



Hope Community School

Newsletter

Monday 18th December 2023

Dear Families

As we draw nearer to the end of term it is a perfect time to look back and reflect on the year gone by; and what a year it has been! From our 'Good' Ofsted visit back in May, achieving the Eco Schools Award with Merit in June, having new equipment built on our playground, bringing in new staff and children - we have indeed had so many blessings come our way in 2023. Of course, along with the blessings we have, as a community and individually, faced our different challenges; some dealing with loss or illness, others with financial hardship. The bible says: "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: . . . a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance", with that in mind then I hope you are all able to take that time this Christmas holiday to find peace, joy and laughter in your homes no matter what season you may be in and we look forwards to welcoming you back for a fresh new year in January.

With warmest regards
Mrs Donnelly

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there is a season,
A time for every
purpose under heaven.
- Ecclesiastes 3:1





Goodbye Mrs Budau !



We are sorry to have to let you know that at the end of term, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Budau, our Yr1/Yr2 TA and Arts & Crafts Club coordinator, who has worked at Hope for 3 years.

Mrs Budau is moving to another school nearer to her home. We wish her all the very best. We will miss you!



Another joint project by the Arts & Crafts Club ☺
'Thank you Mrs Budau, we have loved it!'

School Attendance Matters!

It is the responsibility of Parents/Carers to contact the school office by 8.30am (by leaving a message on the school answerphone or emailing enquiries@hopecommunityschool.org if their child/ren are too unwell to attend.

Week beginning 11th December 2023

Discoverers	86.7%
Waymakers	93.9%
Creators	91.6%
Pathfinders	91.8%
Whole School	88.3%

Well done Waymakers !

If they are not in school, they cannot learn!

Lateness

We have noticed the amount of children arriving late to school has increased this term and the worrying statistics are as follows:

Week beginning 4th December – 8th December

Discoverers	7 children late
Waymakers	16 children late
Creators	13 children late
Pathfinders	10 children late

Bear this in mind ...

***Early, is on time,
On time, is late,
Late, is
unthinkable!***

In the week beginning 4th December there were 68 incidents of lateness by 46 children and 14 hours and 9 minutes of learning time lost due to lateness! Late children all arriving at different times has a huge impact on office staff, teaching staff and catering staff. It disrupts the class every time another child walks in late, and more so for the child/ren that arrive late, this can be anxiety inducing and bad habit forming. Persistently late children may think it is normal to be late; potentially carrying this bad habit through to their higher education and beyond.



Joy Respect Faith
 Thoughtfulness Goodness Listening Patience Trust
 Forgiveness PERSEVERANCE Initiative Wisdom Unique
 Peace New Generation Schools Trust JUSTICE
 Love Worship Creativity

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A big 'THANK YOU' to **McBrides Accountants** who have donated a large quantity of breakfast items for our Morning Larks Breakfast Club.



McBrides Accountants, our neighbours from across the lights, have been particularly generous to us over the years, donating things like luxury hampers for our PTA raffles and monitor screens for staff use.

**Prayer
afternoon, all
welcome ...**

**Tuesday 16th
January
4.45pm-5.45pm**



Join us to pray for the
school and the local
community.

**Tuesday 16th January
2024**

4:45 – 5:45pm.

All welcome.



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Children across the school enjoyed an exciting Santa Dash last week. This virtual event was part of the School Games Christmas celebrations and saw all the children dashing round the playground with none other than Santa himself!

Well done all – well done Santa! Hope you are now fit and ready for your big night on the 24th ! ☺





Merry Christmas from the Wings!

FREE FOOTBALL TICKETS – please contact the school office
first come, first served

One ticket – 3 games!
X 1 under 16 and 1 x adult admitted

Support Groups and Forum in Sidcup and Bexley

While Christmas is a joyous occasion for many, it can also bring additional financial and emotional pressures. Here at Hope our Family Liaison Officer, Jacqueline Anglin, is here to talk to if you need any support and she can signpost you to a range of helpful services and forums. These may include:

Bexley Food Bank

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/bexley/>

Blackfen Library Community Fridge

<https://blackfencommunitylibrary.org/community-fridge/>

Bexley Local Council – Cost of Living Support

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/cost-living/help-cost-living>

Mind

<https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/>

The Samaritans

<https://www.samaritans.org/>



Our Sparkles Toddler group is up and running at Hope Community School
Every Wednesday morning, this fun filled baby and toddler session is run by our wonderful chaplain
Rhannon.

Games, singing, stories and fun - we hope to see you there!

Place: Hope Community School

Day: Every Wednesday

Time: 9.30-10.30am

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**Wednesdays:
Starting 2nd week back.**



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (SPRING)

Join us at Concept4Football's after school club at Hope Community School!

Our program provides a fun and safe introduction to sports, giving children the opportunity to learn new skills and techniques while enjoying the games with their friends. Our experienced coaches work from a carefully designed syllabus and are dedicated to creating a positive and inclusive environment for all participants. Sessions are 3:30 to 4:30.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to develop your child's passion for sport!

Wednesdays, Multi-sports, R - Y6, 10 January to 7 February, £32.50

Wednesdays, Multi-sports, R - Y6, 21 February to 20 March, £32.50

Visit us at www.concept4football.co.uk



Child's name: _____

Child's year: _____

Medical information: _____

Contact name & number: _____

Email address: _____

**Please complete and return to the school office,
with payment, in a named and sealed envelope.**



Thursdays:
Starting 3rd week back.



Spring Term

For Boys & Girls

After School Football Club

- ✓ Fun and safe environment
- ✓ Practice and develop technical skills
- ✓ Coaches deliver enjoyable sessions
- ✓ Match time included in the sessions



THURSDAYS 18 JAN - 21 MAR

- 9 Sessions - 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
- Excluding 15th February
(use of indoor hall on darker evenings)

PRICING: £7.50 PER SESSION
Booked termly in advance

FREE TASTER SESSION ON 11 JAN
ALSO AVAILABLE TO BOOK ONLINE!



For Boys & Girls
In School Years 1 - 6

Hope Community School

167 Rectory Lane, Sidcup, DA14 5BU

For bookings



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ONLINE FROM
11 DECEMBER**

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Dates for your diary

January:

Wednesday 3rd SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Inset day
 Thursday 4th First day back for pupils
 Monday 15th Deadline for Reception applications

February:

Thursday 8th Music Collective

 Monday 12th-16th HALF TERM

 Monday 19th SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Inset Day
 Tuesday 20th Pupils return to school
 Tuesday 27th Parent/Teacher Consultations – more info to follow
 Wednesday 28th Parent/Teacher Consultations – more info to follow

March:

Thursday 7th World Book Day – children to dress as their favourite book character.
 Friday 8th Mothers' Day Collective – all mums, grandmothers and other significant role models welcome.

 Friday 22nd Halfway Dinner – Year 3
 Wednesday 27th Hope Laser Show
 Thursday 28th LAST DAY – TERM FINISHES @ 1.30pm

April:

Monday 15th Pupils return to school



Wishing all our wonderful families a very merry
 Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Hope Choir on Tour



Our gorgeous carol singers appearing at Hatherley Road Care Home.

Making a video for the New Generation Church Christmas service.



Their next appearance was at Baugh Road Care Home.

Well done guys, we are so proud of you all!

Also, a huge thank you to Miss Matthews for running Choir Club and organising the events.





Thank you for visiting us Santa! We really appreciate it 😊