

## Hope Primary School

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30.9.18

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the term. It is always so pleasing to see the children return ready for an exciting new year. They all look extremely smart and have settled well, showing such enthusiasm for their new activities.

Over the holidays we had a full boiler and heating refit. The works are almost complete and the school is now exceptionally warm and cosy! A huge thankyou to the staff who have spent many hours in the summer holidays making the classrooms look so inviting.

We have welcomed new teachers to school - Miss Hannah Daley (Puffins full time teacher) and Mrs Judith Dunne (Hawks and Eagles Monday and Tuesday afternoons). We have 9 new children in Reception and a new child in Year 2. They have settled very well to new expectations and routines. We hope they all enjoy their time in our school.

We are now a Formal Collaboration with Edale C of E Primary School. We intend to keep the individual identities of each school and support each other to develop our strengths, using what both have to offer to the benefit of every child. So far, we have been very pleased with the response from both sets of children who have been very welcoming and made great efforts to create strong friendships. Staff from both schools have been working alongside each other to produce coherent planning with exciting opportunities for all the children such as: shared History learning days, trips out, shared classroom activities. Currently Hope Year 6s are having English and maths lessons with the Edale Year 6 in a class of 10 at Edale. All the Year 6s (Eagles) then return to Hope to join the Hawks for the afternoons. Wednesday afternoons, all the Edale children are here and join children of their own age for lessons. We are intending having an open session for you to come and find out more about the Collaboration, for you to ask any questions and give your opinion. We intend asking everyone's opinions from the school community to improve what we are offering and take both schools forward. Please see dates below for our first meeting.

Reminders:

- Clubs for this term are already underway. School is open 7.45am daily for breakfast club and 3.30-5pm for after school clubs. Please inform Mrs Huntington if your child is staying for a one off club so that the register can be updated. Club money should be paid in advance at £2.50 a session. Please ensure your child is picked up promptly at 5pm.

- If your child is poorly, please call the office first thing in the morning and put the reason in writing on their return or as an e-mail to [administrator@hope.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:administrator@hope.derbyshire.sch.uk). If your child is absent and we have not heard anything before 9.15am, then we shall ring to check where they are.
- Please be aware that Mrs Huntington is usually in the office from 9am til lunchtime, so should you need to ring please call after 9am. In an afternoon, we shall endeavour to answer the phone whilst we are in our classrooms.
- Please hand paperwork in to Mrs Huntington first thing in a morning and ask her to book an appointment should you wish to see a teacher. Teacher's will endeavour to make time for you if it is urgent otherwise, please avoid coming into the classrooms when teachers are trying to settle children and start the day's work.
- Should your child need time off school for a reason other than illness, please fill in a 'Leave of Absence Form' and return it to the school office for approval.
- We have a signing out book in the entrance hall. We wish that parents sign their child out if for any reason they need to leave school before the usual end of the day. Should they return, after an appointment for example, then please sign them back in.
- If your child has an inhaler we provide a box in each classroom for the children to put them in first thing in a morning for the teacher to look after them and they will then be given back out at the end of the school day. However, if you do wish your child to be more independent and look after their own, then please collect a form from the office to give permission for your child to carry their own. Should your child require medicine during school time, please collect a form from the office. Medicines are only allowed to be given in school by myself, Mrs Huntington and Mrs Witchalls. We can only give items in original packages with the attached prescription label. They can only be given for medicines requiring 4 doses a day or more otherwise the medicine can be administered at appropriate times at home.
- Changes to personal details - please ensure that the school is kept informed of your contact details as we need them for emergencies as well as keeping you informed of events via texts.

Please do come and talk to staff at the end of the school days should you have any worries or ideas on how we can make our school even better.

We hope this year is another successful one!

Yours sincerely

Miss S Fisher  
Executive Headteacher

#### Future Provisional Dates:

2.10.18 History Day for Owls Class - Tudors

3.10.18 3 Year 5s going to buy new class pet hamsters!

4.10.18 Hawks to go for natural history local walk

3.10.18 All Years 1 to 6 to Hope Valley College (HVC) for Cross Country

10.10.18 Key Stage 2 Team to Rugby Competition at HVC

12.10.18 **A HARVEST CELEBRATION** 9.10-11.30 come and join your child in class to do art and craft Harvest Activities, have refreshments, do some singing and hear our school band. We hope you can join our celebrations! We shall be collecting Harvest produce that morning so we can deliver it around Eccles Close that afternoon.

17.10.18 **COLLABORATION OPEN MEETINGS 3.45pm at Hope Primary; 6pm at Edale C of E Primary.** Parents may attend either meeting at the different venue. Please come and hear about what is involved in the Collaboration, how it is working, what might happen in the future, how it is going... Come and tell us what you think!!!

22.10.18 **PARENTS' EVENING for Eagles, Owls and Hawks** (10 minutes appointments per child to find out how your child has settled, is getting on and how you can help at home). Letters will follow.

22.10.18 Bikeability (bike training on playground and roads) for Year 6s (Letters to follow)

23.10.18 Bikeability (on playground) for Years 4 and 5 (Letters to follow)

25.10.18 **PARENTS' EVENING for Puffins** (10 minutes appointments per child to find out how your child has settled, is getting on and how you can help at home). Letters will follow.

26.10.18 Break up after school today - there WILL be a club as usual

29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October Holiday Club here at school with Extra Time Club

5.11.18 Return to school

8.11.18 Mini Basketball Competition for Key Stage 2 Team at HVC

8.11.18 Bags to School collection of unwanted material items for school fund raising

12.11.18 Flu jabs here at school for all pupils

12.11.18 **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

16.11.18 **CHILDREN IN NEED DAY**

19.11.18 pm **HAWKS** History afternoon - Ancient Greeks

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29.11.18 Y3 and 4 Team to HVC Mini soccer tournament

7.12.18 **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at St Peter's Church in Hope 6pm**

14.12.18 **CHRISTMAS FAIR 3.30-5pm here at school**

18.12.18 **CHRISTMAS DINNER** - Christmas Jumper Day

19.12.18 **CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION by Swallows (Edale infants), Owls and Puffins 10.30am and 1pm**

21.12.18 **CAROL SERVICE at the Methodist Hall 1.30pm.** - Christmas Jumper Day - No club after school today. Break up for Christmas Holiday.

7.1.19 **NO SCHOOL - INSET DAY** (Staff training Day)

8.1.19 Return to school - there WILL be clubs on this day

18.1.19 Sports Hall Athletics for all Year 5 and 6 at HVC

14.2.19 Gymnastics competition at HVC 4-5.30pm for any who want to take part

15.2.19 Break up after school today - there WILL be a club after school as usual

25.2.19 Return to school; **PLANETARIUM DAY for all the children**

25.2.19 **PARENTS' EVENING** (10 minutes appointments per child)

27.2.19 Mini Basketball Competition for Y3 and 4 team at HVC

4.3.19 **BOOK WEEK**

6.3.19 Hi 5 Netball Competition for Key Stage 2 Team at HVC

7.3.19 **WORLD BOOK DAY**

12.4.19 **EASTER SERVICE 1.30pm at Methodist Hall** - No club after school today. Break up for Easter Holiday.

29.4.19 **NO SCHOOL - INSET DAY** (Staff training Day)

30.4.19 Return to school - there **WILL** be clubs on this day

7.5.19 Mid-Year Reports go out to parents

13.5.19 Statutory Assessment Test (SATs) Week for Year 6

16.5.19 Year 6 Cricket afternoon at Bamford

17.5.19 Quadkids Athletics Competition at HVC Key Stage 2 Team

21.5.19 Whole school History Day - The Sheffield Flood

24.5.19 Break up after school today - there **WILL** be a club as usual

3.6.19 Return to school, clubs start today

10.6.19 **ENVIRONMENT WEEK**

**10.6.19 to 12.6.19 Year 4, 5 and 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP to Lea Green** (details to follow)

14.6.19 Infant Sports Day at HVC

17.6.19 3.45pm Meeting for new Reception Parents for next year

18.6.19 New Reception for next September in for the morning

21.6.19 **OPEN DAY**

24.6.19 New Reception for next September in for the morning

28.6.19 **SPORTS DAY 1.30pm start**

2.7.19 New Reception for next September in for the morning

3.7.19 All Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) to English Institute of Sport - Athletics

9.7.19 New Reception for next September in for the morning and lunchtime

12.7.19 **Hawks and Eagles PRODUCTION 10.30, 1.30pm and 7pm at the Methodist Hall**

16.7.19 End of Year Reports out

19.7.19 **Leavers' Service 1.30pm at Methodist Hall** - break up today - no club after school

19.7.19 **BBQ 6pm**