

**Friday 7th September** 

#### Welcome back!

The summer holidays seemed to fly by and we are now full steam ahead on the new academic year.

A warm welcome to all our new families, it is fantastic to have you as part of the Hopelands Community.

It's a busy time with many activities being planned for the children, when more dates are confirmed these will be added to the table below.

September	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	WW2 Evacuation Train Ride – Years 2 and 6
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Service Visit – Reception and Year 1
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Walk – Year 3
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	French Breakfast – Reception and Year 1
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Years 5 and 6
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	MacMillan Coffee & Cakes - All

### What is in this week:

- Swimming
- Dissection Club
- Lost Property
- Thank you

**School Lunches** – please note next week we are on 'Week 2' on the Caterlink Menu

## **Swimming**

Swimming starts next Tuesday for Years 5 and 6. Pupils who wish to travel to Dursley Pool on the school coach must be here by 8.15am. As the school building will be locked please could we ask that all belongings that do not need to be taken to the pool (i.e. everything that isn't swimming related) is left on the veranda of the outdoor classroom (the little building that's behind the Sophie Hall). Those children who are being driven straight to the pool should be there by 8.50am. All children will return to school on the coach.

If a pupil arrives at school too late to catch the coach parents must either, make personal provisions to take their child(ren) to the pool or must take them home and return to school at 11am.

# **Dissection Club**





Sam Evans, Oscar Coggins and Harry Milles are keen to start a dissection club at Hopelands.

'It is a great experience if people want to become doctors or biologists or vets'

'We think it would be fun if you are curious and like exploring'

Mrs Boix is willing to help with the setup of this club and we have great ideas for it.

There will be a cake sale of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at first break – cakes sold at 25p each. Any donations are welcome. All the proceedings will be to get some materials and equipment for dissection club. We are aiming for a couple of sessions per term and some follow up sessions to deepen the learning and better the experience.

Next week we will release a sign-up sheet for years 5 and 6. Sam, Oscar and Harry would like this to continue over the years and to be one of their legacy when they leave Hopelands!

## **Lost Property**

Please be on the lookout for the following:

Cardigan named Madison Shill Lamy pen metallic purple named Lexi Shill.

Thank you.

## A huge thank you.

Finally, we would like to say thank you to some parents and teachers who worked hard over the summer holidays to improve our children's playing space. This has been very much appreciated by the whole school community, thank you!

- Mrs Williams and her parent helpers' team for the amazing quiet garden in Year 2
- Mr Huertas-Mason for removing the dying tree
- Miss O'Neill for painting the fence outside Reception/Year 1