



Hopton Newsletter

May 2021



Our school attendance from Summer II thus far is: 94.8%

Following current events proving that many different symptoms can be signs of Covid-19 and following the updated Dfe guidelines we ask that if pupils are showing any cold or sickness symptoms then they are kept home and are tested (and the test shows negative) before they return to school. We have kept our school Covid-free this long and hope we can continue to count on your support to help us remain that way.

A QUICK THANK YOU...

As we have entered the Summer school term and are starting to see some normality back in our lives we would like to extend a big thank you to all parents/families for showing the school such amazing support. We are so happy to have pupils back in school and get stuck into our learning, the school was not the same without everyone, so some normality in school has been welcomed!

Keeping Pupils Safe

As many of you know, keeping pupils safe in school is our number one priority. Despite the recent mild weather it is important that pupils still come to school with layers. Now that the warm weather is starting to creep its way back to Norfolk, it would be good for pupils to have a sunhat in their school bags at all times and on sunny days please have pupils apply sun cream on before coming into school.

Bottle Moment Winner

Back in February Hopton announced a competition put on by cartoonist Rob Murray and Dr Kevin Dutton (with support from Ben Shephard from Good morning Britain in support of Children's Mental Health Week called 'Bottle Moments' where pupils were asked to draw something they were most excited about doing once things went back to 'normal' after lockdown restrictions were up.

Our own Lily-Anne Fuller submitted her bottle moment of getting to go see her grandparents in Scotland and visiting the Loch Ness Monster!

On Friday 30th April, Lily found out that she was one of 40 winners (from thousands of a entries) to win! As a prize she will receive a customised mug with a commemorative cartoon of her bottle moment drawn by Rob Murray himself and this will be presented on Good Morning Britain!



**Lily-Anne Fuller's
Bottle Moment
2021**

Stick Insects

This term year 1 welcomed nine new members to their class: Leaf, Woody, Rocco, Bella, Buddy, Stella, Sticky, Buzz and Twiggy. They were very surprised with their new class pet 'stick insects' and have shown a great interest caring for them.





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Diary Dates

Thursday 20th May	Menu Change (Under the Sea special menu– more information on school website)
Monday 31st May	HALF TERM
Monday 7th June	Pupils return to school for Summer II
Wc/ Monday 14th June	Refugee Week (Theme: 'We cannot walk alone')

With government guidance changing daily, school dates are subject to change and more are likely to be added: please keep an eye out for other correspondence via children's book bags and on the website: www.hopton.norfolk.sch.uk

Reminders

- Please ensure pupils **do not** bring in their own hand gel, school will provide hand gel for all pupils to use.
- We all want to ensure our children are safe so please help us by choosing appropriate places to park, this includes the white lines on the road, outside the school gates, yellow zigzag lines and the staff car park. These need to remain clear for emergencies.
- While we are aware that pupils have been enjoying wearing their PE Kits on the day of their PE sessions., it is important that their PE kits are in line with our school uniform policy/ school colours (navy, grey, black or white) with no big logos visible.
- We all want to look our best, however pupils are not permitted to have dyed hair or extreme haircuts at school and hair adornments, such as bows or headbands must be a sensible size and please ensure that long hair is tied up for school
- For the health and safety of all pupils, a reminder we are a **nut free school** therefore, peanut butter, Nutella or Kinder items etc. are not permitted.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Get to know our Governors: Rosemary Barker

Hi everyone, my name is Rosemary, though some of you might remember me as Mrs Barker. A resident of Hopton, the school has a high profile in my life as it is the first thing I see as I draw my curtains each morning!

Starting school in the early 1950s, I effectively never left until I retired in 2008. During this time, I have worn many different hats – pupil, student, teacher, parent, governor, headteacher, and diocesan school inspector.

Following a short break after retirement, I am back in school again as a governor at Hopton Primary Academy. It is a privilege to work with the whole team – pupils, staff, governors and parents who all contribute to the ongoing success of the school.

Out of school, I have many hobbies and interests: dancing, singing and music –making; concerts and theatre events; boating on the Broads, and hope to return to 'swim and gym' at Potters post COVID.

If you meet me in the village, at the post office or shop, on the bus, please introduce yourself and say 'Hello' so that we can continue to promote a true community feel throughout our village and its school.