

Hope Brook News

**Week ending: April
8th 2022**

Inside this issue:

Diary Dates	2
Cross Country	3
Good Work Awards	3
Gloucester Cathedral Trip	4
Djembe Workshop	5
STEM Workshop	5

**Hope Brook C of E
Primary School**

Church Road
Longhope
Gloucestershire
GL17 0LL

Phone: 01452 830558

Fax: 01452 831139

E-mail:

admin@hopebrook.
gloucs.sch.uk

Dear Parents, Governors, Staff & Friends,

As another term comes to an end, we reflect on a term that has truly been a mixed bag. We have had great success in the sporting arena, both in cross country and in swimming. Many of you will know about our achievements in the cross country—but we have had success in swimming too. Well done to all those children who have achieved their 25m swimming with confidence accolade and those who have demonstrated proficiency in life saving skills. The children have enjoyed some amazing learning experiences—both inside school and outside school. The pictures later in this newsletter will show you what they have been up to. In amongst all the positives, we faced the frustration of the partial closure. As you would expect, the children seem to have taken this in their stride and have slotted straight back into school routines. We are so proud of them.

There is one more sad task we have had to face today. Mrs Hodges has decided to move on from her current roles in the school. Most of the children know Mrs Hodges as a midday supervisor or as a member of the After School Club team—but Mrs Hodges has been so much more in the school. Ellie is a person who has been willing to face any challenge. She has worked in all the classes, helped out in the office and has been seen bell ringing on Parents Evenings. She has been an absolute star as a member of the Hope Brook team. We are sad that she is leaving us but wish her the best of luck in whatever challenge she decides to take on in the future. Keep shining, Ellie—because the world needs your light.

We have not managed to recruit another person for the After School Club role yet. Another advert will be posted after the Easter holidays. However, we have been lucky enough to recruit a new midday supervisor. From Monday 25th April, Mrs Michelle Hill will be joining the Hope Brook Team. We hope you are looking forward to a new adventure.

This evening, your children should have brought home a plastic wallet containing some A3 paper. We hope you will all want to contribute a Flag design to the Longhope Parish Council—who will have the difficult task of choosing a winning design. The winning design will be made into a real flag and will fly from the flag pole on the recreation ground. We hope you will have some fun being creative and design a flag to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee—70 years of service.

We have lots to look forward to next term. The summer term is the time we complete our main assessments of the children's progress—but as you will see from the diary dates, it is also when there are lots of trips and events. Have a great Easter.

April 2022



Diary Dates

Date	Event	Date	Event
Monday 25 April	Back to School	Wednesday 8 June	Brooklets Parents' Evening
Tuesday 3 May	Y3 & Y4 trip to the Mandir Temple	Tuesday 14 June	Year 4 & Year 5 Trip to the American Museum, Bath
W/c 9 May	SATS week - Year 6	Wednesday 15 June	Y6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral
Tuesday 10 May	Wagtails Trip to Ashmolean Museum	Wednesday 22 June	Kestrels Trip to Cardiff Synagogue and Museum
Monday 16 May	Kestrels Visit to Gloucester Cathedral	Friday 8 July	Sports Day
W/c 16 May	Eco Week	Tuesday 12 July	Year 6 Production (afternoon)
Friday 20 May	Woodpeckers & Robins Visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park	Wednesday 13 July	Year 6 Production (evening)
Wednesday 25 May	Kingfishers Visit to Gloucester Mosque	Thursday 14 July	Woodpeckers & Robins visit to Dunraven Bay
Friday 27 May	Jubilee Event	Friday 15 July	Year 6 Visit to Beechenhurst
Monday 30 May	Half Term Starts	Monday 18 July	Kestrels Trip to West Midlands Safari Park
Monday 7 June	Back to School	Thursday 21 July	Last Day of Term

We hope an overview of events in the year is helpful and will try to stick to these dates as closely as possible. However, there will inevitably have to be some changes made for reasons we have not yet anticipated. Please check future newsletters for any changes or the calendar on our school website <https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/calendar/309901>

School Dinners

The New menu for Spring and Summer is available on the school website https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/school_lunches_/311726 and on ParentPay.

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.



Cross Country County and National Events

Following the district trials, Leo Croker, Isaac Lawrance, Ben Pearce, Toby Hayward, Phoebe Morris, Florence Jones, Katie Pugh, Lily Webb and Annabel Sanders went forward to the County Cross Country Event on Saturday 12th March. The children did so well - showing commitment and perseverance, even when faced with a rather cruel hill. As well as the individual events, the pupils from Hope Brook were representing the Forest of Dean in the competition and our region did really well. The Y5 boys came 3rd so have been awarded bronze medals. The Y6 girls also came 3rd so have also been awarded bronze medals. The Y5 girls were 4th so have just missed out on a medal - this time.

Congratulations to Isaac Lawrance who qualified for a place at the National Finals—the first person from Hope Brook to do so. What a fantastic achievement, Isaac.

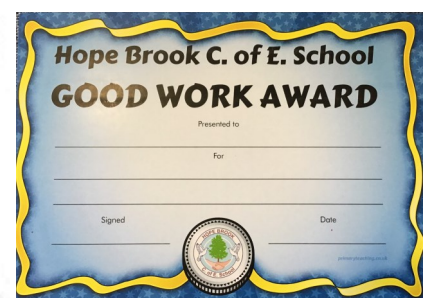


Good Work Awards

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

Well done to Oliver Lewis, Daniel Elsmore, Martha Wooding, Amberley James, Theo Lawrance, Lois Compton, Jasper Watkins, Annabel Sanders, Toby Hayward and Junior Badham who have all achieved a Head Teacher's Award this term.

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



Gloucester Cathedral

On Tuesday 29 March, Year 1 and Year 2 children visited Gloucester Cathedral as part of the religious visits programme at Hope Brook.

The children visited various stations celebrating Easter which were set up around the cathedral. After the workshop they were able to walk around the top of the cathedral and also ask questions about the filming of Harry Potter.

Thank you to Mr Lewis and Mrs Batt for giving their time to accompany the children.



Djembe Drums

On Thursday 7 April, Kestrels learned about Djembe drumming as part of their Africa topic. Mr Evans from Gloucestershire Music taught them two key ways to bang the drum making two very different sounds. The response and call activities sounded great.

Finally they made up their own compositions (with an agreed notation) in groups and performed them at the end. Mr Evans awarded Jasmine and Ada 'Djembe Masters' at the end of the workshop.



STEM Workshop

Kingfishers enjoyed a whole day of model making on 10th March. They were tasked with the challenge of making Moon buggies to carry 'an egg'. The models were amazing and all the children loved the races at the end of the day. The challenge was to see who could make the fastest buggy - travelling in a straight line. It was definitely the travelling in a straight line the children found difficult to master. Thank you to Mrs Follis from the STEM team who organised such a fun-filled day for the children.

