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## Hope Brook Update – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We had an amazing trip to the Isle of Wight last week. I was so impressed with the Hope Brook children. We had so many positive comments about their behaviour while we were away which made us all feel very proud of being part of the Hope Brook family. They were a delightful group that were willing to 'have a go' at everything – and were a really well organised group of young people (well most of them were!). We put some pictures on the website throughout the week – and by the end of this weekend we will have added a lot more. The photos are under the tab 'PGL-June 2021' if you would like to have a look.

### Missing paragraph from last week's newsletter

When the newsletter was sent out last week, the front page was missing a paragraph. The last paragraph of the newsletter explained some changes to next year's staffing arrangements and should have read,

*Finally, I would like to share some staffing news. The first bit of exciting news is that Ms Rowe got married during the half term. She will be known as Mrs Marshall from September. Some of you will know that Ms Rowe has decided to undertake some further studies, so she will be reducing her hours next year. As a result, Mrs Stanton will be teaching Robins in September. We have made a new appointment for the job share role in Woodpeckers and look forward to welcoming Mrs Danielle Christie to the Hope Brook team from September, working from Wednesday to Friday.*

### Parents Group

The Parents Group met last night. The following items were discussed:

- Sports Day Risk Assessment – as a result of the discussions, it was agreed that some of the events will be videoed when they happen and will be posted on the website – under a new tab 'Sports Day'
- Preparations for September – a letter of reminders will be sent to all parents regarding uniform, PE kits, lunchtimes, daily routines
- Improving facilities – particularly the toilet facilities for Early Years

Please remember if there are any issues you would like to be raised at the Parent Group meetings, there is a dedicated email for this purpose –

[parentgroup@hopebrook.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:parentgroup@hopebrook.gloucs.sch.uk)

We are still looking for parents to join this group, particularly parents in Y4 and Y5. If you are interested, please use the parentgroup email or contact the school office on [admin@hopebrook.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hopebrook.gloucs.sch.uk)

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm.

Scooters

I received a phone call from a member of the village community this week, who was very concerned about some Hope Brook children who were riding their scooters down the middle of the road outside The Latchen Village Hall. The children were riding at pace without helmets and appeared to have little regard for traffic on the road. I am sure you share my concerns over such behaviour and will want to remind your children about how to use the roads safely. All the children have been reminded about safe practice when playing outside, during today's collective worship.

### Vacancies

Sadly, Mrs Goodall left the Hope Brook team last week. Mrs Goodall has moved to a different school to continue as a teaching assistant. We were very sad to lose Mrs Goodall because she had been a tremendous asset to the school during the short time she was with us. As a result of this, we have advertised a teaching assistant post. The details of the post can be found on the website – under the 'Current Vacancies' tab. We have also advertised for a casual breakfast/after school club assistant. We are asking if there is anyone who might be available to cover ad hoc shifts for times when we are short of staff. Again, details of this role can be found on the website. Finally, I should mention the current Covid situation. We can see that the numbers are creeping up and we know some local primary schools have had to close 'bubbles' recently. This all serves as a reminder that we still need to be careful. We are reviewing our procedures again this week to ensure we are maintaining safe practice at school.

Take care and stay safe,

Stephanie Severn