11th July	Circus Workshop
Monday 4th June	Back to School	Wednesday 18th July	Summer Production - KS2 2.00pm
Wednesday 6th June	Cathedral Leavers Service Year 6	Thursday 19th July	Summer Production - KS2 6.00pm
Wednesday 6th June	Brooklets Parents Evening	Tuesday 24th July	Leavers Service 9.15am

Good Work Awards

Well done to Max Henson, Charley Haines, Alexa Sprekelsen, Anabel Sprekelsen, Freya Vincent, Bethany Waltham, Elliott King,

If your child receives 5 Good Work Awards, please ask them to bring them to the school office, so that they receive the Head Teachers Award and get to keep the cup for a week!



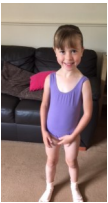
Sporting News



Well done to our netball team who took part in the Forest North event earlier on this term.

Although the team did not progress to the next round, they finished 4th in their pool and played enthusiastically.

Well done to Lissy Harding, Emily Henson, Ethan Sparks, Bethany Waltham, Evie Johnson, Elliott King, George Jervis and Beth Powell.



Well done to Beatrice Hawkins, Scarlett Baker and India Foran who recently took their preparatory ballet exam and passed with merits and a distinction.

Thank you for sharing your news with us!



Governors' News

Greetings! As I write, the surprising Spring snowfall is becoming a memory; I hope that when you read it, Spring is well and truly underway. We have been continuing our regular Governors' meetings at which we deal with issues that arise unexpectedly as well as those that are part of the rhythm of the school year. We have recently been budgeting for the coming year, trying to predict approximately how much money we will have next year as part of our planning. We will know the actual amount we will receive very soon. Some funds, such as the Sport Premium budget, are ring fenced, meaning that they can only be spent in certain areas. Overall, funding will be quite tight next year and we have been thinking of creative solutions to ensure we can spend the available funding for the benefit of the children.

We bade farewell to one of the Governors recently, Kara Jefferies-Davis, who stood down from her position a few months ago. Kara has been a fantastic Governor for us for many years. I have always been particularly impressed with her enthusiasm to monitor how pupil attainment and progress are recorded to ensure Governors are able to keep a track on this in our meetings and ask appropriate questions. We will miss her enthusiasm and problem-solving mind, but it does mean that there may be the opportunity for a new Governor to join – if you feel you might be interested, I would be delighted to talk to you and I can be contacted via the School Office.

One success I really must mention was the appointment of Mrs Severn as a National Leader of Education. In this role, Mrs Severn can provide support to other local schools and Hope Brook is designated a National Support School, receiving a bursary and allowing staff to develop their professional skills. National Leaders of Education are strong school leaders, who have experience in effectively supporting schools in challenging circumstances and it is a testament to Mrs Severn's skills and experience that she has been appointed.

Justin Cook

Pippins Easter Holiday Club

Our first holiday club ran at Pippins during the Easter Holidays and the children had a fantastic time. They enjoyed arts and crafts, pizza making, Easter egg hunts and their favourite game—egg catching but not knowing if it was raw or hard boiled! Not to mention hours of outdoor games, fun on our scooters, as well as a movie and popcorn.

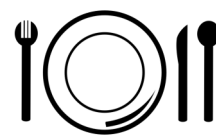
The club will be running again on Tuesday and Wednesday during half term and also on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for four weeks during the summer holidays— letters with the full details will be coming home next week or contact the school office for more details.



School Dinners

Just a reminder that the cost for school dinners has increased to £2.36 with effect from Monday 16th April. All meals must be paid for in advance, so please ensure there are sufficient funds in your Parentpay account to cover the cost of any meals taken.

All children in Reception and Years 1 & 2 are still entitled to a universal free infant school meal.



Sport Relief

We had a fun filled day raising funds for Sport Relief and the school with our non uniform and mad March hair day. We raised £166, with a further £71 being raised through the sale of Sport Relief wrist bands.

Thank you for your support!



Lunchtime Awards

We held our first lunchtime awards at the end of last term. A number of children were chosen by our Midday Supervisors as having exhibited excellent lunchtime behaviour and together they enjoyed a tasty treat to celebrate!

Well done to Ada Savidge, Anabel Sanders, Arthur Ross-Collins, Beth Powell, Jessica B, Bethany Waltham, Betsie Matthews, Freya Vincent, Hattie Savidge, India Foran, Isaac Lawrance, Sandy Stead and Stirling Mason.

Summer Concert—4th July 2018

We are looking forward to holding our first Summer Concert at Hope Brook on Wednesday 4th July at 6.15pm. The school choir will be performing, together with many of our instrumentalists and it will hopefully be a beautiful sunny evening!

Tickets will be available later in the term, but do put the date in your diaries!



Community News

CHELTHENHAM
Science
Festival
in association with
edfENERGY

Family EVENTS

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 June 2018



Join Spyder for a bucketful of family fun!

Free activities in the MakerShack, the Discover Zone and our all new Cyber Zone.



Highlights include...

Saturday

10-11am SF01

The Science Of Sweets

The Arena

£6 * Ideal for ages 7+

Get ready for an explosive and bizarre journey into the science of sweets. BBC Gastronomy Stefan Gates and chemist Andrea Sella tear apart sweet chemistry's spin sugar and make amazing colours as they combine up jellies, jellies and various chewy things for you to taste.



Sunday

10-11am SF25

11.30am-12.30pm SF26

1.30-2.30pm SF27

3-4pm SF28

Workshop Bonkers About Beetles

Cheltenham Ladies' College,
Parabola Arts Centre, Dance
Studio

£8 * Ideal for ages 6+

Did you know creepy crawlies make up 25% of all animals on our planet? Or that there are 400,000 different species of beetles? Join artist, illustrator and bug lover Owen Dwyer for an introduction to the wonderful world of beetles. Grab a pencil and find out how to use simple shapes to draw a mighty Goliath beetle and other bugs.

Sunday

10-11am SF21

Bacteria And Other Teeny Tiny Things

Helix Theatre

£6 * Ideal for ages 6+

What do squids that glow, fungi that grow and tiny creatures in the soil under your feet all have in common? They're all part of the awesomely weird world of microscopic life. Steve Gould introduces you to the bacteria, viruses, microbes and other teeny tiny things that are all around us - but are too small for us to see. With live demos and experiments, find out how they keep us and our world running.



Tickets & info:

cheltenhamfestivals.com/science

FOREST ACTIVITIES FESTIVAL

29th
APRIL
2018

A Fun Family Day Out

The Speech House Hotel Grounds
Forest of Dean GL16 7EL

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ACTIVITIES
FESTIVAL

Showcasing the best activities in the Forest of Dean



Adults £5

Children £2

Family Ticket £12

10am - 5pm

available online or on the door



ACTIVITIES - ARTS&CRAFTS - MUSIC - LOCAL FOOD

Displays, demo's, 'have a go' sessions, archery, segways, bushcraft, circus skills, rugby, rocket science, golf, rugby, climbing, cycling, street food & more
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