

Hope Brook News

**Week ending: 11
June 2021**

Inside this issue:

Welcome Back	1
Diary Dates	2
Kinfishers	2
Good Work Awards	3
Thank you	4
Wagtails	4
Governors Update	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,

Welcome to our third newsletter of this academic year. I hope you all managed to have a restful half term holiday, enjoying the sunshine. The children certainly appeared tired at the end of term. They all seem to have come back in good spirits and have been full of their holiday experiences.

There is a lot to look forward to this term, but I am sure you will have seen in the press that schools are being asked to maintain their current Covid safe systems, probably until the end of term. This will have an impact on our end of year plans, but we will try to ensure the children have as many enjoyable experiences as we can – in a safe and sensible way. It looks as if it is unlikely that we will be able to have a whole school Sports Day. Instead we will be organising some class based competitions. Sadly, we will not be able to have an end of year production for our Y6 children – but we are exploring some strategies for sharing the children's talents in an online way. We are determined to mark the end of this year in some form of positive activity so we are planning to have a whole school activity afternoon and picnic on Friday 16th July.

You will notice in the 'Diary dates' section that we are still planning to have face-to face Parents Evenings on Wednesday 23rd June and Tuesday 29th June. More details will follow – but these evenings will look a little different. We will be using the eschools booking facility for parents evening which will be open to parents from Monday 14th June 2021.

Next week, the school will be a quieter place as the Year 5 and Year 6 children will be venturing to the Isle of Wight for a school residential visit. There are lots of fun activities to look forward to. We hope to tire them out so they sleep well! Experience tells us that these trips always provide amazing memories for the children.

During the week beginning Monday 21st June, some of the Y6 children will be experiencing a week long induction at Dene Magna School. This is always a fantastic opportunity to experience what the next stage of their school life is going to be like.

11 June 2021

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Date	Event
Monday 14-Friday 18 June	Years 5 and 6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight	Weds 23 & Tues 29 June	Parents' Evenings—bookable via E-schools from Monday 14 June
Monday 21-Friday	Year 6 Induction at Dene Magna	Friday 9 July	Annual Reports sent home
Wednesday 23 June	Year Reception NHS Health Screening	Tuesday 20 July	Last Day of Term

School WebsiteCalendar <https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/calendar/309901>

Breakfast and After School Club

We are not quite back to full capacity for Breakfast and After School Club, and are unfortunately unable to accept occasional bookings before the summer break.

Kingfishers

Kingfishers have gained a lot of knowledge about coal mining in the Forest of Dean over the past few weeks. The topic began with how coal was formed around 300 million years ago and moved on to how the medieval miners' skills were employed by King Edward I in an audacious bid to extend his empire.

Inspired by the miners' historical legacy, the Kingfishers designed their own coal mining symbols which were used as part of a print making process. A super outcome was achieved by all.



School Dinners

The menu for the summer term is available on the school website https://www.hopebrook.co.uk/website/school_lunches_/311726

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

As always, the children have been reminded about how to keep themselves safe in the sun. We encourage children to wear hats and take off their cardigans and jumpers in the hot weather. It is surprising how many children do not seem to realise they are getting too hot. We also encourage children to drink regularly and to sit in the shade if they feel too warm.

We encourage parents to apply suncream to their children before school, and know that many parents find the all day sunscreens effective. If children need more suncream during the school day, please ensure they bring in a labelled bottle of cream which children can apply when required.



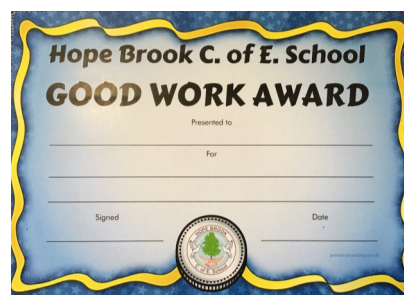
Term Dates

The term dates for September 2021 to July 2022 have been finalised and have been published on our school website: [Welcome to Hope Brook CofE Primary School](#). Children return to school on Monday 6 September.

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 on Mondays so we can award them with a Head Teacher's Award certificate and cup to bring home at the end of each week.

Well done to Jack Williams, India Foran, Lily Chelu, Toby Harding, Paisley James and Gwen Stephens who have achieved a Headteacher'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! Congratulations to Chloe Moverley and Robson Trigg who have just achieved their 5th Headteacher's Awards and receive their cups to keep.



Wagtails

Wagtails class were very busy last term learning about volcanoes. We enjoyed making different types and shapes of volcanoes, using playdough as well as mud. Sweets, honey, washing up liquid and marmalade really helped us understand how lava is not always the same. In the outdoor area, we were able to build and erupt our own volcanoes, which was fantastic! With our hard work, we were able to explain how and why volcanoes erupt using actions and a written explanation.

After volcanoes, we moved onto learning about how the movement of tectonic plates cause earthquakes (with the help of marmalade and rice crackers). It was interesting to know how they start beneath the surface and how we measure them. If you ask any of us about how to stay safe in an earthquake, we can explain it in good detail.



Thank you



Robins were incredibly excited to see the return of their big boat. An SOS appeal from school resulted in Mr Bullock taking the boat off site to work his magic. On Monday this week he returned the boat ... and what a boat! It looks better than it did! Robins want to say a huge thank you to Mr Bullock and his hard work.

Governors Update by Amy Mason

I joined the Governors in 2018 and currently have 2 children attending Hope Brook. The role of the Governors is really important and our job is to be a critical friend asking questions and to help make decisions to improve the children's education.

This term there have been 2 Governor's meetings one of the resources committee, which covers finance, staffing and premises, and a full Governors meeting.

We covered many different topics during our Full Governors Meeting ranging from the school website, Feedback from the resources committee and an Ofsted Update.

We discussed remote learning during the difficult months of lockdown and as Governors we were so pleased to hear of the good engagement from the children. The school were really happy with the eschools platform and how it allowed more interaction between children and teachers. As Governors we also discussed the current assessments of our children at Hope Brook and how lockdown has affected their learning. The school and staff have looked closely at how the curriculum is now tailored to take account of missed learning.

The school has been looking at new Interactive Whiteboards for some time and in previous Governors meetings we had agreed that this was a purchase that needed to be made to aid the children's learning. Feedback from the staff and children has been extremely positive!