



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.



Happy Christmas! Autumn (2) Newsletter 2021



We have been stepping into Christmas across school and are certainly ready for the break!

We break up next week, on **Friday 17th December**.

We then come back to school on **Wednesday 5th January**.

Please remember that we are holding our annual '**Christmas Jumper Day**' on the last day in school (Friday 17th December), for a suggested donation of £1. All proceeds will go to Save the Children.

In the new year, on **Tuesday 4th January**, you can expect a phone call from your child's class teacher. They will be ringing to chat through the Autumn Term and review the IEP. They will then share new targets for the Spring Term. It is also an opportunity to share anything that school need to be aware of from the Christmas break.

If you have any uniform requirements, you can order this in the usual way (contact the office). It will be sent home with your child on their return to school in January.

Our office team are more than happy to help with any queries you may have around this and can be contacted on 01538 361 886, alternatively you can email Becky at:

rboden@hopedale.org.uk



Enrichment Days



We have all participated in three enrichment days this half term – one focusing on mental health, one on anti-bullying and one marking Saint Andrews Day.

There have been activities and learning taking place across school to shine a light and help students understand some delicate subjects. Mental health is in the news a lot currently, particularly during COVID and the effect that has had on the world. As always, our students were brilliant and engaged in some brave conversations about mental health, helping to shine a light on this very important subject.

We also marked anti bullying day by wearing odd socks and talking about another sensitive issue. This was a positive day, all agreeing that bullying will not be tolerated at Hopedale!



Uniform Reminder

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 clothing to school.



Fundraising Across School



We have enjoyed some super fundraising this term from wearing our poppies for Remembrance Day to dressing up in spots or as superheroes for Children in Need.

A massive thank you to everyone at home for your support with these events, which allows them to be so successful.

We raised funds for Remembrance Day which have been donated to the Royal British Legion.

We then raised £75.64 for Children in Need.

We have one last event taking place before we break up in the form of Christmas Jumper Day on our last day of term – **Friday 17th December** (suggested donation £1.00).

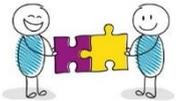
All monies raised will go to Save the Children.



Our School Improvement Plan

Last newsletter we shared with you our key objectives from the School Improvement Plan.

There were five key areas that we are focusing on:



1. *To develop skill boosting activities, such as memory training.*

2. *To make sure Hopedale continues to be Dyslexia friendly.*

3. *To maintain excellent standards of behaviour around school.*

4. *To understand 'local heritage' and feel part of the local community.*

5. *To continue to engage in school council ideas to improve the school and environment.*



We are pleased to share that this half term we have had a dyslexia assessor working in school, meeting with students, and completing targeted assessments. The results of these will allow for targeted Dyslexia support for the pupils who need it.

We have had our half termly School Council meeting with excellent ideas shared and improvements made. This includes some tweaks to the snack offer and dinner menu, along with some new resources currently being sourced including new laptops, some new books for the library and sports equipment for playtimes.

There have been eight boxes donated to Operation Christmas, as part of the Samaritans Purse, with every class providing Christmas gifts to a child in poverty.



Christmas Celebrations!

Our final week of term is looking brilliant as we finish with plenty of Christmas magic. We will be welcoming reindeer again to the school playground, as they finish a test flight ahead of their big night. We will also be holding our own mini Christmas Markets as a whole school enterprise project. Classes have been busy crafting and baking to create items for their stalls. Each class will be given spending money (of the fake variety) to then go and purchase items of their choosing from other stalls than their own, with a prize for the stall with the biggest takings!

As if this wasn't enough, we also have Christmas Lunch, Panto and Reward to day to enjoy as well!



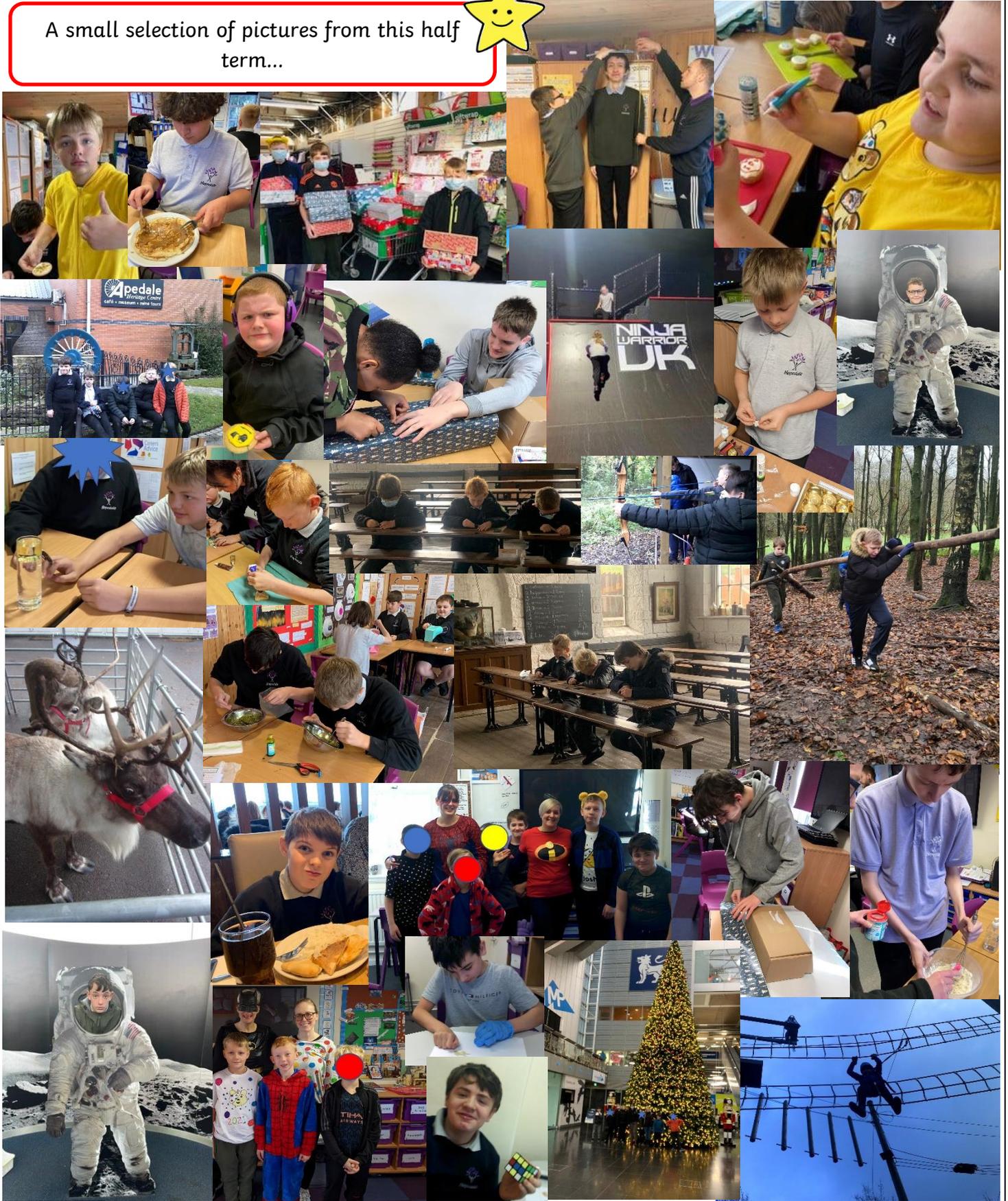
Some useful information for the parents of our Year 11 Students!



Please see attached sheet or our Facebook page (Hopedale School, Leek, Closed Group) for links to college open events coming up in January 2022.

These are all either evenings or weekends for you to attend with your children. All events will need you to pre-register your interest.

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





For Our Year 11 Parents

College open days in January 2022
Please pre-register for the event.



Stoke- on- Trent College

<https://www.stokecoll.ac.uk/open-events/>

Newcastle- under- Lyme College

<https://nscg.ac.uk/newcastle-campus>

Stafford College

<https://nscg.ac.uk/stafford-campus>

Macclesfield College

<https://macclesfield.ac.uk/college/open-events/>

Leek and Buxton College

<https://www.blc.ac.uk/events/virtual-information-event-january-2022/>

Reaseheath College

<https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/course-open-days-jan-22/>

South Cheshire College

<https://www.ccswh.ac.uk/events/open-evening-3/>

South Stafford College

<https://www.southstaffs.ac.uk/open-days/>

Regent College

<https://regentcollegestoke.co.uk/contact/>

Strathmore College

<https://natspec.org.uk/colleges/specialist-colleges/strathmore-college/>

New Friars College

<http://www.newfriarscollege.org.uk/>