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Hope Brook Update - Friday 24th June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Next week will be an exciting week for many of our Y6 pupils as they experience a whole week at their new secondary school, Dene Magna. They are very lucky to have a whole week at their new schools which will be great preparation for their journey into the next phase of education. Enjoy the week, Year 6.

Passport Day

On Friday 1st July, Hope Brook will be holding its annual Passport Day. This is the day that all the children spend the day with their new class teachers.

Kingfishers will remain in their classroom and will have Mrs Hollis and Mrs Harrington for the day.

Wagtails will also remain in their classroom. They will be taught by Mrs James, Mrs Collis, Mrs Fern and Miss Roberts

The Year 2 children will be in the room that is currently Kestrels classroom. They will access their classroom via the external hall doors. (The year group were in this room as Y1's). They will be taught by Miss Kay and Miss Scrivens will be with them too.

The Y1 children will be in Woodpeckers classroom. They will be taught by Mrs Christie, Miss Clemett and Mrs Carter.

The YR children will remain in their classroom with Mrs Stanton and Mrs Davis. We have invited Brooklets to join us for the day too.

New Parents Welcome

On Friday 1st July (Passport Day), the PTFA and Kingfishers are organising an informal event to welcome the new parents (of Brooklets) to Hope Brook. The event will start at 3pm and will last for approximately an hour. The children in Kingfishers class will be organising some play activities for the event to keep the children amused. The PTFA will be organising refreshments which will be served from the hall. There is no charge for the event. The PTFA will be asking for donations for the refreshments. We hope you will join us for an hour of relaxation at the end of a week.

Assessment Week - Y3, Y4 and Y5

The week beginning Monday 4th July will be assessment week for pupils in Y3, Y4 and Y5. The children in these year groups will take assessments in reading, spelling, grammar and maths - following the same models as assessments taken by Year 2 and Year 6 earlier this term.

Outdoor Learning

As our programme for outdoor learning is complete for this year, there is no need for children to come into school in outdoor learning clothes. From September, we will return to our usual routine of children bringing in clothing for their outdoor learning session.

Vandalism

This week, we have experienced some disappointing behaviour in our boys' toilets. The door furniture has been pulled off the toilet doors and has been put into the toilet basins. This has happened on three separate days, affecting the ability to lock those cubicles. This is clearly a deliberate act that we are investigating. It is always difficult to understand why somebody would want to damage the facilities used by everyone in the school. My purpose in sharing this information, is so that you are able to understand if the children come home complaining about access to our toilet facilities. Some cubicles may need to be out of action while we organise replacement parts and repairs. We are doing our best to arrange temporary solutions to this problem.

Sports Day

The children are really looking forward to Sports Day - on Friday 8th July. It has been a long time since we have had a proper sports day - so I thought it would be helpful to provide some details. The event will be held in the morning. We aim to start by 9.15am. It will probably last for about 2 hours. All the children are split into 3 teams - Breakheart (Reds), Chessgrove (Blue) and Nottwood (Yellow). The children should know which house they are in. They will be reminded prior to sports day. All the children are invited to wear a T-shirt in their house colour for the event. The children sit with their house team for the event. There will be some short races, long races, obstacle courses and the finals of the field events - throwing and long jump. At the end of the sporting events, the children will be given some time to go and see their friends and parents - but we ask them to stay with their team for the sporting events.

We do provide some chairs for parents to sit on - but parents often bring along their own seats / blankets to sit on.

The PTFA will be providing refreshments on the day - served from the Pavilion.

Sports day is always a memorable day - but it can also be a very competitive day. We know parents will want to take photographs but ask parents to be respectful of the events and to avoid standing by the finish line. It can be very daunting for children to see adults standing in front of them when they are trying to concentrate on their race.

I will be recording the results for the day - and promise that we always make sure the event is fair for each of the houses. At the end of the morning, I will announce the winning team. Two members of the winning team - from Y6 will receive the cup on behalf of the team.

There is then usually a lap of honour for the winning team. Let's hope the weather continues to be kind to us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Stephanie Severn