

Hope Brook News

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If your child is ill
please call school
each day before
9.00am to report
them absent.

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Dear Parents, Governors, Staff & Friends,

We are delighted to have been awarded our RHS Level 2 School Gardening Award, for the work that our gardening club together with Mrs Acland & Mrs Harrington have been carrying out. We are working towards our Level 3 award and would welcome any volunteers with gardening experience who might like to get involved!



Holidays during term time

We have been experiencing an increase in the number of requests for holidays during term time. To date we have received requests for 47 children this year.

As a school our attendance rates are monitored and there is an expectation that fines will be issued where there are an excessive number of holiday requests. It is expected that children will attend school for at least 97% of the time. This equates to missing just 4 days of school a year and includes illness. Currently only 72% of our children are achieving this.

Research shows that when a child is on holiday, it is not just the week they are away that is missed, but that their learning during the week prior to the holiday and after the holiday is also disrupted, which can impact on the rest of the class.

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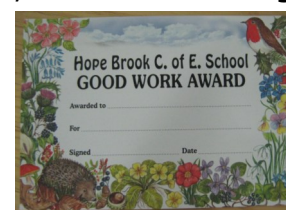
Diary Dates

Date	Event	Date	Event
W/c 21st May	Arts Week	Friday 29th June	Moving Up Day
Thursday 24th May	Archery Competition	Wednesday 4th July	Summer Concert 6.15pm
W/c 28th May	Half Term	Friday 6th July	Sports Day 9.30am
Monday 4th June	Back to School	Wednesday 11th July	Circus Workshop Whole School
Tuesday 5th June	Nature Quiz Area Final	Wednesday 18th July	Summer Production - KS2 2.00pm
Wednesday 6th June	Cathedral Leavers Service Year 6	Thursday 19th July	Summer Production - KS2 6.00pm
Wednesday 6th June	Brooklets Parents Evening	Tuesday 24th July	Leavers Service 9.15am
Thursday 7th June	Quad Kids Dene Magna	Wednesday 25th July	INSET
Tuesday 12th June	Weston Super Mare Trip Robins	Monday 3rd September	INSET
Thursday 14th June	Country Dance Festival Speech House	Tuesday 4th September	INSET
Wednesday 20th June	Usbourne Book Fair	Wednesday 5th September	Back to School

Good Work Awards

Well done to Annabel Sanders, Lowen Bailey, Lauren Pearce, Zachary White, Max Cruickshank, Imogen Johnson and a special well done to Henry B, who is receiving the award for the 5th time and gets to keep the cup!

If your child receives 5 Good Work Awards, please ask them to bring them to the school office, so that they receive the Head Teachers Award and get to keep the cup for a week!



Sporting News

The Soccer 7 team were in action at Newent School, taking part in the district competition earlier on this month. After losing their first match, they came back strongly to win their next two matches and just missed out on going through to the semi-finals on goal difference.

Well done to Rhys Davis, Ethan Sparks, Ashton Croker, Beth Powell, Elliott King, Tom Whittington, Max Henson, Aiden Moore & George Roberts.

Governors' News

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and would particularly welcome nominations from people who have experience in SEND, Early Years or Safeguarding.

We also have a vacancy for a co-opted Governor, so if you are not a parent but have the expertise we are searching for and would like to get involved, please contact the school office for more information.

Nominations for the Parent Governor vacancy close at noon on Tuesday 6th June.

Welcome

You may have noticed some new faces around school this month and we would like to welcome Sophie Haddock and Jess Berry to Hope Brook. Both are in the final stages of their PGCE qualification and are looking forward to being fully qualified teachers.



Miss Berry is based in Robins class and hopes to teach this age group when she finishes next month. In her spare time she loves to read and dance, having danced street and contemporary all her life. Her favourite food is cucumber!

Miss Haddock is based in Wagtails class and has lived in the Forest of Dean all her life. She enjoys zumba, reading and taking her dog out for long walks.



Summer Concert—4th July 2018

We are looking forward to holding our first Summer Concert at Hope Brook on Wednesday 4th July at 6.15pm. The school choir will be performing, together with many of our instrumentalists and it will hopefully be a beautiful sunny evening!

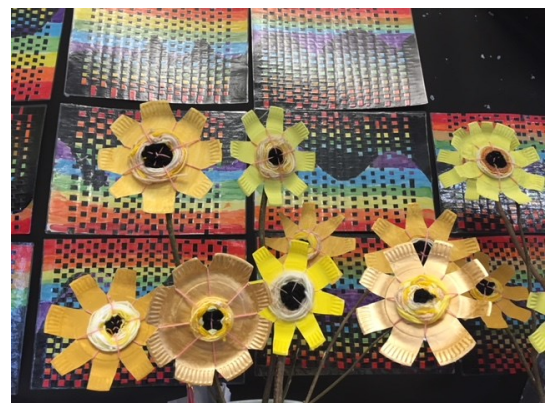
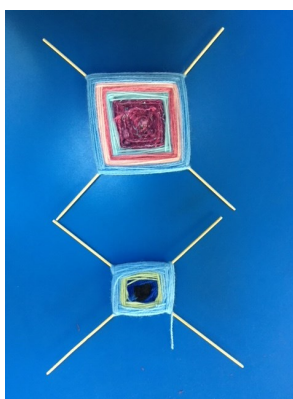
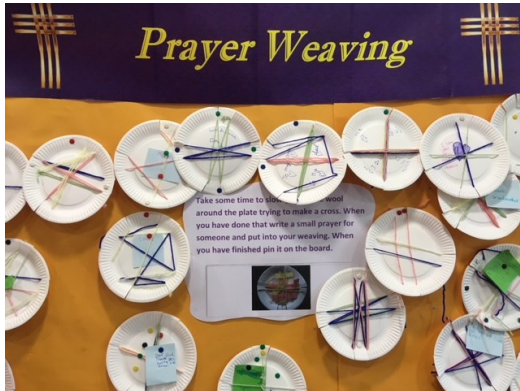
Tickets will be available later in the term, but do put the date in your diaries!



Arts Week

It's one of our favourite weeks of the year at Hope Brook, where we see what emerges from each of the classrooms at the end of Arts Week. Our theme this year is weaving, with Years 3–6 taking part in a joint project to build a wigwam and the humble paper plate has also ended up with a starring role as well!

We hope that you will join us at the end of school on Friday 25th May to enjoy our final display!



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Mental Health Champions

Hope Brook was recently selected to take part in the Department for Education's project regarding Mental Health Champions. We were delighted to be used as one of their case studies and the full case study can be found on page 84 of the report on Supporting Mental Health in Schools and Colleges

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/705083/Supporting_Mental-Health_pen_portraits.pdf

Worship at Hope Brook

We welcomed Mr Gacek back to Hope Brook this week, when he kindly led an assembly about responsibility, particularly about taking responsibility for tidying up after ourselves and others. Perhaps the children will remember how the man was rewarded for clearing up the road!



School Disco

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents who organised and ran the after SATs disco for the children on Friday. The children had a fantastic time and it also raised over £175 for the school.



School Uniform for September

If you need to order new school uniform for September, please be aware that the last date for orders to be delivered free to school is 21st June and that they will be delivered on 9th July. Any orders placed after this date will either be delivered in early September or can be posted to your home address for £2.95.

Uniform can be ordered online from Price & Buckland:

<http://www.pbparentsonline.co.uk/hopebrook>