



The Valley Federation of Edale C of E and Hope Primary Schools NEWSLETTER - 10.1.20

Dear Parents/Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are full of energy ready for the start of another busy term ahead.

Federation Update

As you are aware our Federation between Edale and Hope schools legally started at the beginning of September and we are really pleased with how things are going. We are particularly excited that we have been able to do a lot of shared activities such as sports events, Faith Days, services, visitors, trips, but we have still managed to do our own things as well. We have also ensured that activities are available for all children - Swimming/Outdoor Education - the children are really pleased about this!!!

Staff have been working to ensure planning is consistent across both schools and follow the same themes for all subjects. The children are having the same experiences and this makes it easier for children who work at both sites. Staff meetings and INSET days have been organised so that all staff can work together and our focus last term was on raising standards in Reading, Writing and Maths. Staff have been able to share expertise, resources and look at children's work together. This has been so beneficial when both schools have a small number of teachers. Our team is now much bigger!

Our work has been supported by the Governing Board. The individual governing bodies became one and have worked tirelessly to try and align systems and policies to make things run smoothly when staff and pupils work in both schools. We are currently getting quotes to update websites - it is our intention to keep our own individual ones but also have a Federation website where all shared things go on such as policies.

Things to Celebrate / WOW moments!

- Hope achieved the GOLD Award for the Sainsbury's School Games Mark for PE provision for KS2 pupils (Juniors) in the 2018-19 year.
- After School Club last term at Edale was Pet Club and all the children achieved the Bronze Award for the PDSA.
- Football Y5/6 tournament - WINNERS and we qualified to go to Partnership Finals, representing the Hope Valley
- Tag Rugby Y5/6 tournament - WINNERS and we qualified to go to Partnership Finals, representing the Hope Valley
- Bikeability training was undertaken by Year 5 and 6 children, all the children who took part passed.
- The Harvest Celebration at Hope was attended by all pupils and many parents from both schools.
- The children of both schools were asked about what is going well in our schools; they were highly complementary. Children also offered ideas for how we can be better and were

thoughtful and practical. We will try and put in some of their ideas this term to make our schools even better places to be.

- The two Faith Days which we held (RE curriculum teaching) had lots of practical activities and very well received by the children.
- Basketball Y5/6 tournament - SECOND and we qualified to go to Partnership Finals, representing the Hope Valley
- Mini Soccer Y3/4 - WINNERS (Hope/Edale team)
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- Both schools had wonderful Christmas Fairs - thank you to everyone for helping to get both organised. They were extremely enjoyable!
- Santa visited both schools and brought some wonderful presents which were very well received!
- Edale and Hope Railway Stations had wonderful displays on show created by the children. We have had lots of lovely comments.
- The infant Nativity was beautiful. Thank you to everyone who helped and the children who were amazing!
- The end of term Carol Services were well attended at both schools. We had many comments about the wonderful musical skills of the children (singing and instruments) as well as the confidence of the children.

Communication

This term, I shall continue to be based at Edale Mondays and Tuesdays, and at Hope Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I am contactable at either school Hope 620541 or Edale 670280, or via e-mail headteacher@hope.derbyshire.sch.uk or headteacher@edale.derbyshire.sch.uk. When I am not on site, Mrs Winfield will continue to deal with queries at Hope and Mrs Garmeson at Edale. If there are things you wish to speak about related to your child, please speak to their teacher first.

This term, we have again planned a '**Meet the Teacher**' session for each class. The focus this time will be on how to help in maths and questioning/talk when hearing your child read. Teachers will also be sharing organisation and focuses specific to their own class.

Thank you for using the **zippy wallet** system for communications to and from school.

We have met with the company who do 'Parent Pay' - an online system for paying for dinners/trips and will let you know if and when it will be sorted for both schools.

Please do remember that you can e-mail myself or governors with questions and comments - jpayne@edale.derbyshire.sch.uk or askagovernor@hope.derbyshire.sch.uk. 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.

Yours sincerely

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26.6.20 SPORTS DAY 1.30pm start

6.7.20 NSPCC Talk for all the children at Hope

8.7.20 pm Tri Golf for all Puffins and Swallows (Edale Infants) at HVC

14.7.20 End of Year Reports out for all children

15.7.20 Owls and Hawks (plus Edale junior child) PRODUCTION 10.30, 1.30pm and 7pm at the Methodist Hall in Hope

16.7.20 Edale End of Term Service 2.30pm at Edale School

17.7.20 Hope Leavers' Service 1.30pm at Methodist Hall - break up today - no club or band practice after school

17.7.20 BBQ 6pm