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## Hope Brook Update - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

What have we been up to in school this week? Woodpeckers and Robins have been on their Spring walk around the local area, Wagtails have designing and creating Rangoli patterns, Kestrels have faced the challenge of naming as many African countries as they can remember, and Kingfishers have enjoyed the excitement of a STEM workshop. As always it's been a busy and exciting week.

### Y6 Revision

Next week the children in Y6 will start their revision time. For the next 6 weeks, they will revisit the key objectives they have been taught in KS2 - in preparation for the end of Key Stage tests which will be taking place during the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. It is an important time for our Y6 children who we know will want to do their very best. We are there to help you, Y6.

### Red Nose Day- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Red noses will be on sale next week. Mrs McGinley will be selling the noses outside the main school entrance. Noses will be available on a first come first served basis and will need to be paid for in cash at the time of purchase. The noses cost £1.50 and are made of bagasse, a natural by-product of sugar cane - so no plastic this year.

On Friday, we will be holding a non-uniform day to support the Red Nose Day fundraising campaign. We ask for a contribution of £1.50 for this day. Payment can be made via this link <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6759> or by cash on the day (Friday). Children are welcome to wear their Red Nose Day accessories for that day - T-shirts, hair adornments, badges etc. and we know some children like to do strange things with their hair for this day!

### Parents Evening - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

This is the first of our parents' evenings. The second parents evening will be held next Wednesday. If you have not yet booked a slot to see your child's teacher, there are a few available slots left which can be booked via eschools. This evening, you should have received your child's report card which will provide useful information for the meetings with your children's teacher.

We are maintaining the arrangements for parents evening that we had in place for the Autumn Term meetings. The classrooms should be accessed via the external classroom doors on the lower playground. Kestrels should be accessed via the external hall doors. As usual, the 10-minute time slots will be indicated by the ringing of a bell. Visitors are no longer required to wear a mask - but we understand if you wish to do this. We are not able to accommodate additional children at the ASC at this point in time, and ask that you make arrangements for child care as we will not have any staff available to provide this service.

#### Pre-loved Uniform

If anyone is looking for school uniform, the PTFA are going to set up a rack of clothes which can be purchased on the parents' evenings. The uniform rail will be located on the lower playground - in the under-cover bike shed area.

#### A note for parents in Woodpeckers

Mr Jackson and Mrs Christie will be swapping their working days next week. Mrs Christie will be in school Monday - Wednesday, and Mr Jackson will be in school Wednesday pm - Friday.

#### Nature Area

The children are keen for us to 'open up' our nature area so they can use it as a quiet space. In order for this to happen we will need to clear quite a lot of undergrowth and some hedging. The PTFA have been recruiting support from parents to help with this task over the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> March. If you are able to help, please join us from 9.30 am on Saturday morning. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

My final message this week is to say good luck to all the children participating in the cross country event this weekend. I know you have all been training hard. We are already very proud of what you have achieved and wish you the best of luck on Saturday. See you there.

Stephanie Severn