



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.*



## Summer (1) Newsletter 2019

What a wonderful return to school and start to the summer term we have had. With inset days and bank holidays we have barely done a full week, and now we are ready for another holiday! We break up for half term on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** and return to school (*for the final half term this year!!!*) on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

We have been enjoying the fabulous weather, and as normal, we have been offering all children suntan lotion as protection against UV rays. Sunhats are advisable, but please make sure anything coming into school is named clearly, as we would hate for items to get misplaced or lost.



### **Alton Towers Residential!**



Thank you for all the responses regarding our Alton Towers over night stay. Places and rooms have been booked and we have been coordinating everything from transport to dinner menus. Please watch for a kit list and details of the stay, which will be coming home and on our Facebook page after the half term break. There should be no need for any expense, just simple items that we will need to remember to make the most of the fabulous trip.

An important orange letter came on last Thursday, that needs urgent action, to ensure we can all have the best possible experience. It is essential that is completed and returned to school asap. On the morning of the trip, we will need to bring medicine for the time we are away, clearly labelled and in date. Please double check dates in advance.

As a reminder, we will be coming to school on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July** armed with a suitcase and promptly whisked off to Alton Towers. We will return to school on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** for a late lunch before heading home.

Those of us who have opted not to stay over, will go to the park on the Thursday, and then come home as normal. They will then be taken to Splash Landings on the Friday, and again, return home as normal.



### **Keep up to date with all our highlights – our Facebook page is live**

We have a super page which is updated regularly with all our news, updates and lots of photos sharing what we are up to. It is called '**Hopedale School, Leek**'.

The page cannot be found using search engines, and is only accessible to those who have 'joined' the group in order to keep it secure.

If you have not yet joined, simply search '**Hopedale Leek**' (you will see the school logo) and ask to be a friend. You will then receive an invitation via messenger to join the group.

### **Date for the Diary –**



Our school photographer will be on site on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**, taking photos of all pupils.

If you do not wish us to be photographed, please send an email to Becky ([rboden@hopedale.org.uk](mailto:rboden@hopedale.org.uk)). Shortly after the photos have been taken, order cards will be sent home with details for you to purchase the images as you choose.



### What have we been up to?

We may have only been back for four weeks but in that time our Ladybirds have completed all their SATs exams (**WELL DONE!**), our Foxes and Dragonflies have started their GCSEs (**WELL DONE!**), and we have all started brand new topics and themes with our learning.

Owls are looking at animals while Busy Bees and Ladybirds are learning all about Mountains and Rivers. Owls and Busy Bees have also jumped in the saddle and started horse riding lessons once a week!

Butterflies, Squirrels, Hedgehogs and Robins are all learning about the Edwardian Era, they have been looking at the Titanic and its doomed voyage.

At the top of school, the Foxes and Dragonflies will be developing their amazing garden project, including making their own bird feeders as part of their Enterprise Activities. They will also be raising money for Gentleshaw Wildlife Center, by holding a car wash in the very near future!

We have even managed to participate in an 'Aspiration Day' where we have shared our hopes and dreams for the future and explored ways of achieving those goals.

### Out and about!

We may have only been back a few weeks, but we have continued to get out and about to enhance our learning...

Busy Bees have visited Saint Edwards Church for RE. They have also been to Trentham Gardens along with Owls, to see the River Trent in action. Dragonflies have been to Leek College to make use of their Science lab. While the Squirrels have been to the trig point at the top of the Roaches and back down again in the sunshine!

Photos from our busy half term...

