



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 2020

Welcome Back! It is wonderful to be writing this once again and sharing our news and updates with you all. The world has, and continues to go through very difficult times which has resulted in everybody's 'normal' now looking very different to the world we enjoyed twelve months ago.

We are delighted to be back at school and working with our fabulous students once again, embracing the 'new ways' of doing things and staying positive... and here are just a few of the reasons why...



What are we up to?

The Autumn Term has been good fun so far with some interesting topics and learning opportunities taking place.

In Bees, Owls and Ladybirds, students have been learning about Dinosaurs, Fossils and Soils. This has seen some fantastic art projects, exciting science experiments and a 'roarsome' trip to Manchester Museum to meet 'Stan' the T-Rex.

Hedgehogs have been investigating acids in science and enjoyed snooker for PE with some pizza making for a tasty treat!

Robins and Butterflies are gearing up for a geography trip to Dovedale next week, as part of their 'Rivers' topic. They have also been studying genetic variation in plants and have been identifying and classifying plants in the local area.

In Foxes and Squirrels students have been starting work on their BTEC qualifications and enjoyed looking at practical skills such health and safety in workplace environments and kitchens. They have also been looking at identity and image in PSHE by exploring how celebrities and personalities can influence us.



National Poetry Day and World Mental Health Day



We continue to recognise national and international events that take place over the year, and this term has seen two already.

Thursday 1st October was **National Poetry Day**, so we shared poems across school and each class had a go at writing some poetry in a variety of styles.

Saturday 10th October was **World Mental Health Day**. On the Friday, we explored what this meant and engaged in activities promoting kindness and looking after each other to promote positive mental health.

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:

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Day



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

Friday 13th November – Children in Need (suggested donation £1)



A non-uniform event – wear something spotty or pyjamas if preferred. A fun filled day raising awareness and donations for those who are not as fortunate as we are.

Monday 16th November – Anti Bullying Day



Wear something odd socks
Raising awareness about different forms of bullying

Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day (suggested donation £1.00)



Wear a Christmas Jumper to raise awareness for the Save the Children charity

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.



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.

Keep up to date with all our highlights – Follow our fabulous Facebook page



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.

A reminder that school will close for half term on **Friday 23rd October**. We will be off school for one week and return to school on **Monday 2nd November**, 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...



School Opens	School Closes
Monday 7 th September 2020	Friday 23 rd October
Monday 2 nd November	Friday 18 th December
Wednesday 6 th January 2021	Friday 12 th February
Monday 22 nd February	Thursday 1 st April
Wednesday 21 st April	Bank Holiday Monday 3 rd May
Monday 7 th June	Friday 28 th May
Monday 6 th September 2021	Friday 23 rd July

