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Dear Parents/Carers

Can I just start this communication by saying a huge thank-you for your patience and support over the last few days. We realise that this week has been really unsettling for everyone. Just when we thought things were getting back to normal.

I am sure you will also want me to extend my gratitude to all the staff who have kept the school going this week and for the staff who have continued to offer remote learning, despite being unwell. We are so lucky to have a such a committed team who go above and beyond for the children. Unfortunately, the staffing position for next week is still unclear. I am hopeful that we will be able to re-open Kingfishers and Kestrels classes on Monday, and that Woodpeckers and Robins will continue to remain open. I will send out a message on Sunday if we are unable to re-open Wagtails.

The situation at the school has affected a number of plans and arrangements we had in place. We have postponed Wagtail's trip to the Mandir, which was planned for Tuesday 29th March. We have decided that our Easter Service will be on line rather than being held at the church. At the moment, we plan to go ahead with Tuesday's trip to Gloucester Cathedral, but this trip will be for Y1 and Y2 only.

As we continue to have children and staff being affected by covid, I can only repeat my previous requests for parents to be vigilant. If your children are displaying symptoms, please keep them at home. If your child has a positive test result, we remind parents to follow the chart that can be found on the school website <https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/covid-19/484838>

Nature Area

We have started work on the nature area. Part one of our development project was to open up the nature area so children can access the space from the playground. The children want this to be a quiet space where they can relax and look at nature. We love the ideas they have come up with. Last Saturday, a group of parents - Mr Milsome, Mr Mooney, Mr Meekel and Mrs Hill worked tirelessly to remove the fencing and part of the hedgerow in the nature area. They cleared brambles and made new rock/log piles. The amount of work completed was amazing - and the children have loved exploring the space this week. Thank you so much for all your help. There are a couple of pictures on the 'News' page of the website. We will keep you updated as this space progresses.

Red Nose Day

As promised in last week's update - the final total raised on Red Nose Day was £86.50

It has been very quiet around school this week. Let's hope everyone is able to return to school next week. Enjoy the weekend - I believe it is going to be a sunny one.

Stephanie Severn