Newsletter Friday 25th November 2022

Dear families,

This week I have found myself reflecting on the journey I have had with Hope Community School so far. A former colleague of mine recently asked 'Does it feel like your school yet?' and when I thought about this I realised that 'yes', it really does. I have finally stopped taking the wrong exit at the Ruxley roundabout (you would be surprised how often this happened in term 1!), I have learnt the names of (nearly!) all the children and the staff have quickly realised that if they find a lost set of keys or a lonely travel coffee cup it is probably mine. More importantly though, I feel that I am getting to know you, the families, much better, and I hope that you feel the same way. Being the Principal of a school is really much like being the head of a very large extended family – I feel truly blessed to belong to this one. It is with a warm, cosy feeling that I look ahead to the upcoming Christmas events where we will all be able to celebrate the festivities and children's learning together at the school fete, carol concerts, the nativity and more. So on that note, I wish you all a very happy Friday and I hope that you enjoy some lovely quality time with your individual families over the weekend.

Your faithfully, Mrs Donnelly

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:14

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Little Sparks of Hope

Baby & Toddler Group

Mondays 09:00am-10:30am from the 05th December during term times

The Community Room, Hope Community School

£1 per family

Please contact Chanel Winchester PTA member for any queries

Tel:07915266742

Email:chanel.kenny@yahoo.com

MESSY PLAY RHYMES STORY TIME FRIENDS TOYS

Refreshments

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skills academy

Is your child in school year 2 – 6 at Hope Community School?

Why not take advantage of our

FREE Football Skills TASTER SESSION!

Thursday 12th January

The club runs 3.30pm – 4.30pm, term time only

These fun based sessions consist of plenty of time for learning practice which help every player to develop their technical skills. Each week is a different topic. The spring term will focus on competition training. This may vary for the youngest players with more focus on them having a ball each or a ball between them

Places are available to book from 5th December BOOK HERE!
(You will find it under 'Spring Term Clubs')
Places are limited so please don't delay to secure your child a place

For any further enquires, please call us on 01689 828385
or email us at info@skillsacademyltd.com

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skills academy
www.skillsacademyltd.com

Skills Academy

is delighted to be introducing our After-School Football Club to

Hope Community School!

THURSDAYS 19th January to 23rd March

Excluding Thursday 16th February – half term

For Years 2-6, 3.30-4.30pm

9 weeks @ £7.50 per 1 hr session

Total = £69.73 *(incl processing fee)*

Available to book online from Monday 5th December

Please click skillsacademyltd.com to book

You will find it on 'Spring Term clubs' booking page

Christmas Camps now ready to book!'

Your choice of Football or Multi Sports camps

BOOK NOW!

ONLY £45 for a 2-day camp or £25 per day

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT APPLIES

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HOPE CHOIR on Tour!!

Warming up and performing at Bluewater this week – we are so proud of you all !! Watch out for their next performance at Morrisons on Friday 2nd December at 11.00 am

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We received a wonderful email from a lady on the 51 bus …

"Dear Sir /Madam

I would just like to say that I was on the 51 bus yesterday at 1pm when a group from your school boarded the bus at Footscray.
The children were so well behaved and nicely mannered that I just wanted to let you know .

Many thanks

Sue"

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MORNING LARKS

Breakfast Club

We are delighted with the response so far but would love to see more children join our lovely breakfast club.

The breakfast club will offer children a healthy selection of breakfast options and a nurturing environment to play, read and prepare for their day ahead. We are proud to say that having researched the costs of breakfast clubs locally we are able to provide this service at an extremely competitive rate of £4 per hour, with a 50% discount for siblings.

Please just pop into the office to collect a form or call and office can send a form home with your child/ren.

Afterschool Club

Runs from 3.30pm to 6.00pm.
Initial costs will be:

£9.00 for 1st child / £6.00 for siblings

Same rules apply as with breakfast club, a nutritious, well balanced tea will be offered along with fun activities and help/time if needed to complete any homework. Payments will be required to be made on Parentpay prior to dates booked. Please contact the office team if you would like a booking form.

EVENING OWLS AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

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Bexley foodbank

c/o Avery Hill Christian Fellowship
Southspring
Sidcup DA15 8EA
T 07932431350
E info@bexley.foodbank.org.uk
www.bexley.foodbank.org.uk

Sunday 13th November 2022

Dear Hope Community school,

I am writing to say a huge thank you for donating your harvest to Bexley foodbank.

You collected 56.45 KG of food which will help to serve many families.

We are immensely grateful for your continued support.

Last year we fed 9,081 people in Bexley Borough that were in need. Due to increase in cost of living and asylum seekers, we project that we will feed approximately 12,000 people by April next year.

Kind regards & every blessing

Gillian Bates

Bexley Foodbank Manager

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Christmas Movie NIGHT

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 3.30-5.15PM

Tickets £3.50 each

To buy your ticket please put the money in a named envelope and post in the PTA box or pay on parent pay. If purchasing for multiple children please write all names.

Your child will be taken up to the hall by their class teacher. Ticket includes popcorn and a drink.

You may also send in an additional healthy snack with your child. Children are welcome to bring a blanket and cuddly toy in a named bag to school on this day.

Hope Community School
Seeds of Hope PTA

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Dates for your diary …

November:

Tuesday 29th	9.30 am Open morning – Prospective Parents

December:

Thursday 1st	6.00pm Open evening – Prospective Parents
Thursday 1st	Seeds of Hope/PTA Christmas Movie Night
Friday 2nd	Hope Choir performance at Morrisons @ 11.00am
Wednesday 7th	Christmas Panto – Rainbow Theatre Company performance of Aladdin
Thursday 8th	Christmas Jumper Day!
Thursday 8th	Christmas lunch with crackers (please book on SchoolGrid)
Friday 9th	Discoverers Trip to the National Army Museum
Friday 9th	Seeds of Hope present: Hope's Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 13th	9.15am EYFS & Years 1 & 2 Nativity
Wednesday 14th	9.15am KS2 Christmas Carol Concert
Friday 16th	**END OF TERM: School Finishes at <u>1.30pm</u>**

January 2023

Tuesday 3rd	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 4th	First day back for pupils

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a joyful expectation

Join us for Christmas at New Generation Church

Candlelit Carols

11th December at 5.30pm
Carols, Hot Drinks and Mince Pies. A great evening for all the family. At Hope Community School, 167 Rectory Lane, Sidcup DA14 5BU

A Special Christmas Gathering

18th December 9.30am & 11.30am

Join us for carols, games, treats, refreshments, the Christmas story and a visit from Father Christmas.

Free event but booking is essential.
9.30am - Doors open at 9am with refreshments
11.30am - Doors open 11.15am, refreshments served from 12.45pm

At Blackfen Community Library, 7-9 Blackfen Road, Sidcup, DA15 9LU

Christmas Day Celebration

A great time together for all ages to celebrate this special day.
10am at New Generation Church, Birkbeck Road, Sidcup, DA14 4DJ

Scan to book

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newgen.org.uk

Support your child to view appropriately aged video and a website that allow you to create parental restrictions with YouTube Kids

YouTube Kids is a kid-targeted portal to YouTube aimed at kids from pre-schoolers to tweens that features curated, ad-supported TV shows, music, educational videos, and user-created content. As of 2022, there's also a YouTube Kids website. It's worth noting that since there are regular updates, the channels and videos are always subject to change. The app has drawn lots of public scrutiny and controversy for including some clearly inappropriate videos and ads (with nudity, alcohol, and profanity), as well as fast-food and junk food ads that push unhealthy food (some of which look a lot more like entertainment than advertising, making it hard for kids to know they're being marketed to). Currently, though, YouTube Kids shows some paid ads before videos so the other content, according to the Parental Guide, can be offered for free -- but they're labelled as ads.

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Set Up Safe

Helping parents keep their children safe online.

internet matters.org

We've designed a simple checklist to give you peace of mind regarding your child's safety on the internet.

Set your children's device up before you give it to them so you know they're safe online as soon as they start playing.

Get started

- Set parental controls on your broadband to prevent your children seeing things they shouldn't
- For smart phones check parental controls are also set up on the mobile network

Set up the device safely

- Use the device setting so you can only download age appropriate apps and games
- Disable location services so your child doesn't unintentionally share their location with others
- Set up password control or disable in-app purchasing so big bills are not run up accidentally
- Download age appropriate apps you're happy for your child to use

Talk about staying safe

- If your children are 8-10 years old, download our parent / child Internet Matters app to help you talk about e-safety issues in an interactive way.
- Be aware of key issues and how to discuss them with your children so they know how to stay safe online
- If your child is using social networking apps check their profile and privacy settings, making sure they are not sharing personal or private information with people they do not know

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ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB

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