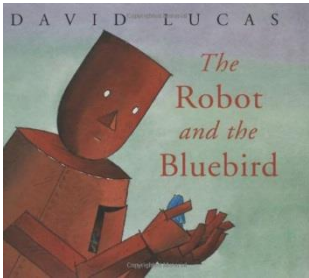


Dear Parents,

I hope that you had a great Christmas celebration and a good break; Happy New Year! The staff returned on Tuesday and have worked hard on getting the school ready for the new term. Some of us completed a very intense but rewarding First Aid course.

It was lovely to see the children on Wednesday and it was fantastic to take them on a walk through the meadows to explore the winter landscape, taking pictures as we went. Can you imagine our surprise when we saw a ‘robot’ wandering through the trees and alongside the road? Certainly a coincidence as the whole school is studying the book “The Robot and the Bluebird.” I look forward to looking at the exciting work the children are producing based upon this topic!

We will be updating you shortly with the curriculum for the new term.



I really enjoyed the KS1 Christmas performances. A big thank you to the staff for bringing the production to life and to the children for being shining stars!

Mr Irwin



Discoverers:

This week we have been to the Meadows where we saw a Robot!! We have been drawing pictures of what we saw and also having a go at writing about the robot and the meadows. Our reading and maths sessions will begin again next week.

Explorers: We have started reading the “Robot and the Bluebird” where we have explored the robot’s feelings. The children also had the chance to create their own robot, using recycled materials.

Pioneers: We had an exciting morning at the meadows where the children spotted an unusual walker. This sparked off quite a bit of excitement and discussion amongst the children. Who was she/he? Why the meadows?

Adventurers: After our very exciting trip to the meadows, we have been drawing and learning about robots – we even had a go at being programmers on the website called ‘Scratch’.

Mr. Irwin’s Math’s Club – Next week Maths Club will be on Monday morning and Wednesday morning (Adventurers) and Thursday morning (Pioneers).

Breakfast Café: 8.30 - 8.45



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.

Our value for the next few weeks is **‘patience’**.
Colossians 3:12-13 Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
 Read more:
<http://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/bible-verses-about-patience-20-scripture-quotes/#ixzz4UtWDnA1m>

School Uniform

Can you ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day! Here is a list for reference:

BOYS

Book bag*
Reversible school coat*
Pale blue jumper*
White polo shirt (with school logo*)
Black trousers or smart shorts
Black or grey socks
Black school shoes (not trainers)

PE Kit

PE bag*
Pale blue PE t-shirt*
Black PE shorts*
Black plimsolls
Black tracksuit (optional)*

GIRLS

Book bag*
Reversible school coat*
Pale blue jumper or cardigan*
White polo shirt (with school logo*)
Black skirt, pinafore or trousers
Blue checked summer dress
White socks or black tights
Black school shoes or sandals (not trainers or boots)

PE Kit

PE bag*
Pale blue PE t-shirt*
Black PE shorts*
Black plimsolls
Black tracksuit (optional)*

Please ensure that long hair is tied up neatly.

It would be useful for each child to have a pair of wellington boots in school in case we go to the meadows or do some gardening!



[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

Every day counts in attendance, as well as **good** punctuality.

If, for any reason, your child cannot attend school, or is going to be late, please contact the school as soon as you can.

Additionally, please ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of school (for the Discoverers by 3.30pm, for the rest of the school by 4pm.) It does cause distress to the children if they are picked up late.

Key Dates

Date	Event
11/1	Author Billy-Bob visiting
13/2-17/2	HALF-TERM
21/2 and 23/2	Parents` Evening.
2/3	World Book Day (Dressing up event!)
23/2	Hearing & Vision – Explorers
13/3-17/3	Science Week
24/3	Mother`s Day Celebration
30/3	Easter Celebration 2pm
31/3	Last day of term
18/4	INSET (No children in school)
19/4	Children back to school

Autumn Term Heroes of Hope - Friday 6th January

The staff have nominated the following children for showing Hope values throughout last term.

“Friendship, Kindness, Trust, Love, Courage, Patience”



Explorers – Matas



Pioneers - Alfie



POLLY'S POTTERY ...



Pottery Club resumes next Thursday 12th January. Look out for a notice on the board for children's names. Also, this will now be available to the 'Discoverers'. Please sign up by emailing Polly or leave a note with the School Office. polly5castle@gmail.com

Lights, Camera, Action ...



Film Club will start Monday 9th January - finishing at 4.30pm)

BHANGRA BOOGIE



Will start Thursday 12th January - finishing at 4.15pm)

🎵 Choir 🎵



.... will be moving from Thursday afternoon to Tuesday afternoon. Hopefully the same members will be able to continue and a few more tempted to join our lovely group of singers.

Gymnastics & Football Club

These clubs with "Active Sports Group" will start Wednesday 18th January – finishing at 4.30pm



"YOUR" COMMUNITY ROOM

It was upsetting to see this lovely space in such a mess when I got in this morning. Half eaten mince pies, empty packets and food on the floor – even an empty coke can! This room is for everybody – please put rubbish in the bins provided (and also encourage children to do so). Thank you, Jill