

Hope Brook News

Week ending: 20th July, 2018

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**School returns
on Wednesday
5th September
at 8.45am**

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Dear Parents, Governors, Staff & Friends,

We find ourselves at the end of another year already and when we look back over the last year, what an exciting time we have had!

We have raised money for the Forest Foodbank, Sport Relief & Stand Up to Cancer.

Hope Brook are the current District hockey champions, we came 3rd in the County gymnastics, 3rd in the district indoor athletics and 2nd place in the district archery competitions!

We have enjoyed musical assemblies led by our talented young musicians, we have held our first summer concert, endured snow before and after Christmas, held a spelling bee and Bananagrams championships as well as being awarded our Level 2, RHS Gardening Award.

We have launched our new website and eSchools app, we have been designated a National Support School and Mrs Severn a National Leader of Education, as well as being a case study for the Department for Education regarding mental health in schools.

The children have displayed their performing skills not only in our main productions of Santa's on Strike and Dragon Days, but also in our Remembrance, Harvest, Christingle and Spring Services.

We hope that you all have a super summer holiday!

Sports Day 2018

Friday 6th July saw our annual sports day and beautiful weather to accompany it.

This year Yellow Team were the defending champions and were successful in becoming 2018 champions as well!

The overall scores were 955 to Yellow Team, 860 to Blue Team and 755 to Red Team.



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Diary Dates

Date	Event	Date	Event
Monday 3rd September	INSET	Friday 9th November	Remembrance Service
Tuesday 4th September	INSET	Thursday 13th December	Nativity Production
Wednesday 5th September	Back to School	Tuesday 18th December	Carol Service
Wednesday 12th September	Meet the Teacher	Friday 21st December	INSET Day
W/c 17th September	PGL Trip Years 5 & 6	<p>Please note that these dates are based on our current plans, but that they may be subject to change.</p> <p>Please check the eSchools calendar either on the website or the app for the most up to date information.</p>	
Friday 5th October	Harvest Service		
w/c 22nd October	Half Term		
Monday 5th November	School Photographs		

Don't forget that the Hope Brook Holiday Club is available 8am—4pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for four weeks during the summer holidays. The club is open to children aged 3-11 years old and we still have spaces available for some of the sessions, please contact the school office for more information on 01452 830558.

Good Work Awards

Well done to Ava-Lou Morris, Etienne Shackleton-Harding, Bethany Lancett & Katie Pugh who have all received the Head Teacher's Award this month. A big well done goes to Maddie Crellin who has received 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!



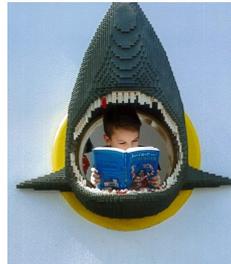
Orienteering

Our Year 5 & 6 children visited The Wilderness Centre to practise their orienteering skills at the beginning of July. As you can see from the photographs, it was another wonderfully warm day and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Extreme Reading Summer Challenge

We'll be holding our own extreme summer reading challenge this year, just photograph your child reading a book in the most extreme place (within reason—please stay safe!) and send them in with the photograph in September. It's not a competition, just a fun way to get the children thinking about reading. Some ideas are given below, but we're sure you'll be able to come up with lots of creative ones of your own!



Year 6 Leavers

It's that time of year where we have to say goodbye to our current Year 6. Although they are the smallest year group in the school, they are certainly big on personality and the school won't be the same without them in September.

We thank them for all of the great qualities they have brought to Hope Brook and we wish them every success as they start the next phase of their journey at secondary school.

Make new friends, but keep the old.

One is silver, the other is gold.



Governor News

Well, the school year is ending and we look forward to the upcoming school holidays. After such a long spell of hot and dry weather, it's bound to trigger rain and cloud for the next 6 weeks! The Governors have had our final meeting of the year at which we welcomed our newest member Mrs Claire Jeavons in the role of Parent Governor. Claire will be a great addition to the team with her experience as a teacher.

Every year, a School Development Plan is created to focus on specific areas within the school. We reviewed it at our last meeting. At the start of the year, specific actions are defined and these are executed throughout the year. The impact of these actions is continually monitored during the year and assessed at the end, when a new plan is drawn up for the following year. In this way, the Head, Leaders, Staff and Governors of the school maintain a process of continual improvement throughout the year and from one year to the next. The current plan focused on ensuring progress of specific groups of pupils, development of the "big ideas" curriculum and "using talk". Good progress has been made. We are seeing some benefits of the interventions now and anticipate seeing more at the start of the new school year.

Next week sees the end of term, when our Year 6 pupils move on to Secondary School. We have had initial news on the SATS results and they are very good, but I know all Staff work tremendously hard to ensure an education at Hope Brook is about more than just test results. Great efforts are made to ensure the school has a caring atmosphere, develops and maintains strong links to the local community and Church and uses our beautiful location for outdoor learning – and fun! We wish our leavers all the best for their future education and look forward to welcoming our new Reception pupils in September.

Happy holidays all.

Justin Cook

Chair of Governors

New bags for September

We know that lots of children have new bags for September, please could we ask that both lunch boxes and backpacks are kept to a sensible size. We have to store 60 lunchboxes each day and a number have started to appear in backpacks with additional drinks bottles enclosed, which unfortunately our storage racks are not large enough to accommodate.

Children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 require a book bag; which are available to purchase from the school office, children in Years 3-6 may bring a backpack.

All children require a sensible sized PE bag in which to keep their kit.

Please also remember to label all new items, as we always have a large number of unnamed lost property items that we are unable to return at the end of each term.



Lunchtime Awards

Well done to the following children who received a lunchtime treat at the end of this week for their good behaviour during lunchtimes: Ada Savidge, Alexa Sprekelsen, Annabel Sanders, Beatrice Hawkins, Betsie Matthews, George Jervis, Immy Harding, India Foran, Jack Williams, Jake Tilling, Jasmine Jeavons, Kacey Tilling, Katie Pugh, Keelan Coleman, Lois Compton, Mollie Wooding, Oliver Cruickshank, Peter Jones, Skye Smith & Stirling Mason.



Review of Focus Areas for 2017/18

At the beginning of each academic year we set out our focus areas and we felt it would be of interest to update you on each of the areas and the progress made this year.

- ◇ Holiday childcare—Pippins has provided holiday childcare for two days each week during the Easter and Half Term holidays and will provide the same for four weeks of the Summer Holidays.
- ◇ Spelling—Our spelling bee and Bananagram competitions have encouraged the children to enjoy spelling
- ◇ Drawing, mapping and handwriting—We have been exploring different ways of recording learning, by using diagrams and labelled drawings, particularly in our topic work.
- ◇ Maths—Rock Stars Times Tables is an online game for helping to learn times tables, it has been particularly popular with the children.
- ◇ Pupil voice—For the summer term we have been using an assembly slot to find out how the children feel about a number of areas—trips, the topics we cover, collective worship, playground games, clubs and the sports we offer and we'll be feeding this back into our everyday practice.

Mobile Phones

In the current climate and with particular reference to safeguarding issues, we would ask that no primary school age child should have a phone in school with them during the day. If there are extenuating circumstances that mean your child requires a phone either before or after school, please let the school know so that we can arrange for the safe storage of the phone in the school office during school hours.



Swimming Lessons



With the current Government emphasis on making sure that children can swim 25m when they leave primary school, we will be providing additional opportunities for some children to practise their skills over the next academic year.

Swimming lessons will start on Monday 10th September for all children in Years 3 & 4.