

Newsletter

Friday 23rd September 2022



Dear parents and Carers, well I think we can all agree that summer has truly passed and the autumn season is upon us. The nights are drawing in and the temperature has dropped. I for one always welcome this time of year as I believe it is perfect for those cosy family nights in and of course we all look forward to the Christmas season. Indeed, the weeks do flyby and I can barely believe we are already halfway through our first term. This week's newsletter is packed with lots more exciting announcements and updates for you so I hope you enjoy it and I look forward to hopefully seeing lots more of you all in the upcoming weeks at the coffee mornings, collectives, and other events we are getting organised for you.

Mrs Donnelly ☺





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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:
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enquiries@hopecommunityschool.org

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MORNING LARKS

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.



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MORRISONS



After a rigorous application, many congratulations to Adam and Honey for becoming Hope's very first Head Boy and Head Girl!! Seen here with Morrison's generous donation of breakfast foods for our new Breakfast Club.

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 CLINICS

We have 2 new dates for bookable SEN clinics:

Wednesday 28th September - am

&

Wednesday 19th October – pm

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 or bill@concept4football.co.uk



C4f **CONCEPT⁴ FOOTBALL**
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

For more information please contact
BILL@CONCEPT4FOOTBALL.CO.UK

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CURRENT VALUE: 'CREATIVITY'

Creativity

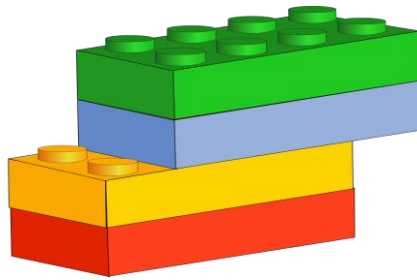
'You can't use up creativity. The more you use it the more you have'
Maya Angelou

Our value this week and going into next week is 'Creativity'. Creativity is not just about drawing, painting, singing, acting or creating beautiful things (though we love to do lots of that at school), it is also about thinking creatively to solve problems and working together to do things. It is the ability to see many things in new ways and to use imagination to generate new ideas. At Hope we value creativity and strive to make our classrooms fertile environments in which it can flourish and grow. We encourage the children to imagine, create, play, share ideas and reflect. Over the next week we challenge children to be creative in all areas and we celebrate some of the amazing creative work they have done.

Creativity at home challenge:

- **Create:** Get creating together. Get the paints out, cook a meal together, build a bird house, or build a Lego tower. Praise the process rather than the outcome.
- **Play:** Get involved in some child-led play. Encourage exploration and experimentation.
- **Imagine:** Collaborate on a shared story. Play games such as "Would you rather" or "What would happen if..."

LEGO CLUB

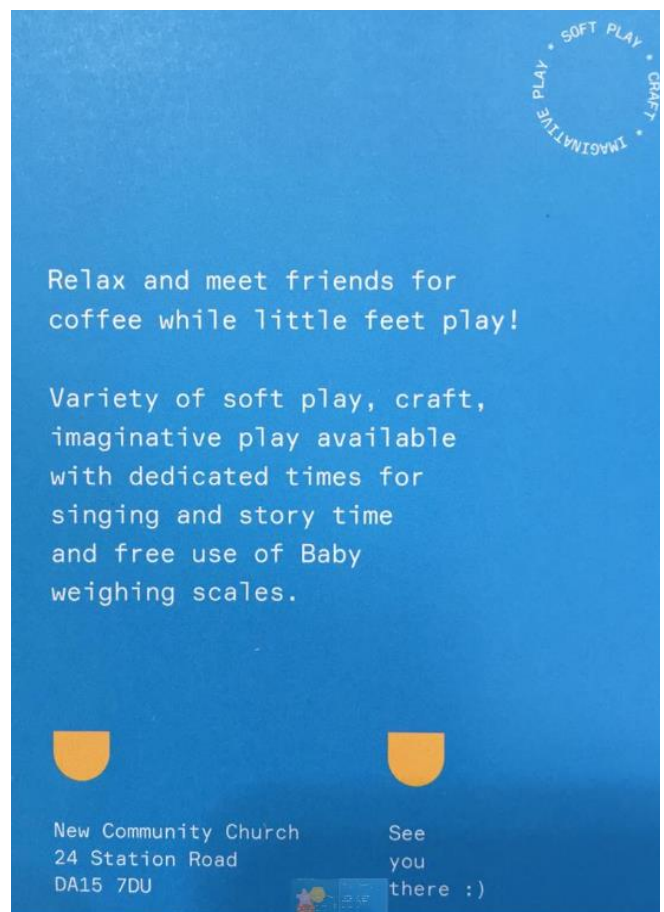


We are pleased to announce our brand new club will be starting on Monday 3rd October.

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

MEET THE TEACHER

Wednesday 28th September

3.30 pm – 4.15 pm

On Wednesday next week, we will open our gates to you all to come and have a look around your child/children's classrooms. They can be your guide and show you where their room is, what learning happens and what the classroom looks like. We politely request that you stay with your child and only go into the classroom rather than use this as an opportunity to move around all of the school. As this is an informal session, you can 'drop in' at any time.

This is a time to briefly meet the class teacher; however they will be sharing a short PowerPoint at 3:45pm for you to hear a bit more about the learning across the year. The format will be the same in each class and will be sent out to you via ClassDojo if you are not able to make the session. Class overviews also provide a lot of the curriculum information that will be shared.

Mrs Emma Carvosso
Deputy Principal



Krispy Kreme Thursday

Thursday 20th October.
Details coming very soon.....



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 ...

September:

Wednesdays Afterschool C4F Multisports Club starts – Years 1 to 6
(Please speak to the office to see if you qualify for a discount)
Wednesday 28th 3.15pm meet the teacher, details to be sent via dojo
Wednesday 28th Pathfinders Trip: Limehouse Basin –
PLEASE RETURN SLIPS ASAP – thank you

October:

Tuesday 4th 9.30 am Open morning – Prospective Parents
Tuesday 4th Changemakers (Yr1's) & Waymakers Trip: Blackfen Library
PLEASE RETURN SLIPS ASAP – thank you
Thursday 6th 9.00am -10.30am Parent/Principal 1:1 meetings
Tuesday 11th 1.30pm Open afternoon – prospective parents
Monday 11 Shared Collective: Changemakers/Waymakers
Thursday 13th Creators/Pathfinders/Discoverers – Shared Collective
Parents/Carers welcome
Friday 14th Harvest Collective – Details to follow. Parents/Carers welcome

November:

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

December:

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

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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

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



Swimming lessons update...

We are so proud of our Year 4 & 5's for the progress already made in their lessons. Pool staff have commented that they enjoy teaching children from Hope Community School for showing enthusiasm and good behaviour with a 'can do' attitude ☺ Well done guys!!



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