



*We work best, when we work together!*

*Hopedale offers a holistic, family-oriented, therapeutic approach to bringing children inner-peace and contentment, enabling them to access education, and become positive, valued members of society.*

## Newsletter (Spring 2015-2016)

Dear Parents/Carers

### News

- ❖ Welcome back to all pupils after the Christmas holidays!
- ❖ Hopedale is pleased to announce a new student joining us! Well done to all the children for helping students to settle into school life at Hopedale!

### General Information

This term has been very busy at Hopedale! Since returning to school after the Christmas holidays the children have participated in various events at Hopedale.

- ❖ On the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, all the children took part in, and enjoyed activities for, our diversity day, celebrating the Chinese New Year. The children completed a range of exciting activities and even had a taste of China through snack and lunch. The children's work ethic and their written and artistic contributions are so brilliant that they will be going up on display throughout the school.
- ❖ Each term the children's timetables slightly change and new curriculum elements are added in. Please find attached your child's class timetable.
- ❖ As PE dates and PE kit requirements do change, please see below for your information:
  - Class One: Alternate Wednesdays the children need to bring a swimming kit and a PE kit. On a Thursday the children need to bring in wellies and warm clothing for horse riding, as it can get chilly.

- Class Two: Every Tuesday the children need to bring a full PE kit for outdoor education. On alternate Wednesdays the children will need to bring a PE kit and a swimming kit.
- Class Three: Every Tuesday the children need to bring a full PE kit for outdoor education. On a Friday the children need to bring in wellies and warm clothing for horse riding as it can get chilly.
- Class Four: Every Wednesday the children need to bring a full PE kit.
- Class Five: Every Wednesday the children need to bring a full PE kit for outdoor education.
- Class Six: Every Monday and Friday the children need to bring a full PE kit.
- Class Seven: Every Monday the children need to bring a full PE kit for outdoor education.

❖ School re-opens after the schools half term on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February.

## Thank you!

- ❖ We are grateful to parents/carers for ensuring that their child arrives at school each day in the correct uniform and with a sensible hairstyle. The pupils look incredibly smart!

## Curriculum

- ❖ A subject overview of what the children will be learning about over the school term is also attached with the newsletter. This is to give you an insight into what we will be looking at and focusing on.
- ❖ At Hopedale this term, we had a guest speaker in for our second whole school assembly. During the assembly, the children contributed well, asking thought provoking questions and listening very well throughout, well done!
- ❖ We are pleased to announce that due to the children's contributions in the school council meetings we have been able to make adjustments and introduce foods, toys and games that the children would like to have. The children have even requested a school pet, which I look forward to discussing with you further next half term.
- ❖ The school is now operating an art club during lunch time breaks. This has been very popular with all the children and they are creating lots of exciting pieces for the school and its grounds.

On behalf of all the staff at Hopedale, have a lovely half term!

Hannah Holford