

## Friday 21st September

| September                      |  |
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| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>        | Wycliffe Sports Day – some Y6            |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>       | Swimming – Years 5 and 6                 |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>      | Tewkesbury Cross Country                 |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm | MacMillan Coffee & Cakes - All           |
| October                        |  |
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>            | Forest School – Years Reception, 1 and 2 |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | Swimming – Years 5 and 6                 |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>       | Tewkesbury Cross Country                 |

### In this week:

- Fire Visit
- Rock Walk
- Mr Rousell

**School Lunches** – next week we are on 'Week 1' on the Caterlink Menu.

Please remember to bring in your money for the Pantomime Trip, last day is Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> September

### **Future Dates for your Diary:**

19<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival

12<sup>th</sup> November – Children's individual photos

1<sup>st</sup> December – Stonehouse Goodwill, choir & lantern procession

11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Play



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# **Fire Visit**

This week the Fire Brigade visited the children in Reception & Year 1. Many questions were asked by the children and they learnt about the 3 'outs': Get Out, Stay Out and Call the fire brigade Out. Afterwards they had great fun trying on equipment and climbing on board the fire engine, although I think their favourite part was trying to soak Mrs O'Neill with the hose!





#### **Rock Walk**

As part of their science topic Year 3 went exploring for rocks and fossils around the local area this week. They were set a mission to find out what the bedrock of Stonehouse is. Lots of happy children returned complete with rocks for their own collections.



**Mr Rousell** 



We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new year 3 form tutor, Mr Rousell.

Mr Rousell joins us as a Primary NQT from the University of Gloucestershire and is thrilled to be continuing his career in Education with all of us at here Hopelands.

He is most excited about drawing on his (arguably relevant) wealth of experience as an animal behaviourist, consulting for TV programmes such as the 'Really Wild Show', David Attenborough's 'Blue Planet' and a short stint as a horse whisperer on 'Poldark'. He has also watched 'Madagascar' a couple of times and genuinely feels in tune with the psyche of all creatures great and small.

Mr Rousell was once warned never to work with animals or children, however, he's always up for a challenge and keen to prove the naysayers wrong!

When not at school, you'll either find Mr Rousell tinkering around the garden shed (he's always on the lookout for a new DIY project) or volunteering at the local soup kitchen (homelessness is a cause close to his heart).

Welcome Mr Rousell, we all look forward to working with you – you obviously have a sense of humour!