

Hope Brook Update - Friday 10th June 2022

Dear Parents/carers

This week seems to have flown by - as did that half term week. I hope you all managed to have a restful half term and were able to enjoy some Jubilee celebrations. I have had some very positive feedback from people about the Parish Council event on the recreation ground. It sounds like everyone had a great time.

The summer term is always a very busy time of year, particularly for our Y6 pupils. Parents of children in Y6 will receive a letter on Monday, outlining all of the events the Y6 children can look forward to this term. Meanwhile, please find below an overview of what is happening in school next week.

Classes for next year

An overview of the class structure was displayed on the school noticeboard today. The same overview has been attached to this update. As you will see, there are quite a few staff changes for next year, a maternity leave and three leavers for pastures new. This is very unusual for Hope Brook. We will be sad to say goodbye to staff who have shown such commitment to their job, but look forward to welcoming some new faces.

End of KS1 Assessments

It will be a busy week for Y2 next week as this is the week we aim to complete our assessments of the children's KS1 experience at Hope Brook. We aim to ensure that children feel comfortable when undertaking these assessments and know they will try to do their very best.

Multiplication Tables Check

By the end of next week, all of the Y4 children will have had a go at completing the Government's 25 question, on-line check which aims to track whether Y4 children have achieved the Government expectation of knowing their 2 - 12x tables by the end of Y4. We know that the Y4 children have been working really hard to master all of their tables. We will know the outcome of these tests later this term.

Kingfishers Trip

On Tuesday 14th June 2022, Kingfishers will be visiting the American Museum in Bath. The children will be leaving school at 9am and will return to school by 4.00pm approximately. They should wear school uniform for the trip, and they will need a packed lunch and drink in a non-breakable container. As with most school trips, we recommend the children carry their belongings in a back pack for the day. The children will not need any money.

Leavers Service

On Wednesday 15th June 2022, Y6 will be attending the Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral. This is always a lovely opportunity for schools in Gloucester to come together to mark this very important stage in young people's lives. We will be leaving school at 9.30am and will return to school by lunch time. This is always seen as a special occasion so we hope the children will be in their usual smart uniforms so we can make the most of the photo opportunity outside one of Gloucestershire's iconic landmarks - Gloucester Cathedral.

Brooklets

At 2.00pm on Friday 17th June 2022, we will be holding our first Brooklets session of the year. This is the time we welcome the children that will be joining Robins in September. I can't believe we have reached that point in the year already. The Brooklets session runs for an hour. The Brooklets children are collected at 3pm, allowing new parents to collect their children before the rest of the school are dismissed.

Mrs Blackman's Retirement Event

Many of you may be wondering what happened about Mrs Blackman's retirement gift presentation. The presentation has been delayed due to covid restrictions etc. A presentation was due to take place this week but unfortunately the event has had to be postponed again! We hope that Mrs Blackman will be able to join us at one of our end of year events so we can say a proper farewell and we can wish her the best of luck in her retirement. We will put some pictures in the end of year newsletter.

As we start a new term, can I just provide some reminders about our school uniform. We are very proud of our school uniform and we receive many positive comments about our smart appearance when we attend school events and trips. We want to maintain this positive view of our school so want to remind children about not wearing nail polish or jewellery, wearing sensible simple studs if ears are pierced and that any hair adornments should be simple and effective rather than decorative.

Thank you for your continued support.

Enjoy the weekend

Stephanie Severn