

Hope Brook News

**Week ending:
October 16th 2020**

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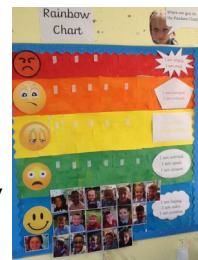
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Dear Parents, Governors, Staff & Friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year. The whole school started back with learning based on the theme of colour. The class pages on our [website](#) have more detail; here are some highlights from each class:

Robins focused their look into colour by developing a "Rainbow Chart", following a concept developed to support children to learn and explore emotions, responses and consequences. Robins continue to embrace the Rainbow Chart as part of their everyday experiences.



Woodpeckers went on a colour scavenger hunt around grounds, mixed tints of colours in art and chose appropriate adjectives to describe how the colours made them feel. Using their art work as inspiration they wrote poems describing how different colours make them feel. We read "Your Fantastic Elastic Brain" and talked about helping our brains grow, what we are really good at and what things we want to be good at doing.

Wagtails thought about what feelings each colour represented to them and identified memories and places that each colour reminded them of. They studied how animals can change colour as they age or to survive; looked at how colour is used to advertise in logos and designed their own logos. In Art, they created monochrome, complimentary and triadic patterns using the style of Piet Mondrian.

As a symbol of the Kingfishers coming together again, they each wrote a name of someone in the class on a paper feather using rainbow colours – quoting positive character traits alongside the child's name. The feathers were joined together to form a display of an angel's wings captioned 'The Kingfishers join together to fly over the rainbow'. After acting out the Indian myth, 'The Story of the Rainbow', they created a rainbow weave on a wispy white, cloud sky plate.



Kestrels based much of their work on The Colour Monster book by Anna Llenas. The children created their own mood monster with their own associated colours and emotions beyond the book itself (e.g. frustration / disgust / envy.) In maths we created the Columbus tower challenge (rainbow colours), which included teamwork, problem solving and accuracy. Finally we created a giant piece of artwork with our handprints in different colours and entitled it...We are each unique and beautiful...but together we are a masterpiece!



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Diary Dates

Date	Event	Date	Event
Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October	INSET days	Thursday 1 April	Easter Service And Term Ends
Monday 26 October	Half Term Starts	Monday 19 April	Back to School
Friday 30 October	Final Day for Ordering the PTA Tea Towels via ParentPay	W/c 10 May	SATS week - Year 6
Monday 2 November	Back to School	Monday 31 May	Half Term Starts
Friday 6 November	Nasal Flu Immunisation Years R—6	Monday 7 June	Back to School
Wednesday 11 November	Remembrance Service (Online)	Monday 14- Friday 18 June	Years 5 and 6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight
Tuesday 17 November	School Photographs	Friday 2 July	Sports Day
Thursday 17 December	Christmas lunch & Christmas events	Wednesday 14 July	Year 6 Production (afternoon)
Friday 18 December	Term Ends	Thursday 15 July	Year 6 Production (evening)
Monday 4 January	Term Starts	Tuesday 20 July	Last Day of Term

Calendar on our school website <https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/calendar/309901>

Mrs Selwood

Thank you for your donations for Mrs Selwood's retirement gift; parents have donated £75 which we will add to the staff collection to buy something for her garden.

Due to the current restrictions on socialising, we have not yet had chance to meet with her to celebrate her retirement.



School Dinners

We have a new dinner menu for this autumn term; which is available on the school website https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/school_lunches_/311726 and we hope that your children have been enjoying the new meals.

With Mrs Littlefair cooking to order over 70 meals each day, please could we ask you to help us by booking your child's lunch via ParentPay before the 8am cut off each day.

If you believe that you may be eligible for free school meals, please visit <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> to apply online.

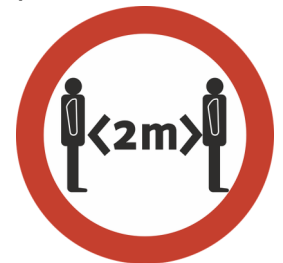


Safety Notice

Please could we remind parents to maintain the social distancing requirements of 2m when entering and leaving school.

Children have been reminded that they should walk in and out of school and that scooters/bicycles should be pushed once inside the school gates. We would also like to remind parents that there should be no cars on site between 8.30am and 4.30pm.

Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.



Flu Vaccine—Friday 6 November

Thank you to those families who have completed and returned the consent forms or given consent online. If you haven't done so yet, please visit <https://immsconsentforms.glos-care.nhs.uk/GCSFluVac/FluConsent> to give your consent online.



Good Work Awards

Each week a couple of children from each class may be given a 'Good Work Award' in our online Friday celebration assembly. If your child gains five good work awards, please ask them to post them into the school letterbox (in the porch) so that we can award them with a Head Teacher's Award certificate and cup to bring home at the end of half term.

Well done to Ben Pearce who is the first person to receive the Head Teacher's Award this year.

If they work really hard and are presented with the cup five times in their time at Hope Brook - they get to keep it!



PTA

The PTA are organising Tea Towels as their next fundraising activity.

Your creative children (including Pippins Nursery children) are busy drawing self-portraits this week and the tea towels should be delivered early in December. Perfect for Christmas presents!

They will look something like the example shown but drawn by your children.

Tea towels are £5 each or 3 for £12 (Christmas presents for the whole family!) and can be ordered via ParentPay.

Please order by the 26th October if you can. The final date for orders is 30th October 2020.

Thank you for your support!

Hope Brook PTFA



Governors

We are pleased to welcome Matthew Gacek as a Foundation Governor. We also have a vacancy for a parent governor; we'll be sending more details about that next week.

Matthew has provided this profile:

I trained as a teacher in the early seventies. For most of my teaching career I taught in primary boarding schools my main subjects being History, Scripture and Drama.

I became deputy-head academic in my last school with responsibility for curriculum and staff and whilst there was also Chairman of a teacher's association and senior exam writer for the History common entrance.

I retired from teaching in 2001 and did various jobs, including being a butler on a Cornish estate, until 2009 when I became Chorister Tutor at Hereford Cathedral, where I was responsible for the welfare of the choristers and day to day liaison between parents, cathedral and schools. I also became a cover teacher at Hereford Cathedral Junior School.

I retired completely in 2015, after we had moved to Longhope. Throughout this time I have been involved with the Church and with the education of children in the Christian faith, by helping at family services, running school assemblies, helping with Sunday School and being in school chapel choirs.

In 2004 I started training as a Reader in the Church of England in Cornwall but stopped after a year and a half to move to Hereford. In 2017 I re-started my training as a Reader and was licensed in October 2019. At the same time, in 2017, I started working at Hope Brook doing a Bible and Drama class for the top three years. In the last two years I have also been a member of the Open the Book team.