



Hope Brook News

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If your child is ill please call school each day before 9.00am to report them absent.

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Dear Parents, Governors, Staff & Friends,

Our Spring Term is well underway and to date we have managed to avoid any more snow days!

We are very excited about the launch of the new school website and school app, which we hope will make life easier for you. We listened to your parental questionnaire feedback regarding communication and hope that this will help.

Our old website is in the process of transferring over to the new one, but to take a look now visit www.hope-brook.eschools.co.uk where you can login to your account using the green button in the top right corner. Login details have been sent home with your children this week.

Many of the questions we receive in school are about the details for school trips and required equipment, which will now be available in the calendar section of the website. The app is specifically tailored to your children so you will be able to view any letters that have been sent home and also timings and details of trips that are relevant to you.

Class pages will also be coming online over the next few weeks, which will give you more information about what your child's class is up to and in due course it will also be used for providing homework details—hopefully eliminating any 'lost' sheets in bags!

We will also be moving over to the app to send messages, rather than our text messaging service, as we have had issues with the phone signal in the Forest of Dean and only being able to text one person for each child. The app will allow us to message multiple contacts for each child and is not dependent on phone signal.

Our next set of parents evening meetings will be bookable online, so do please take the time to login now, so that you are all ready when the meeting times are released after half term.

We know that there are always teething troubles when introducing a new system, so please let Mrs King in the School Office know and she will aim to get the issues resolved.

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Diary Dates

Date	Event	Date	Event
Tuesday 30th January	Cross Country Selection Race	Wednesday 28th March	Easter Service 9.30am All Saints' Church
Friday 2nd February	Trip to 'We the Curious' Kingfishers	Thursday 29th March	INSET Day
W/c 5th February	French Week	Friday 30 March—Friday 13th April	Easter Holidays
W/c 12th February	Half Term	Monday 16th April	Back to School
Thursday 22nd February	Visit to Forest Gate Church Woodpeckers	Monday 23rd April	St George's Day Theme Day
Thursday 22nd February	First Steps Gym Competition Dene Magna	W/c 14th May	SATS week - Year 6
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day Dress up as your favourite book character	Friday 29th June	Moving Up Day
Thursday 8th March	Parents Evening	Friday 6th July	Sports Day 9.30am
Tuesday 13th March	Parents Evening	Wednesday 18th July	Summer Production - KS2 2.00pm
Friday 16th March	Visit to Westons Farm Robins & Woodpeckers	Thursday 19th July	Summer Production - KS2 6.00pm
Friday 23rd March	Sport Relief Sporty Non Uniform Day	Tuesday 24th July	Leavers Service 9.15am

Good Work Awards

Well done to Harrison White, George Roberts, Lydia Moverley, Rhys Davis & Lucy Bowlzer who have all received the Head Teachers Award. A special well done goes to Jessica B who has received the cup for the 5th time! Keep up the good work!

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!



Talent Show

Our last day of term was a celebration of the talent we have at Hope Brook School.

With singing, dancing, gymnastics displays, comedy routines and our very own 'Ant and Dec' presenting, it was yet again one of the children's highlights of the year.

Mrs Barnes & Ms Rowe headed up the judging panel, with help from the school council and our overall winner this year was Jessica B with her dance routine.



Keeping Safe Online

On Wednesday 17th January our local PCSO Tracy Martin, came in to talk to Years 4–6 about keeping themselves safe online and internet safety in general.

Please do talk to your child about what they learned during the session and if you would like more information there is a comprehensive guide to keeping your child safe online, available from the Family Information Service. The booklet is called 'A Parent's Guide to Mobile Phone and Internet Safety' and can be downloaded from www.glofamiliesdirectory.org.uk.

The NSPCC also provide an online safety helpline 0808 8005002 if you have any questions about parental controls, or concerns over a social network your child uses. They also have information online, including how to start a conversation about online safety at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>