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HOPE COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM MRS CARVOSSO

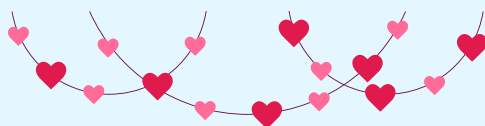
As we come to the end of another busy half term, it is wonderful to reflect on just how much has been achieved across the school. Lots of pupils have worked incredibly hard, and many continue to show enthusiasm and resilience in all they do. A highlight for me has been working with the Year Six class in their French lessons - they have changed from an 'I can't do this attitude' to actually being able to write short paragraphs in a different language!!

It has also been lovely to see the first signs of Spring appearing around us. The brighter mornings and glimpses of sunshine bring a real sense of energy and optimism, which has certainly been reflected in school.



We are already looking ahead to an exciting and eventful next half term. With a range of off-site experiences planned, Book week and Science week, a special Mother's Day celebration, and the Year 3 and 4 Easter production, there is plenty to look forward to.

Have a wonderful and restful break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 23rd February.



FEBRUARY DATES

Friday 13th

Inset Day - School CLOSED to pupils

Monday 16th to Friday 20th

HALF TERM - School CLOSED to pupils
Monday 23rd

Trailblazers Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th

Lunar New Year Lunch Menu

MARCH DATES

Monday 2nd

Innovators Coffee Morning

Thursday 5th

World Book Day



Waymakers Halfway Dinner

Monday 9th

Innovators (1/2) Farm Trip

Waymakers Coffee Morning

Wednesday 11th

Waymakers (3/4) Farm Trip

Tuesday 10th - Thursday 11th

Parent Consultations

Friday 13th

Mother's Day Collection

Monday 16th - Friday 20th

Science Week

Creators Coffee morning

Tuesday 17th

Forensic Science Workshop

Friday 20th

Yrs 5 & 6 - Trip to Science Museum

Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th

Bikeability Week - Yr 6

Friday 27th

LAST DAY OF TERM - 1.30PM FINISH

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Save the date

Parent Consultations

Please note that we will be holding our parent/teacher consultations on the following dates:

Tuesday 10th March

Year 3 and 4 - Waymakers

Year 1 and 2 - Innovators



Wednesday 11th March

Year 3 and 4 - Waymakers

Year 6 - Entrepreneurs



Thursday 12th March

Reception - Trailblazers

Year 5 - Creators

Booking will be through Arbor from Monday 23rd February. We love this opportunity to celebrate your child's learning with you and for your child to be able to share their work so please make sure you book in.

Coffee Morning starting soon

We are excited to invite you to a class coffee morning...

Next half term we would love to give you the opportunity to spend some time with the families of children in the same class as your child. So if you fancy a coffee (or tea!), a biscuit, a natter and time to get to know some of the parents you might not know, then please pop into the community room. They will run from 8:50am - 9:30am but please don't feel you need to stay for the whole time if you have somewhere else you need to be!

Monday 23rd Feb Reception Class (Trailblazers)

Monday 2nd March Year One and Two Class (Innovators)

Monday 9th March Year Three and Four (Waymakers)

Monday 16th March Year Five (Creators)

Monday 23rd March Year Six (Entrepreneurs)





LUNAR NEW YEAR

Thursday 26th February 2026

Menu

Main

Sweet and Sour Chicken with Rice

Chicken Chow Mein with Vegan Noodles

Vegan Chow Mein with Vegan Noodles

Jacket Potato's with cheese, beans or Tuna

Served with PrawnCrackers

Dessert

PineappleUpsidedown Cake



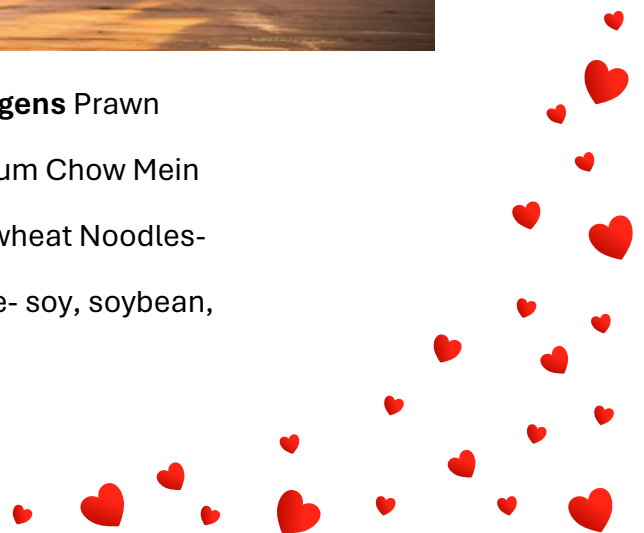
Chinese New Year allergens Prawn

Crackers- crustations, sodium Chow Mein

sauce- sesame, soybeans, wheat Noodles-

Wheat Sweet and sour Sauce- soy, soybean,

wheat



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FOOTBALL NEWS ...

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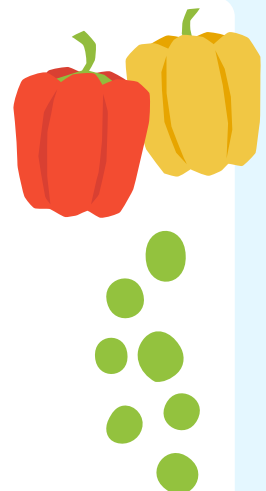
We are so proud of our mixed football team each and every time we take them out to play a match; with their superb sportsmanship, behaviour and enthusiasm. Together with our awesome Cheerleading Group, they are a formidable and wholesome group of children.



REMINDERS

**PLEASE LABEL
YOUR
CHILD'S/REN'S
SCHOOL JUMPER
OR CARDIGAN -
WE ARE ASKED
SEVERAL TIMES
EACH WEEK TO
LOOK FOR LOST
UNIFORM.**

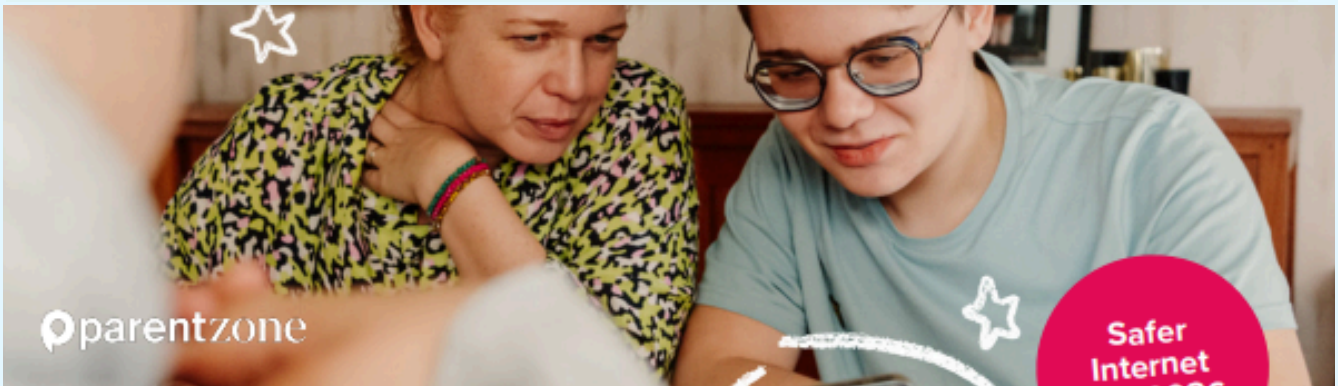
Community Cupboard



OPEN EVERY SCHOOL DAY

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Safer
Internet
Day 2026

Everyday Digital Parenting

Nobody warns you how difficult digital parenting is – and finding the right answers is just as hard. So what really matters with children and screens – and how do you manage the inevitable disagreements?

Parent Zone's Rules, Tools and Communication approach is a good place to start. It helps you focus on the right things and reduce digital disagreements.

Setting the right rules

Children need rules for screens – whether it's what they do, how long they do it, or specific things like financial spending limits. Whichever rules you set, try to make sure they follow the four Cs:

- Clear** – simple to understand and to apply.
- Consistent** – and not changing every week.
- Collaborative** – and be open to adapting.
- Connected** – based on values, not control.

Using the right tools

User empowerment tools are not perfect – but used well they can be incredibly helpful. They help make sure rules are followed but still give your child freedom. Check them across devices and platforms your child uses – and make sure they are set up as you want them. For example:

- Content controls** that allow your child to explore with more peace of mind for you.
- Screen time controls** that reinforce important downtime around sleeping routines.
- Block and Report tools** help your child stop other people from being unkind online.

Managing better communication

Communication is key. Children will come across stuff online that worries, frightens or just confuses them. Let them tell you about it. Don't take over the conversation, don't be afraid to disagree and don't feel you have to fix everything. But do try to be:

- A sounding board** for your child's ideas, even don't always agree with everything.
- A guide** to navigate the confusing or misleading stuff or to help them find the truth.
- A role model** including being honest with them about the things you find hard too.

Smartphones. Screens. Social Media. What do you need to know?

Scan or visit parentzone.org.uk



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Every Day Counts



There has been a lot of illness this half term so our attendance is currently at 90%. Our target is 94% so please make every effort to bring your child to school unless unwell and unable to attend. Remember to call or email before the day starts to let us know if your child will not be attending or we will be calling to find out where they are. If we do not ascertain a reason for absence, then your child will be marked as unauthorised.



Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud. It does not dishonor
others, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5



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We have introduced a programme to all year groups at school called myHappyMind. myHappyMind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves! myHappyMind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

To further embed this learning, myHappyMind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone.

The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappyMind Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is 139561

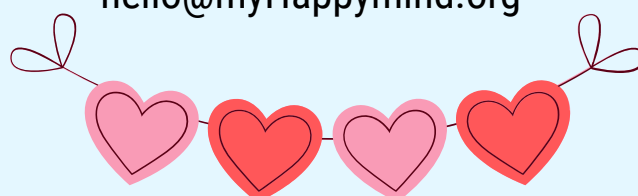
Or simply scan the QR code above to sign up.

Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

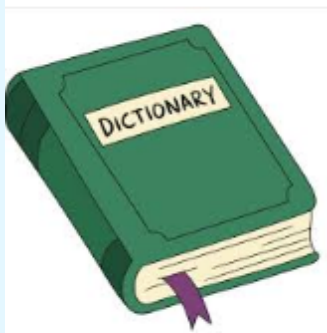
We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

If you have any questions about myHappyMind, please contact your class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myhappymind.org



A couple of examples of some fabulous poem work from our Year 5 class.

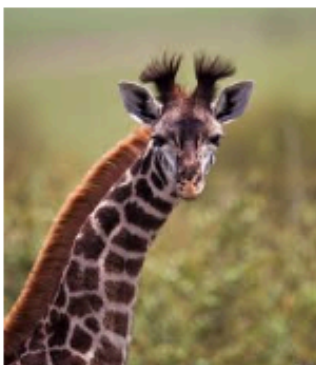


Dictionary

If you have a dictionary,
You can look up 'ordinary'.
So you don't need to be wary.
Or you could search 'dairy'.
Maybe even 'fairy'.

Dictionaries have the word 'vary',
And that's why they're extraordinary.
The earth has oxygen, which makes it airy,
Everyone - praise the dictionary!

-Kristina year 5



Gerald the Giraffe

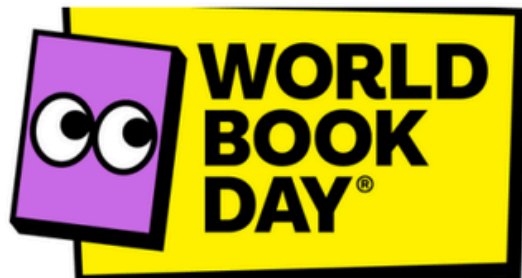
The giraffe is yellow with brown spots,
He likes to drink water out of pots.
His favourite snack is big, green leaves,
He loves to get them from the tree.

Gerald's neck is very long,
in the trees he can reach the bird, John.
Crunch goes the leaves when Gerald bites down,
When he can't reach the leaves he gives a frown.
Gerald has a very stinky fart,
But his hair is a work of art.

-Gracie year 5

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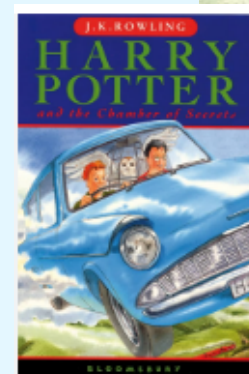
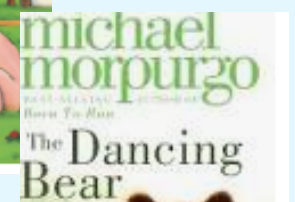
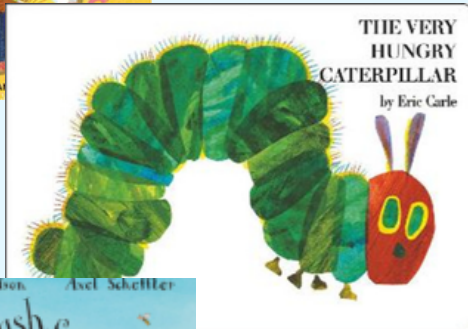
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Join us on Thursday
March 5th

Wear your comfy, cosy
clothes so you can snuggle
up with a book (or a book
character costume)!

(Please make sure all clothing is
suitable for school.)



Recruiting:

We are currently recruiting for a full time, experienced teaching assistant to start with us in March. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please direct them to the vacancies page on our website. Many thanks.