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Hope Brook Update - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

What a lovely week it has been. It makes all the difference when the sun is shining - and I am pleased to say that the majority of pupils have been following our sun safety guidance. Many children have sensibly worn suncream and sun hats, and we have been encouraging children to take drinks at regular intervals and to make use of the shade around the school. We do need to send out another reminder about outdoor learning. Children should be wearing long sleeves and leg coverings for outdoor learning to protect them from scratches, bites and stings. We have had to adapt activities again this week due to the number of children wearing shorts and t-shirts.

#### Jubilee Book

Today, the children will be bringing home a free book to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. This book has been designed as an official once-in-a-lifetime commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee. Written in collaboration with royal experts and historians, the book tells the story of Isabella, visiting her Great Granny Joyce who tells her about the Queen and this year's Jubilee. I hope you all enjoy finding out about the Queen's amazing life.

#### Statutory Assessments

Most of the statutory assessments have now been completed - the Y1 Phonics Screening, the Y2 SATs and the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check have all been completed this week. The outcomes of these assessments will be shared as soon as we receive the national data.

#### New teachers

After a successful round of interviews yesterday, I am pleased to be able to let you know that we have appointed 2 new teachers. Miss Lara Clemett will be joining us from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Initially, Miss Clemett will be covering the start of Miss Kay's maternity leave. She will then become the Year 2 teacher (Woodpeckers) from September. Miss Jane Scrivens will be joining us in September as the Y3 teacher (Wagtails).

#### Kestrels trip

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022, Kestrels will be travelling to Cardiff to visit the Cardiff Reform Synagogue and Cardiff Museum. The coach will be leaving school promptly at 9.00am

so we ask that children are in school for 8.40am. (We will open the gates for all children at 8.40am on that day). The children should return to school by about 4.15pm. The children will need a packed lunch, a drink and a snack for this day. No sweets or fizzy drinks please. It would be sensible for the children to have a backpack for this trip and we ask that all containers are non-breakable. They will not need any money for this trip.

### Summer Production

We are really pleased that we are going to be able to invite an audience to our summer production. It feels like it has been a long wait for this moment - three years I think! This year's KS2 production is 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. Our Y6 pupils are taking on the leading roles, supported by our Year 5 pupils. There will be two performances. The first performance will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. This performance will be a dress rehearsal. The audience for this performance will be the rest of the school, the children at Pippins and some invited guests from the local community. We are hoping to invite Mrs Blackman to this performance as a special guest. The main performance will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. Tickets for this performance will be available (via Parentpay) to the parents of children in Y6 from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at a cost of £2.50 per ticket. The tickets will be made available to other parents from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Please be aware that initially, tickets will be limited to 2 tickets per family. Requests for further tickets should be made via the school office.

Have a lovely weekend - even if it looks as if we are in for a bit of a downpour!

Stephanie Severn