

Dear Parents,

Solving Problems has been our main focus this week. Our Pioneers have been working on an enterprise project, which has involved asking local businesses about `cost` price and `retail` price. On Tuesday we held another problem solving event. The task was to build the largest possible Christmas tree out of balloons. In total we used 200 balloons but could easily have used 300! Well done to all who entered, it was great to see so many families working together and experimenting with different methods of building. Well done to Miss Chibber's team for creating the largest tree. On Wednesday the Adventurers recreated the Great Fire of London in the playground.

**SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS** As part of our Safeguarding drive, after Christmas we would prefer to release pupils into the care of someone over the age of 14 but ideally 16. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but the **safety** of our children is paramount.



We have a busy week next week, with a trip, a disco and Christmas Jumper Day.



**Discoverers:**

We will be visiting Ruxley Garden Centre to see the reindeer and Christmas decorations on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Mr. Irwin's Maths Club.** – No club on Wednesday or Thursday morning.

**Explorers:** This week the children designed their own toys, inspired by the Traction Man story. They subtracted numbers to 10 and have discovered how the weather can change during different seasons.

**\*COSTUMES FOR XMAS PERFORMANCE\***

Please can all 'LABELLED' costumes be brought into school in a clearly named carrier bag by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you

**Pioneers:** As part as part of our entrepreneurial education, we have been investigating the difference between the buying and selling price. Groups of children have visited the local newsagents to find out how they set their prices. It has been very interesting!!

**Breakfast Café: 8.30 - 8.45**

After the Christmas Break we will be slightly changing our provision. Children attending the Breakfast Café must be accompanied by an adult and then taken by the adult to their class when they have finished. We ask that adults and children help tidy up their used dishes and glasses when they have finished. Children will need to be heading to class by 08.45 to have some of the soft start.

**Adventurers:** Please remember to bring a packed lunch for the St Pauls/London Museum trip on 14<sup>th</sup> December (if you do not require a "school" packed lunch.)

**People's Book Prize Winner Visits Hope** – On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January the author Billy Bob Buttons will be visiting us. He will be delivering writing workshops with the children. There will be an opportunity to purchase a book and have it signed by the author. More information to follow ...

**Christmas Performance** 'request for tickets' slips need to be in by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December if you want to watch the show. Thank you Mrs Carvosso

### Car Parking

Please park considerately. Our neighbours need constant access to their car park and the pavement needs to be clear for pedestrians. Ensure that you do not park on grass verges or on the pavement, as this could potentially lead to danger for pedestrians.

**THE PRAYER ROOM** is not just a great creative resource for the children. Our parent's prayer meeting takes place every Wednesday morning at 8.45-9am. All are welcome! For more information or to put in a prayer request please chat to Darren Ellsmore (Adventurers/Discoverers parent) or Anna Green (Pioneers/Discoverers parent). Liz Johnston (Discoverer parent) will also be meeting with parents on Thursday mornings in the Prayer Room 9.00-9.15 am

**WEDNESDAY'S COFFEE'S** (or tea) These happen every Wednesday in the Community Room and everyone is welcome. A great way to catch up with other parents/caregivers from Hope and meet some new people. We would love to see you.

### Attendance

Well done to the children in the **Explorers (AGAIN!) with 99% attendance** last week. Our current whole school attendance is 96.38%; Well done, now let's push to 97

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### Key Dates

Date	Event
14/12	Adventurers Trip to St. Paul's and Museum of London
15/12	Christmas Disco
16/12	Christmas Jumper Day
18/12	New Generation Christmas Celebration at Bexleyheath Cineworld at 09.15 and 11.15. (please see school office for details) Carol Service at Hope – 6pm.
19/12	Christmas Performance – Dress Rehearsal – Community and Trust
20/12	Christmas Performance (now added 10.00) and 4pm
21/12	Pantomime to the school 2.15pm. Discoverers to finish at 3.20pm School Finishes

## LOVELY HATS



### Discoverers

**Faith** – for writing a beautiful book about the Nativity Story and re-telling the story in her own words.

**Frankie** – for doing amazing work with coins and numicon and adding 2 amounts together and finding the total using numicon!

### Explorers

**Esther** – for being a very good friend. Esther was kind and helpful when a friend needed her.

**Elsie** – for her amazing learning in science – well done!

### Adventurers

**Tianna** – for persevering during a challenging task in Forest School and for making star decorations from stick and string.

**Libby** – for climbing a tree for the first time in Forest School.

### Pioneers

**Jayden** – for his enquiring mind and being able to decide on appropriate questions.

**Isobel** – for her continued hard work, determination and cheerful optimistic attitude.

This week's Governors Reading Cup goes to: Tallulah S



Mr Irwin's Heroes of Hope: \*Reuben B-R ) for exceptional manners and  
\*Harry P ) wanting to help – well done !

