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Dear Parents / Carers

Can I start off by saying a huge thank-you to the two parents who stepped in at the last minute for the Woodpeckers trip on Tuesday, when we unexpectedly found ourselves short of two people to support the trip. We are very grateful that you were able to step in and know that everyone had a wonderful day. The photos on the website are evidence that fun was had by all.

Life Bus

Next week, we will be having the annual visit of the Life Education Team who will be sharing lots of ideas about how we can keep ourselves healthy. Many children will be used to visiting the Life Bus or the Life Tent and meeting *Geoffrey the Giraffe*. They won't be bringing the bus or the tent this year - but I am sure *Geoffrey* will still be around. This year, the sessions will be held in the classrooms. Each group will have a session tailored to their age group:

YR session = All About Me - Weds 29th Sept

Y1/2 session = My Wonderful Body - Tues 28th Sept

Y3/4 session = It's Great to be Me - Tues 28th Sept

Y5 session = Friends - Weds 29th Sept

Y6 session = Friends - Tues 28th Sept

Wagtails Trip

On Thursday 30th September, Wagtails will be experiencing their first school trip of the year. They will be going to the Dean Heritage Centre to enjoy a woodland experience, looking for evidence of animal habitats. The children do not need to arrive at school early - but the coach is hoping to leave at 9.00am so we are asking parents to ensure the children arrive at school in good time. The children should wear sensible outdoor clothes and will need to take the weather conditions on the day into account. At the moment the forecast suggests it will be raining on Thursday - but we know how changeable the forecasts have been recently. It would be a good idea to wear wellies if it looks like rain and of course a waterproof jacket/coat. The children will need a packed lunch, a snack and a drink in a non-breakable container. We suggest they put all these items in a backpack for ease. No sweets or fizzy drinks please. The children will not need to take any money for this trip. They will return to school before the end of a normal school day so should be picked up as usual at 3.15pm.

Harvest

On Friday 8th October (in 2 weeks' time), we will be holding our Harvest Service. The plan is to hold the service at the church at 9.30am. It will be lovely to get back to some kind of normal school service, held in the church. Parents are welcome to join us, but please remember that there is limited seating in the church once the children are sat in the pews. We don't book people into the church services - so it is first come, first served.

As a reminder for those people who have not experienced a church service at Hope Brook, the children start school as usual, and will be registered in their classrooms. The children then have the chance to make sure they have everything they need for the service. The whole school then walks up to the church. We are very used to this journey and do not need additional help for this. As soon as everyone is at the church and ready, we start the service. We are usually ready to start by 9.30am - but please bear with us if the start is a little delayed.

During this service, we will be making our usual collection for the Forest Food Bank. All the children are asked to bring along an item of food to donate to the collection. They urgently need foods like tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, tinned puddings, noodles, jelly, packet coffee. We thank you for any non-perishable food items you feel able to spare for this collection. The children carry their item of food to the church, and as part of the service, the children hand their item of food over. Some of the Y6 children form a tabletop display of the donated food in the church. Many of you will remember the scenes as the children form a line in and out of the pews. It is a unique, and slightly chaotic experience, but is a good Hope Brook tradition.

Rainbows

The 1st Longhope Rainbows group have started meeting again on Thursday evenings (5 - 6pm). The group meets at The Pavilion on the Longhope Recreation Ground and enjoy a range of activities, including games, crafts and baking. If you have a child in YR, Y1 or Y2 who would be interested in joining the group, please contact Nora Powell on 1stlonghoperainbows@gmail.com

Have a lovely weekend.

Stephanie Severn