



Hope Brook News

Week ending: March 6th 2020

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Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please visit:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

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Dear Parents, Governors, Staff & Friends,

Welcome to our second newsletter of 2020. We hope that you had a lovely half-term and are looking forward to the Spring.

County Finals

It has been another busy and successful month for our sports teams at Hope Brook:

High Fives Netball District Finalists

Hope Brook entered two teams into the Forest Of Dean 'North District' Netball competition. Congratulations to both the Diamonds team who won their league and the Silver Ferns who came third in theirs.



The Diamonds team progressed to the Forest of Dean Regional finals against the 'South District' winners. The match was very evenly fought and went into extra time. Congratulations to the team who were second place from all of the schools in the District.

The Diamonds team - Sofia, Ava-Lou, Immy, Thomas, Jack, Max and Darcy.

The Silver Ferns team - George, Isabel, Chloe, Lauren, Skye, Elsie and Ted.

We would like to thank Mrs Matthews for her commitment to coaching the team at the weekly club with Mrs James.

Gymnastics

Congratulations to Freya, Ada, Lydia, Scarlett, Lily and Georgie who were chosen to represent Hope Brook at the District Gymnastics Competition where they came first and qualified to represent The Forest of Dean Region at the County Finals at Oxstalls on Tuesday 10 March. Good luck!

Thank you to Mrs Barnes for her hard work in preparing the squad and a special Thank you to Ava-Lou and Phoebe for helping Mrs Barnes to coach the team every week.



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Diary Dates - Spring Term

Date	Event	Date	Event
Wednesday 4 & Tuesday 10 March	Parents' Evenings 3.30pm—6pm	Sun 22 March	9.30am Mothering Sunday service at All Saints—Choir and some children from Woodpeckers
Monday 9 March	County Gymnastics Finals—Cheltenham	Wednesday 25 March	Robins and Woodpecker visit to Much Marcle Farm
Weds 11 March	Governors Committee Meeting 6pm	Monday 30 March	Year 5/6 Lego Technic Workshop at Hope Brook
Mon 16 March	Kingfishers trip to Gloucester Mosque	Tuesday 31 March	Children who participated in the Sponsored Reading Event visiting Books for Bugs, Mitcheldean (no money needed on the day)
Tuesday 17 March	Woodpeckers visiting Gloucester Quays	Weds 1 April	Year 5/6 Archery at TRAC
Weds 18 March	Governors Committee Meeting 6pm	Friday 3rd April	Last Day of Term 9.30am Easter Service at All Saints Church
Friday 20 March	2.15pm Maths Sessions for Y4 Parents on new Multiplication Tests for Y4. (Y3 parents may find it useful too)	Monday 20 April	Return to school

A full calendar of events for the year is on our website:

<https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/calendar/> We hope you find the diary dates helpful. We always aim to plan events well in advance—but please be aware that sometimes date changes are unavoidable.

Good Work Awards

Well done to Theo Lawrance, Freddie Haighway, Max Beard, Lewis James, Jasmine Jeavons, Rory White, Scarlett Baker, Isabelle Baker, Charley Haines, Katie Pugh and Summer Royal who have all received a 'Headteacher's Award' since the last newsletter.

Remember, if our pupils work really hard and are presented with the cup five times during their time at Hope Brook - they get to keep it!

Congratulations to Isabel Jones and Thomas Pugh who have just received their fifth 'Headteacher's Award' and get to keep their trophies.



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Reading For Pleasure

Thank you to everyone for your support for our recent Reading for Pleasure week and the generous sponsorship. Please could we request that all sponsorship money is paid into Parentpay by Sunday 8 March. Children who have participated in the sponsored reading will have the chance to visit 'Books for Bugs' to select new reading books for themselves and some books for their classes. It was wonderful to see so many children at the Bedtime reading event recently—we have been asked by a few parents to hold this again in the future.



Classroom News

Each class has it's own page on our school website which is updated regularly with recent activities. Here is the link for each of the pages:

Robins—<https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/robins/312877>

Woodpeckers— <https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/woodpeckers/312252>

Wagtails— <https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/wagtails/311912>

Kingfishers— <https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/kingfishers/311873>

Kestrels— <https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/kestrels/311785>

Considerate Parking

Recently, we have received reports of concerns over 'inconsiderate' parking around the school gates. Please could we remind all parents/guardians to park considerately for traffic travelling through the village and local residents. Thank you for your support.

Lateness

Our school day starts promptly at 8.50am. Whilst we appreciate that the majority of children arrive on time, any children who are late arriving can miss out on the first task of the day, and often unsettle the class as a result. Lateness after the registers are taken is classed by the Department for Education as unauthorised absence. Thank you for your support in instilling a regular routine to ensure children are punctual for school.

Communications from School

We do our utmost to communicate as effectively as possible with parents/guardians and use a variety of methods to communicate news with parents:

Text Messages/ E-school Notification — for urgent updates, we send a message via E-schools. Parents who have downloaded the E-schools app receive an alert, for others it arrives as a text message. For parents who have a weak mobile signal but good Wifi internet connection the E-school App is recommended.

E-mails—for sending more detailed information

Paper Letters—when we need a reply.

School Website—www.hopebrook.co.uk has term dates, and a calendar

Noticeboard at the front of school.

Sports Relief

Sports Relief wristbands are available to purchase from the school at £1 each. Please send the cash to school with your child.

On Friday 13 March—the whole school will be running on the Recreation Ground. Children should wear normal school uniform, and will change into their PE kits for the run.

For any Parents who wish to make further donations to Sport Relief they can do so via Parent Pay who will pass it on directly to Sport Relief on your behalf.



Thank You

We would like to say a big "Thank you" to the parents who are using Parentpay for payments and school lunch bookings. 99% of Hope Brook's parents are now using Parentpay which helps the school enormously.

Following feedback from parents, we have asked Parentpay to extend the lunch booking cut-off from midnight the night before to **8am** each day.



Safety Reminder

Please can we remind all parents, including those walking from Pippins to use the pavements and not cut across the tarmac on the bend because vehicles coming up the drive cannot see around the bend. Thank you.

Pedestrians This Way



What is a WILDCATS GIRLS FOOTBALL CENTRE?

The Football Association has created **Wildcats**, a great initiative designed to inspire girls aged between 5-11 to be involved in football.

Wildcats Girl's Football Clubs provides girls with regular opportunities to play football and take part in organised sessions in a fun and engaging environment created exclusively for girls.

Tuesday Evenings
Time: 5.00-6.00pm Venue: Tutshill Primary School, NP16 7BJ
Date: Starts Tuesday, 10th March Cost: £2 per session

Wednesday Evenings
Time: 5.00-6.00pm Venue: Mitcheldean Sports Club, GL17 0BE
Date: Starts Wednesday, 11th March Cost: £2 per session

Wednesday Evenings
Time: 6.30-7.30pm Venue: The Federation of Newent Schools, Globe Infant & Pickdenash Primary, GL18 1BG
Date: Starts Wednesday, 11th March Cost: £2 per session

For more information or to book your child a place, please contact Mark Yearley on...

wildcats GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB

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Coronavirus

We are receiving regular communications from the Department for Education and are acting on their advice. The main theme is the importance of good hygiene. Children are being reminded at school of how to wash their hands effectively, and all classrooms have been equipped with tissues and hand sanitiser.

For the very latest information, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk