

# Newsletter

Friday 7th October 2022



## A Message from the Principal

Well, it's been another lovely two weeks here at Hope Community School since the last newsletter and I have to say I'm beginning to feel like I've always been here! The children have enjoyed getting stuck into the term's learning and it has been an absolute pleasure visiting classes and seeing everyone so absorbed in their work. Of course, being October, we have been talking a lot about Black History Month, and this has stimulated some engaging conversations around equality, diversity and the value of being different. In fact, we even have a phrase here at Hope – Difference is... good!

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend and I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter

Mrs Donnelly





### Apply now for Hope Community School

When you  
Enter this  
Loving school  
Consider yourself  
One of the special  
Members of an  
Extraordinary family

If your child was born between:  
1st Sept 2018 – 31st August 2019  
then it is time to apply.

#### Open Days:

- Oct 4th 9.30am
- Oct 11th 1.30pm
- Nov 2nd 1.30pm
- Tues 29th 9.30am
- Dec 1st 6pm

Please call the school office to book:  
0203 223 2000 or email  
[enquiries@hopecommunityschool.org](mailto:enquiries@hopecommunityschool.org)

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## Breakfast Club has started !!

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.



**MORNING LARKS**

### **SAVE THE DATE...Parent consultation sessions week starting 7<sup>th</sup> November.**

During the week starting November 7<sup>th</sup> we will be having our 1:1 teacher/parent consultations. Sign-up sheets will be made available from 17<sup>th</sup> October in the office area at the end of each afternoon. Pupils are invited to attend the session too.

Sessions are as follows:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November between 1-6pm **Creators and Discoverers**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November between 1-6pm **Changemakers and Waymakers**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November between 1-6pm **Pathfinders**

Just a reminder that, as part of the school contract you sign when your child starts with us at Hope, you are expected to attend these sessions as part of your engagement regarding your child's education.

**Mrs Emma Carvosso**

Deputy Principal

Hope Community School, Sidcup.

## Exciting News ... 'Read' here about our new 'Reading Raffle'



You may have heard some very excited children talking about the **Reading Raffle**...we love to read at Hope Community School and this new academic year we have introduced the reading raffle to the children. They need to read (& you or they record in their journals) five times to receive a raffle ticket. Obviously, the more they read, the more raffle tickets they receive. The raffle tickets will be drawn at the end of the half term and a book prize will be awarded to a winner in each Key Stage.



## SEN CLINIC

We have 1 remaining date for the bookable SEN clinic:

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – am

Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment to discuss any SEN related queries/concerns you may have.





After a bit of a rush on places, C4f still have a few remaining so please contact them directly on the following email addresses: [info@concept4football.co.uk](mailto:info@concept4football.co.uk) or [bill@concept4football.co.uk](mailto:bill@concept4football.co.uk)



**C4f** **CONCEPT<sup>4</sup> FOOTBALL**  
[www.concept4football.co.uk](http://www.concept4football.co.uk)

**Hope Community School  
Multi Sports Club**

Wednesday 21st September - Wednesday 19th October  
3.30 - 4.30pm  
Open to children from Years 1-6  
£32.50 for the full course

Name.....School Year.....  
Contact Name / Number.....  
Email.....  
Medical Info.....  
Parent Signature.....

To register interest please email  
[info@concept4football.co.uk](mailto:info@concept4football.co.uk)

For more information please contact  
**[BILL@CONCEPT4FOOTBALL.CO.UK](mailto:bill@concept4football.co.uk)**

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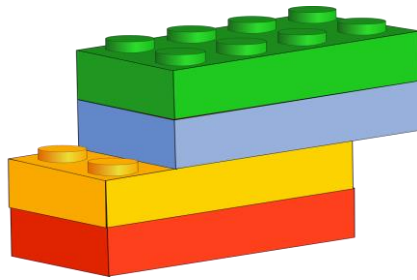
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# LEGO CLUB



We are pleased to announce our brand new club will be starting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

This will run from 3.30 to 4.00pm with Miss Pool.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, possibly rotated on a half termly basis – we will see how many sign up.

More information to follow.





## UPDATE TO UNIFORM POLICY

Following consultation with our partner school in Southampton, parents and our school council we are making the following amendment to our uniform policy.

Children should wear black school shoes **or plain black trainers.**  
**Girls may wear black ankle boots. (With no heel)**

As a school we feel this is more suitable for the children and will allow them to be more physically active on the playground and at lunch. This will also support any children with sensory difficulties in footwear. The change is effective immediately.

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## MEDICAL NEWS ...

As part of the ongoing response to poliovirus detected in London sewage, the JCVI has advised that all children in London aged 1-9 should get a polio vaccine now. For some children this may be an extra dose of polio vaccine, on top of their routine vaccinations. In other children it may just bring them up to date.

### **Why is my child being offered a polio booster?**

Since February 2022, we have found a type 2 polio virus in sewage samples taken from north London. This suggests that the virus is now spreading between people. This has probably happened because vaccine uptake for the infant and toddler vaccinations in London is lower than it should be. Boosting immunity in those who are already vaccinated should also help to reduce the risk of the virus continuing to spread.

### **What is polio?**

Polio is an infection caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system – it can cause permanent paralysis of muscles. Because of the success of the polio vaccination programme, there have been no cases of natural polio infection in the UK for over 30 years and polio was eradicated from the whole of Europe in 2003. The polio virus found in London should not pose any risk to those who are fully vaccinated. However, whilst it is spreading, there is a small chance that those who have not been fully vaccinated, or those who cannot respond well to vaccines, could be at risk of catching polio.

### **How can my child get the polio booster?**

The NHS will contact you to ask you to book an appointment for your child's polio vaccine. Please come forward as soon as you are invited.

### **Is there anyone who cannot have the vaccine?**

There are very few reasons why children cannot receive the polio vaccine. If your child had a serious allergic reaction to a previous vaccination or to certain uncommon antibiotics (neomycin, polymyxin or streptomycin) you may want to check with your doctor. Which vaccine is my child being offered? We are using 3 different types of vaccines that all provide excellent protection against polio – they are already used in the routine programme and safely given to millions of children each year. The only difference between the 3 vaccines is the other infections that they protect against. They all provide protection against polio, tetanus and diphtheria, but some may also top up protection against whooping cough and hepatitis B. It does not matter which of the 3 vaccines your child gets, unless they have missed out on some earlier vaccines.

### **Are there any side effects from this vaccine?**

Your child may have some redness, swelling or tenderness in the arm where they had the injection, this will usually disappear in a few days. Rarely, a hard lump may appear in the same place but this will also resolve on its own, usually over a few weeks. Occasionally, children may be unwell and irritable and develop a temperature and a headache.

*JCVI = Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation – GOV.UK*





Congratulations to our new Earth Matters team!

Discovers - Karys and Bailey  
Pathfinders - Eloise and Louis  
Creators - Gracelyn and Marc -Elliot  
Waymakers - Lily and Maya  
Changemakers - Lincoln and Precious



#### After School Club

We are delighted to let you know that we are currently seeking to recruit an After School Club Leader, so that we can open up a new after school provision after half term. Further details on the opening date and how to book will be shared with families once we have successfully recruited. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in applying for the position then please contact the school office for details on 0203 223 2000.



## **MANDARIN LESSONS STARTING AFTER HALF TERM (Years 3,4,5,6)**

**WITH THE**

## **ORPINGTON CHINESE SCHOOL**



**Mandarin teacher: Cherie H.L Liu**

Cherie is a native Mandarin speaker, professionally trained as a Chinese Mandarin teacher and has been teaching Chinese for ten years in China and the UK.

She has excellent communication skills and specialises in teaching beginning and intermediate with various age groups and backgrounds. Cherie uses multiple instructional strategies to provide equity and excellence to students of all ability levels.

Cherie looks forward to teaching our students at Hope.

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## Dates for your diary ...

### October:

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm Open afternoon – prospective parents
Monday 11	Shared Collective: Changemakers/Waymakers
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Creators/Pathfinders/Discoverers – Shared Collective Parents/Carers welcome
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Collective – Details to follow. Parents/Carers welcome

### November:

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.30pm Open afternoon – Prospective Parents
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher consultations – details to follow
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographer – individual shoot by Kittle Photography
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Open morning – Prospective Parents

### December:

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm Open evening – Prospective Parents
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Panto – Rainbow Theatre Company performance of Aladdin



### **Krispy Kreme Thursday**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Don't forget to return your forms.

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## Harvest COMPETITION



The Seeds of Hope invite you to take part in our harvest creativity competition.  
To take part in our competition you need to create something to represent this  
bible verse:

### "I am the Light of the World"

(John 8:12)

You can be as creative as you like. Here are some ideas:

-build something out of Lego.

-bake something.

-carve a pumpkin.

-paint a picture.

-take a photo.

-sew something.

-create a dance or video.

-or your own idea.



To be in the chance to win an amazing prize please hand your named  
entries into the school office.

All entries will receive something for participating.

Any digital entries please send via [seedsofhopesidcup@gmail.com](mailto:seedsofhopesidcup@gmail.com)

**Deadline Monday 10th October**

**£2 to enter**

Please put your money in an envelope and post in the PTA box with  
your child's name, class and description of entry.

There will be a prize for KS2

and a prize for KS1/EYFS.

Winners to be announced at the school

Harvest Festival 14th October.

Winners will be chosen by Mrs Donnelly

**Good luck**







October is Black History Month in the UK. It is an annual event honouring the contributions and accomplishments of the Black British community. It celebrates both current and historical individuals and the positive impact they have made to our society.

Black History Month provides great opportunities to highlight key moments in Black British history. It is important to celebrate the contributions of everyone to our society and support the multi-culturalism and diversity that helps shape our communities.

#### **How to celebrate Black History Month**

Many events take place during Black History Month in schools, communities and across all media. It is a good time to research and read about important people and moments throughout history. Education is a key theme and is encouraged throughout Black History Month.

#### **Black History Month in the classroom**

Important historical figures from Black history:

Rosa Parks  
Nelson Mandela  
Martin Luther King  
Mary Seacole  
Barack Obama

**Harvest festival**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9am**

**We would greatly appreciate  
donations for the harvest festival.**





## Current Value - "Worship"



If you were asked what the most important thing in your life is, I wonder what it would be? For some people the most important thing might be a football team. They might go to see their team play regularly and wear their club shirt to show people that they support them. Others might follow a pop group, know all there is to know about the band and be able to sing all the lyrics to the songs. These things are a sign of love, admiration and dedication, in a way it's a form of **worship**.

The word 'worship' comes from the old term "worth-ship" and it literally means giving someone the honour they are worth. For Christians the only one worthy of true worship is God and so they want to show him how much they love him.

In our collectives this week we have been thinking about worship and we've discovered that worship isn't something which just needs to take place in a church building (singing, dancing or praying). Everything we do when we are serving God is an act of worship so that might be giving money to charity, saying kind words to others or even helping a friend in need.

In the Bible it encourages us to 'Love one another'. May we be challenged to find ways to honour God daily as we serve each other.



Being active together as a family is a great way to connect and support everyone's health and wellbeing

Why not take on this weekend's physical activity challenge and as a family learn some circus skills. Who can conquer tightrope walking, who will master the juggling or be your family limbo champion?

#Together

## CIRCUS SKILLS

All the fun of the big top!

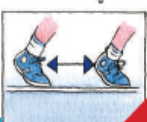
### Tightrope Walking

- Lay a rope or mark a line on the floor.
- To stay balanced keep your eyes on a fixed point ahead and don't look down.
- Walk the rope with a series of one foot balances.
- Now set challenges along the way such as turning around or stopping to pick something up along the way.

It's easier than just walking, try it!



Take care when placing feet on the rope.



### Limbo

Walk under the rope without touching it... how low can you go?



### Juggling

On your own: start with one ball and throw from hand to hand in the shape of an arc.

- Move to two balls and

throw the second when the first is at the top of the arc.

- Move to three balls and start with two in one hand and throw the third ball under the second in a lower arc.

In a group, work together to juggle between you,

send balls clockwise or anti-clockwise, and introduce races.

Try juggling with scarves, flannels or tea towels as they move through the air slower and are easier to catch.

Rolled up socks make great juggling balls!



We would love to celebrate in your circus skill successes so please upload any photos you have to ClassDojo

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## Into the Wild Day!

A huge thank you to Paul Western and the team from the church for making our Into the Wild Day so exciting. The children had a wonderful time making boats down by the river, cooking bread on an open fire and getting to enjoy the great outdoors in this week's beautiful sunshine.



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# Homework

## Homework

Following a review of our homework procedures, we will be sending homework out over the next week. Please note that homework in primary schools is not compulsory and whilst we would encourage you and your child to engage in the home learning to support and consolidate what they are learning in school, children will not be penalized if it is not done. Additionally, if you find that homework causes stress for your family then please do not feel pressured into completing it.

We do recommend a minimum of

- Daily reading 10-20 minutes a day
- Daily times tables practice (watch out for our new times tables app coming soon!)

In addition, we will be sending home the following:

### KS1

- A weekly maths activity sheet. This will be uploaded onto google classrooms/dojo and should be returned on google classrooms or dojo.
- Weekly phonics activities.

### KS2

- A maths homework book will be sent home. Teachers will let children know which pages to complete on a weekly basis.
- A short reading comprehension activity. This will be uploaded onto google classrooms/dojo and should be returned on google classrooms or dojo.

If you do not have access to google classrooms/dojo please speak with your class teacher who can support.



Let us celebrate some out of school sports achievements

Albert, Valerie and Kristina Constable have recently been upgraded to Karate Blue Belt

Congratulations to them all

