



Hopton Newsletter

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Our school attendance from Spring I is: 93% this is based on the pupils who have been attending school during our 3rd national lockdown.

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...

This has been a challenging term for pupils, staff and families and we would like to extend our gratitude to families during this 3rd national lockdown and for being stars when it comes to supporting staff and pupils with remote learning. We again find ourselves so very grateful for all of the supportive families we have in our school community!

Unique Week

This term's Unique Week theme has been 'Managing those BIG emotions.' Pupils have been learning how to cope with emotions such as worry, anger, sadness, happiness (joy). Some of the activities pupils have been working on are: creating worry dolls, breathing buddies, anger volcanoes, building sadness shelters and writing positive diaries! This lockdown has brought many different emotions for us all to try to deal with and the hope is that these strategies will help pupils in working through these emotions and will help us all upon returning to school fulltime and having everyone back on 8th March.



(Breathing Buddy-Emily Y6)



(Worry Dolls- Olivia Y2)

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 on under their school uniform to help ensure they are comfortable during learning time and coats can be worn in the classroom if it is a particularly cold day.

Hopton Spreading Sunshine

Reception have started our sunshine trend, try making a sun and hanging it in your window to spread the sunshine. Don't forget to post pictures of you spreading that sunshine on class dojo, if you have not alright.



Hopton's Video Centre

<https://hopton-ce-ps.primarysite.media/>

Our website's new video feature: 'Hopton Video Centre' is a great space to see what each class has been up to, watch/listen to a story and see some whole school videos like our 'Snow Days Video'. While pupils still worked hard on their remote learning, many still managed to fit in some snowy fun which was great to see!





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Diary Dates

Tuesday 2nd March	Virtual Parent Learning Conversations (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
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Monday 8th March	All pupils returning to school
Tuesday 9th March	Virtual Parent Learning Conversations (3:30pm-6:00pm)
Friday 19th March	Red Nose Day— Everyone wearing red to support

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 web-site: 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.
- 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. These are now becoming a distraction during learning time.

Get to know our Chair of Governors, Emma Plane

Although born in Yorkshire, I grew up in locally in Norfolk and returned to Hopton after living away at University. I am a qualified Human Resources (HR) Professional, although I currently apply my skills in the role of School Business Manager at a federation of schools in Suffolk. As well as HR and payroll, I am responsible for finance, health and safety, premises management and management of the office team, cleaners and midday supervisors. I am also Clerk to the Governors for those schools. These skills prepare me well for the role of Chair of Governors.

I have been a Governor since 2010 and joined the Governing Board at Hopton Primary in July 2013, becoming Chair of Governors in September 2016. During my time as Governor at Hopton we secured a 'good' judgement from Ofsted and joined the Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust (DNEAT).

I am passionate about state education and believe that every child has the right to attend a primary school that gives them the best start and supports their aspiration to achieve whatever they want to in life. I'm a firm believer in lifelong learning and preparing children for this.

In addition to being a Business Manager and Chair of Governors, I love to spend quality time with my family enjoying life. I have one child at Hopton Primary, and another who attended Hopton Primary but is now at High School. We particularly love spending time at the beach.