



Hopedale

We work best, when we work together!

Hopedale offers a holistic, family-oriented, therapeutic approach to bringing children inner-peace and contentment, enabling them to access education, and become positive, valued members of society.

Welcome Back! Autumn (1) Newsletter 2019

Welcome Back! We have had a super start back to school and thoroughly enjoyed catching up with each other and all our news. First things first, a massive congratulations to all our summer leavers who are celebrating their GCSE results. We are delighted with all they have achieved and so very proud of how far they have come on their Hopedale journeys. A super huge 'Thank You' to all the staff for their continual support of the children. They have been able to progress to their chosen college courses and we wish them all the very best with their next steps.



We are Outstanding!

You may be aware that during the summer term we had a visitor from Ofsted. She came to assess the school and make a judgement as to how we are doing.

The fabulous news is, we were awarded 'Outstanding'. This is a great achievement and reflects what a special place we are. The report is glowing, and you all should have received a letter sharing the key findings.

If you would like to read the full inspection report, you can access it on our school website - <http://hopedale.org.uk/> and then click on the link on the homepage. It makes good reading!

We have got lots happening this term including some important dates for your diaries. At Hopedale, we take great pride in supporting and raising awareness of a wide range of good causes.

This term we have the following events taking place:

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Day



Poppies and general merchandise will be on sale in school reception just before half term. Watch out on the Facebook page to find out when they are available.

Wednesday 13th November – Anti Bullying Day



Wear something blue and /or an odd sock

There will be a poster competition across school with a £5 shopping voucher as a prize.

This is to raise awareness and stand together against bullying

Friday 15th November – Children in Need (suggested donation £1)



A non-uniform event

Sweet shop available – bring 50p to purchase on the day

A fun filled day raising awareness and donations for those who are not as fortunate as we are.

Please note, these events are all supposed to be fun and enjoyable, not to cause stress or expense. Students are encouraged to participate as best suits them.

Making a difference already!

We may have only been back for five weeks, but we have already been making a difference and breaking records! We held our Macmillan coffee morning a couple of weeks ago. We had been busy making and delivering leaflets to invite the local community to come and share with us and were busy baking during the week running up.

We had an amazing assortment of treats available to buy, and raised a whopping **£271.37** for Macmillan Cancer Support, which has broken last year's total! Wow!

We are also super proud of one of our pupils – Callum – who has had all his hair chopped off to raise money for Mind. He was well known for his long flowing locks – but they all went for a fabulous **£900.26!** Amazing!

You can find more information on the fabulous work these charities do, by visiting their

websites:

<https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>



What are we up to?



We have come back to a busy term with lots going on. In Upper School we are already thinking about our GCSEs and enjoyed exploring the theme of 'Government and Democracy' as one of our topics. An interesting time to be covering the government and their dealings!

In Middle School we are venturing back in time and learning about Technology, War and Independence since 1901. A lot of history to be covered, which has seen us exploring how the Potteries got its name, the ceramic tile industry and rights for women, amongst other things.

In Lower School we have also gone back in time, but further still and are learning about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We have loved exploring the idea of 'invaders' and settlers' and particularly enjoyed two Vikings visiting for the day (along with their boat) last week!

Uniform Reminder

As the weather has turned and the rain has set in, we need to make sure we are bringing coats and jumpers with us every day. We are fortunate enough to enjoy a wide range of activities at Hopedale, and many of these involve going off site, or being out in the open. We need to make sure we can enjoy these activities by bringing the appropriate dress to school.

We will keep in touch with the next newsletter coming out after the October Half Term – where we will be thinking about Christmas.
But until then, have a super few weeks and take care.



A small selection of pictures from this half term...

