



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 2021



Another positive half term is nearly completed as the world is opening up and allowing us to finally start to do a bit more and venture off site for our learning.

We, of course, remain highly vigilant around safety and cleanliness, determined to keep everyone at Hopedale safe and well. We continue to practice all safety measures under government guidance to keep the virus away.

We break up for half term on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** and return to school, for our final half term (*where has the time gone!?*) on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**.



### Taking Pride in our Environment



The weather may not have been blistering sunshine as we were experiencing this time last year, but that has not stopped us working hard across school to make improvements to our outdoor space.

We have enjoyed making raised garden planters, filling them and planting seeds to grow vegetable, making a greenhouse and having a really good tidy up.

We have then all engaged in a project for all classes to produce a decorative hoop for the garden wall. As always, we rose to the challenge with some excellent designs and creative ideas.

The school council have also worked hard to gather ideas for items we felt would improve the provision in the garden area, and have secured numerous items to improve our playtime experiences – including new swings, a slide, blackboards and fun boxes... All we need now is the sunshine!



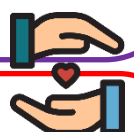
### Out and About Again!



The significant change this half term for us all has been the relaxing of rules which have allowed us to go out and about for our learning.

We have made the most of this and had some excellent PE sessions at Stanley Head and The Cave, testing our skills and fears as we tackle climbing walls, high ropes, fire building and many more physical challenges.

We have also seen the Robins visit Alton Towers as part of their science, and Butterflies visit the Blue Planet as part of their topic. The children were their usual fantastic selves and represented Hopedale beautifully, making us all so proud to take them out.



### Reflecting on Important Issues

Across school there have been several events and thought-provoking events shared over the last half term. We have marked Saint George's Day, Mental Health Week, VE Day and participated in 'The Big Ask' for the Children's Commissioner.

We are also very near to completing our PDSA Petwise Award. We have nailed the Silver level and are only a handful of points away from meeting the Gold criteria, which will see us achieve the full award and become a Petwise school. Something we hope to able to announce next newsletter!



