

Dear Parents,

Spring seems like it has finally arrived, it is warmer and the daffodils and bees have started to emerge. We have had another busy week. We have just finished our theme of gratitude in collectives. Can I take this time to thank you for your continued support and generosity in both time and effort in helping the school and its pupils develop? I would like to thank the staff for their tireless efforts in developing the pupil’s learning and for making my job so much easier.

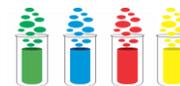
Next week it is science week and this will obviously be a key focus for the school. The teachers will be setting up a number of experiments and the children will be leading collectives, discussing what they have found out. Parents /Carers are invited to attend these collectives.

Over the next few weeks we will be working with the SWAC team. They will help us /teach us how to recycle and keep our local environment tidy. Starting with the Pioneers on Monday, we will regularly litter pick our local area. The Pioneers will identify potential litter hotspots and then we shall monitor and tidy accordingly.



Each class will be doing a series of experiments, but they will choose one to share with their parents. These will be done through a Collective:-

Explorer Parents: Tuesday 14th at 9.15 am
 Discoverer Parents: Wednesday 15th at 9.15 am
 Adventurer Parents: Thursday 16th at 9.15 am
 Pioneer Parents: Friday 17th at 3.00 pm
 It would be great if you could come along to find out what your child is doing in science.



Discoverers:
 We have had a fantastic week with our ducklings and learning all about them. They have grown so big over the time we have had them. What an amazing experience, enjoyed by all – children, parents and staff.

Explorers:
 This week the children have been looking at poetry and tried to write their first poem. They also explored the seven continents of the world and created a recycled craft tree inspired by Kandinsky’s artwork.

Adventurers:
 This week we have been working on a newspaper report. The children have been writing their own articles on “The Great Explorer”

Pioneers:
 On Monday the Pioneers will be looking at litter hotspots around the local area. They will need a pair of wellies! They will also do some litter picking and some recycling.

Mr Irwin’s Maths club
NO CLUB ON Tuesday or Thursday due to meetings.
However, I will have both Adventurer Groups and Pioneer Groups on Monday and Wednesday. I am sorry for any inconvenience.

Our value is ‘*gratitude*’
 “If the only prayer you said was thank you that would be enough.”
 — **Meister Eckhart**
 “When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.”
 — **Maya Angelou**

STAFF TRAINING DAYS
Please note 4th and 5th September will be inset days – the children will therefore return to school on Wednesday 6th September 2017.

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.

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 fill out a prayer/query slip and post in the Prayer box in the Community Room.** 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 95.38%. Last week every class was above 95%! Brilliant work.

For the year so far:

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| Discoverers: | 93.56% |
| Explorers: | 96.85% |
| Adventurers: | 94.60% |
| Pioneers: | 96.37% |

Highlighted classes have improved since last week.

PIONEERS TRIP TO THE MEADOWS ON Monday 13TH March

Please bring your wellies !!



Seeds of Hope present

Hope`s Movie Night

Friday 17th March

(See Movie Night Posters around the school)



Key Dates

| Date | Event |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 13/3-17/3 | Science Week |
| 13/3 | Pioneers litter picking |
| 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 are back to school |
| 20/4 | Pioneers to Crofton Roman Villa |

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN ... As the school gets bigger, we cannot guarantee that messages left after 2.30 pm will be passed to the class teacher in time.

Christmas Nativity DVDs are on sale in the school office: £5.00 each



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

Let your child begin their day without being late!

Please ensure children are at school by 9.00am every single day! Every child brought to school after 9.30am is marked `U`, which equals to `Unauthorised absence.`



Understanding Children's Behaviour

Need help?

This workshop aims to give parents a couple of useful tips when dealing with challenging behaviour by:

- sharing experiences with other parents
- developing communication skills
- understanding and responding helpfully to children's behaviour

Tues 21st March at 9.00am in the Community Room
All welcome - Fiona (Family Liaison)

ALPHA Course

Dear Parents and Community of Hope

I am very excited to let you know that in the summer term we will be running an Alpha Course on Friday mornings in the Community Room. The course is open to everyone attached to Hope and we really want as many guests as possible. We will be sending out invitations in the near future, but today I am asking for helpers. If you are free on a Friday morning and know what the Alpha course is about then we would love to have your help!

Please could you email me and let me know if you are interested: Alexandra.barlow@hopecommunityschool.org
Sending an email is not committing yourself, just an enquiry at this stage. There are jobs to suite everyone's gifting from helping to set or clear up after, serving coffee/breakfast, helping in the crèche or supporting a small group (this will be done in pairs).

I am looking forward to hearing from lots of you, Alex

Mother's Day



At 2pm on Thursday
23rd March, we will be
holding a Mother's Day

celebration. We would like to invite all Mothers and/or important women in your child's life (Aunties, Grandmothers Childminders etc) to join us for afternoon tea. If you are able to join us, please indicate numbers on the sign sheet in the office.



RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 24th March, we are holding a "wear something red" non-uniform day. There will be buckets to collect donations as you enter school.

Thank you

Have you seen Freddie's (RP) glasses?



Blue Avengers!
Please return to Yr2 if found
– thank you.

LOVELY HATS



Discoverers

Kenzie – for being very creative and making an animal crate for his pet rabbit, Teddy!

Gracie – for being very involved and enthusiastic in Forest School and getting stuck in with the activities!

Explorers

Blake – for creating an amazing tin man costume. Also for working with his group/class and for his amazing home learning.

Reuben – for trying very hard with his learning and for being very focused during his handwriting.

Adventurers

Lacey-May – for her fabulous maths work in Number Kids.

Pioneers

Paige – for showing great mathematical knowledge with fractions and for being really pleased with her progress.

Jamie – for showing a level of maturity above his years to resolve a problem, taking the feelings of others into consideration.

This week's Governor's Reading Cup goes to: "Caitlin S"



Mr Irwin's 'Heroes of Hope': Jesse (Pnrs) – for being a great role model to another child

Libby L (Adv) – for showing perseverance and determination

Evie C (Pnrs) – for displaying maturity and kindness in return