

Newsletter

Friday 25th March 2022

How do you see the world?

A parent at the school shared this poem with me. It describes how someone with ADHD sees the world. Have a read as, I think it will help develop your understanding of how some people see the world.

Take my hand and come with me,
I want to teach you about ADHD.
I need you to know, I want to explain,
I have a very different brain.
Sights, sounds and thoughts collide.
What to do first? I can't decide.
Please understand I'm not to blame,
I just can't process things the same.

Take my hand and walk with me,
Let me show you about ADHD.
I try to behave, I want to be good,
But I sometimes forget to do as I should.
Walk with me and wear my shoes,
You'll see its not the way I'd choose.
I do know what I'm supposed to do,
But my brain is slow getting the message through.

Take my hand and talk with me,
I want to tell you about ADHD.
I rarely think before I talk,
I often run when I should walk.
It's hard to get my school work done,
My thoughts are outside having fun.
I never know just where to start,
I think with my feelings and see with my heart.

Take my hand and stand by me,
I need you to know about ADHD.
It's hard to explain but I want you to know,
I can't help letting my feelings show.
Sometimes I'm angry, jealous, or sad.
I feel overwhelmed, frustrated, and mad.
I can't concentrate and I lose all my stuff.
I try really hard but it's never enough.

Take my hand and learn with me,
We need to know more about ADHD.
I worry a lot about getting things wrong,
Everything I do takes twice as long.
Everyday is exhausting for me...

Looking through the fog of ADHD.
I'm often so misunderstood,
I would change in a heartbeat if I could.

Take my hand and listen to me,
I want to share a secret about ADHD.
I want you to know there is more to me.
I'm not defined by it, you see.
I'm sensitive, kind and lots of fun.
I'm blamed for things I haven't done.
I'm the loyalist friend you'll ever know,
I just need a chance to let it show.

Take my hand and look at me,
Just forget about the ADHD.
I have real feelings just like you.
The love in my heart is just as true.
I may have a brain that can never rest,
But please understand I'm trying my best.
I want you to know, I need you to see,
I'm more than the label, I am still me!!!!

The author is Andrea Chesterman-Smith. From Hertfordshire in the UK

School council - Parent or Carer needed.

Parents and Carers are a key component of Hope Community School. The School Council is seeking a Parent or Carer who could serve as a member of the school council, alongside Mr Robert Constable, a current parent member of the School Council. Please see the separate letter for full details on how you could apply for this post.

Staffing changes

In nature Spring is time for growth. At the end of this spring term, two long serving members of staff are going to be branching out, and growing, but elsewhere.

Emily Ettridge, one of Teaching assistants is moving to a new post at another school. During her time at the school she has worked with all pupils, and supported their learning in a range of areas, but particularly in phonics, maths and writing and over the last two years PE. Her enthusiasm to get us all moving and to take care of our physical and mental health has been particularly evident over the last two years of the Pandemic.

Thank You Emily, from the children, families and the Hope Community Staff team.

Fiona Verge, has served the Hope Community since 2014. She has been at the front of all community events. Much of her work is unseen from most of you, however, in her role of Family Liaison Officer for the school, she has sourced a wide range of items for members of our community who have been in need. So household items; clothing, food, furniture, toys and books, (to name but a few) have privately been passed onto families in need. She has also offered a listening ear and been guide in families seeking further help. We wish her well in her new role of helping others.

Thank you Fiona, from the children, families and Hope Community Staff team who you have cared for over the years.

Morgan Page, joined the school in the Autumn term. As part of her training she has worked with a wide number of staff across the school, including the main office. We know that pupils in Key stage 2 have particularly welcomed her as she worked with Mrs Roberts during lunch time play sessions. It has been great to see how she has developed in a range of skills over the last 6 months. We wish her well as she moves on to a new post.

Terry West, is stepping down from his role as the school's volunteer Chaplain at Hope, and he has truly become part of our community. Each week Terry has been giving pupils and staff a chance to reflect on life and the teachings of Jesus. Even when the school was closed to many, Terry created exciting films for us to enjoy, he gave us the gift of grace, joy and peace; he has shown us all that we are loved and treasured for who we are, whatever we do, even when we mess up.

Behind the scenes he has supported the wellbeing and self-esteem of groups of children (and staff too). Throughout the Lockdowns of the Pandemic working alongside Fiona Verge, he was one of the Hope Community Heroes who went out of their way to care for others, providing many with practical help and support.

Many of us will treasure the memories of hearing him play music alongside his band of minstrels, particularly in December 2020. I thank God for the blessings you have brought to the Hope school Community.

Mother's Day Collectives

Thank you to the children across the school for such varied celebrations of Mothers. Today we have witnessed a wide range of talents, from fabric designers, artists, poets, singers and writers.

Thanks to all those Mums and Carers who could attend as you made these Collective special for the children and staff.



Many thanks to members of the New Generation Church for joining us today and the gift of the beautiful spring flowers.

Easter Celebrations

As part of our celebrations for Easter each child is to be asked to bring a HARD BOILED egg in to school. This will be used in our egg-citing egg rolling on Friday 1st April.

Hard boiled eggs need to be in school by Thursday 31st March at the latest. Please look out for individual class messages, when your child needs theirs in school.

Spring term

Friday 1st April – early finish at 1.30pm



Summer term dates- school closed

The school will be closed to pupils on:

Queen's Jubilee –Extra Bank Holiday will be Friday 27th June

and the school will be closed to pupils on Monday 6th June, as this is a staff training day.