



HOPTON CEVC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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News

Welcome back to school this week! The children have settled back in really well. It is our last term before the summer holidays and we look forward to this term's activities. It has been lovely to speak to so many of you on the school gate this week too. Our academy order has been approved so we are working behind the scenes in school in preparation to transfer to the Elveden Schools Trust. We hope this will happen in the Autumn term but will update you on this when we have further information.

In school, Year 4 will be sitting their multiplication tests over the next week and Year 1 and any children in Y2 who need to retake their phonics test will do this from Monday. We wish them all the best in these tests but do hope to make them part of the normal day to ensure children do not feel anxious. There has been a lot of practice in school to support the children with this. We will let you know the outcomes of these with the school reports which will go out at the end of July.

The Colour Run is coming up soon so please do get your forms back to us as soon as you can. Please do keep fundraising and this money will go back to our Friends in order to support the school.

Unfortunately, we have noticed some more lateness this week. The gates will be opening at 8:30 and will close at 8:45 so please do try and get there before that time. After 8:45, your child will be marked as late. Lessons start promptly and may be missing the start to their lesson. We really want to give our children all the opportunities we can to be successful.

Thank you to all that have completed our parent survey so far. It would be really helpful if as many of you could fill this out as possible so we can capture all of your views. I am keen to be working with parents and the community and want to hear what your opinions and thoughts are.

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Mrs Whiting - Head of School

Uniform

We are asking all parents to help us ensure your child comes in the correct uniform. Just to remind you that these are the expectations. We understand that children may be growing out of sizes and you will not want to buy anything new for the last few weeks of term but do ask that these are in place in September if they are not already.

School uniform

- Hopton School crew neck sweatshirt or cardigan is preferred but a dark blue plain jumper/cardigan if not.
- Grey long or short trousers for boys or grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers (or blue/white gingham dress in summer) for girls
- Blue polo shirt, plain or with school logo
- Black shoes
- Grey socks (boys) / white socks or grey tights (girls)
- Book bag with logo

PE uniform

- Blue t-shirt, plain or with school logo
- Navy blue PE shorts
- Black plimsolls or trainers (NOT lace up) with non marking soles
- PE bag with logo preferred but not essential

Non logo items can be purchased from any retail shop, supermarkets provide good options. The Friends of Hopton School also hold a considerable amount of second hand uniform, please contact the school for stock list.

No jewellery should be worn in school. If your child has pierced ears, small studs are permitted. However, these MUST be removed by the child for PE; if this is not possible then tape should be provided for the child to cover the stud.

Hairstyling:

All shoulder length / long hair must be tied back using a sensible hair accessory.

Friends

We are busy looking at events for families, the children and the community and from feedback given, will give you more notice for these.

The friends team are parents who work hard to plan events for the school and are always open to more volunteers and ideas! If you can give up a few hours and would like to help with this, then please do contact the school office.



Trips

Oak Class had another extremely enjoyable trip with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, when they visited Redgrave and Lopham Fen. They tracked the course of the River Waveney from the source and collected data on the width, depth and water temperature at different points. The children also got to explore the woodland area, and thoroughly enjoyed using natural resources to create tiny dens.

We are very grateful to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust for enabling the class to deepen their understanding of the features of rivers, within a local context.



OPAL

Please do fill out our parent survey for OPAL.

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We would also like the children to bring in some wellies and an all in one or waterproof to protect their uniforms as we will be having a mud kitchen and water play. We understand that sizes may change so if it is not until September that you can provide this, then we understand this.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍃 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌵 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥👤 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

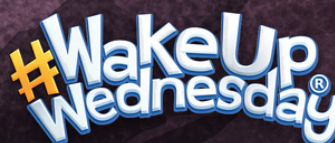
🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
😘 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered	💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🌵 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

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