

Dear Parents,

Our focus this week has been on literacy skills. I have observed some fantastic literacy and phonics sessions, with children using and applying their skills within their writing; from applying phoneme knowledge to using similes to aid description of the Iron Giant.



We continue to benefit from the support of volunteers who come in and support individual readers, I thank them for their work and support. Last week I spoke about Hygge - that time in the day when wifi, smartphones are forgotten, where you can focus on family time. An important part of my family's routine is the story time before bed. Usually either my wife or I will read a story to our children. It is a valuable time and one we all enjoy. As my children have developed their reading skills they are now reading the stories to us; you are never too old to listen to a good story! So why not, on these cold, dark evenings, curl up as a family and enjoy a good book! Mr Irwin

Please remember the fantastic libraries that we are fortunate to be near, such as Blackfen Library! <http://blackfencommunitylibrary.org/>

**Blackfen
Community
Library**

Wednesday 1st February - 3.45pm Collection

Due to off-site staff training **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED BY 3.45PM PROMPT**, apart from children who attend Football and Gymnastics which will finish at the usual time of 4.30 pm.
Thank you

**PIONEERS:
No Forest School on Tuesday.**

Discoverers: Please can we remind parents and carers to ensure that the correct PE kit is in school at all times and clearly **labelled with your child's name**. Thank you

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

Explorers: This week the children started a new book "The Snail and the Whale". They have learned to tell the time (o'clock and half past). We have also explored a variety of living and non-living things. We have had fun creating art work inspired by Matisse.

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.

Adventurers: This week we have been learning multiplication and division using '2's and our number knowledge. We have been sharing and grouping together to find the answers.

Pioneers: As part of our Roman Topic, Ms Castle has kindly agreed to lead a pottery day. They will be making Roman oil lamps and will therefore **require an old adult shirt** to protect their uniforms. We are going on a history walk around Sidcup next Thursday (2/2) with a local historian. We urgently need some volunteers to accompany us on this trip – please could you let the office know if you are available. Thank you.

Our value for the next few weeks is **'knowledge**.

The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.
By Bertrand Russell

Uniform

All uniform must be named. Please check regularly in case the names have faded in the wash.

At times the children will get a little messy at school, however please ensure that on a Monday that all uniform is clean. If you have any problems washing your child`s uniform, please let us know.

Also can you check your child`s fingernails and ensure they do not get too long for hygiene purposes and to prevent injury to others.

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.

If your child is going to be picked up by somebody different please notify the school as soon as you can. This also includes the After School Club.

Our School target is 97%. Currently the school attendance is 95.54%

For the year so far:

Discoverers: 93.94%

Explorers: 96.92%

Adventurers: 94.92%

Pioneers: 96.23%

Key Dates

Date	Event
3/2/17	Seeds of Hope AGM after Lovely Hats – all invited.
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

CONSIDERATE CAR PARKING Please!

We have had a request from a neighbour in Baugh Road to not park across her drive – she has her own children to take to and collect from school and regularly gets blocked in. Please be more considerate to our neighbours within the community and leave your car in the carpark - it is only a couple of minutes` walk. Thank you



Get fit for Spring!

Come and join our Jogging Club with Kerry, every Thursday morning at 9.00 am. We meet in the Community Room (no experience necessary)



Coffee/tea on finishing back at Hope

Pottery Club ...

If you would like your child to attend the above club, please let the office know so that their name can be added to the list. Your child`s name will appear on the notice board when it is their turn.

Lateness... At Hope we have an expectation that children will be on time every day and this is as important as them attending each day. If your child is 5 minutes late every day, they will miss 3 days of learning each year. If your child is 15 minutes late every day, they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Please ensure children are at school by 9.00am, after which time they are classed as late.

LOVELY HATS



Discoverers

Kenzie – for drawing his own Gruffalo and writing its features using his phonic knowledge!

Bailey – for writing a whole sentence from the Gruffalo, showing persistence and his phonic knowledge.

Explorers

Lucie – for her excellent writing showing great passion and stamina. She used all the writing rules and tried to apply her phonic knowledge. Lucie also helped one of her friends this week.

Millie – for being very brave and confident. Millie tries to improve her work every day.

Adventurers

Caitlin S – for a great first week in our class and for settling in really well.

Jacinda – for always being happy and helpful in the classroom.

Pioneers

Scarlet D – for showing maturity and resilience in overcoming a disappointment.

Izzy – for the great ideas he generates in class discussion and for using a wide range of vocabulary.

This week's Governor's Reading Cup goes to: "Archie"



Mr Irwin's 'Heroes of Hope': Evie C – for her endurance, resilience and strength of character in coming into school every day since starting in September 2013 and for never being late! Well done! Evie is also a very polite girl.

Evie R - for making good decisions and upholding every 'Hope' value possible. Evie is a real 'super heroine'.