

## Happy New Year

### What's On Next Week

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January

- ❖ 10.30am Sunday Service

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January

#### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

- ❖ Guitar Lessons
- ❖ Gymnastics Club
- ❖ Tennis Club Y1-Y4

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

- ❖ Wednesday Church
- ❖ Piano Lessons
- ❖ Coding Club

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

- ❖ Football Club Y1-Y6
- ❖ Y3 Swimming

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

### What's On Next Week

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

- ❖ 10.30am Sunday Service

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

- ❖ Guitar Lessons
- ❖ Gymnastics Club
- ❖ Tennis Club Y1-Y4

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

- ❖ Wednesday Church
- ❖ Piano Lessons
- ❖ Coding Club
- ❖ Y2 Museum in School
- ❖ Y6 visit Pioneer Centre

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January

- ❖ Football Club Y1-Y6
- ❖ Y3 Swimming

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January

- ❖ Y6 return from Pioneer

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new school term.

We hope that the New Year has got off to a good start for you and your family. Children have made a positive start to the new term and we thank you for sending them back looking so smart in their full uniform. Please can you ensure any new item of uniform or other equipment is clearly labelled with your child's name.

hope

This term we will be focussing in school on the value HOPE.

Our Christian Values are at the centre of everything we do at Worfield School. They help us to live out our Christian Vision of 'life in all its fullness'. Each half term, we focus on a different Christian Value. This is done explicitly through our Collective Worship time, but also throughout our curriculum.

Hope is a universal human phenomenon. People hope for peace in time of war; food in time of famine; justice in time of oppression. Where hope is lost there is despair and disintegration. Hope generates energy and sustains people through difficult times. For some people, hope is so strong that it inspires self-sacrifice to turn hope into reality.

Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Below is an activity sheet with some ideas of activities you can complete with your child at home to explore the value of hope.

### Class Attendance Percentages for Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> January

Clee	89.5%
Y1 Snowdonia	98.9%
Y2 Malverns	97.4%
Y3 Wrekin	93.5%
Y4 Long Mynd	94.2%
Y5 Wenlock	92.7%
Y6 Brecon	91.4%

Congratulations! This week's winners of the attendance award is Snowdonia class - Excellent achievement for Mrs Dipple's class.

**"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," SAYS THE LORD, "THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD AND NOT FOR DISASTER, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE."**

**JEREMIAH 29:11**



As the wintery weather is now upon us, can I remind you that parents will be informed of forced school closures via ParentMail. Therefore **please ensure you give your current email address to the school office** so you can be kept informed.

School closures will also be posted on the local authority website : [shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures](http://shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures) All radio stations will be linked to this information so parents can listen to any of their regular local radio stations from 8am for announcements on school closures. If Worfield school is not mentioned then you should assume we are open.

In the event of closure during the day, no pupil will be sent home from school unless arrangements for safe supervision have been agreed with their parent. If no announcement is made then school will be open as usual.

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us on school days and closure will not be necessary this year!



Edge Gymnastics currently have a very short waiting list for their weekly term time sessions on Tuesdays 3.15pm -4.15pm in the school hall. Sessions are open to any child from Reception right through to Year 6. Gymnastics is a fabulous sport and develops strength, co-ordination, flexibility and confidence. The club is recreational and prides itself on keeping gym fun and child centred. From balances to somersaults, tuck jumps to handspring vaults, our experienced and qualified coaches can work with advanced gymnasts as well as beginners.

If Tuesday is not suitable for you then please discuss with us options to attend one of our other venues. The cost at Worfield is currently £3.50 per child per session paid in half-termly blocks.

Did you know that you can add your preschool child's name down on our waiting lists up to 2 years ahead of them starting primary school? Did you know we also run term time weekly sessions for preschool children at Pigg's Playbarn from 2.5 years old?

To put your child's name down for Worfield or any other sessions, including preschool, please contact Kelly Woodcock on 07929 889375.



### Dates For The Diary

Wed 29 Jan - Y2 Florence Nightingale – museum in school

Wed 29 Jan – Y6 residential visit to Pioneer Centre

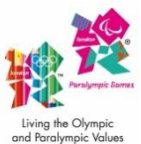
Thur 6 Feb – Y1 visit to Sikh Gurdwara

Wed 12 Feb – Y4 residential visit to Kingswood Centre

Mon 17 – Fri 21 Feb – half term

Mon 24 Feb – PD Day school closed to children

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Y3 Egyptian Workshop



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This term we will be focussing in school on the value HOPE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

**TALK ABOUT HOPE TOGETHER...**

The value **hope** is about much more than just wishing as hard as we can that things will be different. It is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something!

The character Noah in the story opposite, was willing to look silly in front of his neighbours by building a huge boat even though he lived miles from the ocean, because he **hoped** and believed that God had a plan. AS a family you may want to talk about:

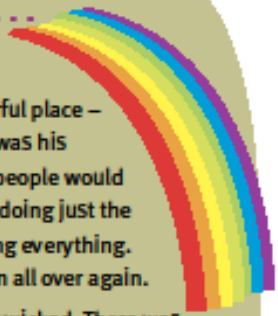
- your **hopes** and dreams for the future
- what you can do to make them happen
- what others need to do

**THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM**

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, **hope** for tomorrow"  
Albert Einstein



**READ TOGETHER... God's Special Promise**



The world that God had made was a beautiful, colourful place – brimming with life and bursting with good things. It was his precious gift given with all his love. God **hoped** that people would care for it and care for each other but now they were doing just the opposite! They were quarrelling, fighting, and spoiling everything. God saw that there was only one thing to do; to begin all over again.

But God also saw that not everyone on the earth was wicked. There was one man and his family trying to do their best to look after the world and to look after each other and to listen to him. The man's name was Noah. God told Noah to build an ark – a huge, magnificent boat. Noah was mystified because he lived miles from the ocean and was not sure why he would ever need a boat. AS word got around about the enormous boat Noah's neighbours made his life miserable with their taunts and jibes. Sometimes Noah was tempted to lose **hope**, but he knew from experience that he could trust God for the future, so he and his family kept on building.

When the work was finally finished God told Noah to gather two of every kind of creature as well as all his family together and set up home in the ark. It took a long time but Noah had to just keep on trusting God. And then the first raindrops began to fall, followed by showers, then torrents and finally floods. On and on it rained for forty days and forty nights. When Noah was beginning to lose **hope** of ever seeing the sun again, the rain suddenly stopped. Noah sent out a dove and when it did not return he knew that the bird had found dry land on which to build a nest. They were safe at last! And then a wonderful thing happened. God sent a rainbow - a beautiful, colourful bow in the sky. It was a sign of **hope** and promise. The world had been washed clean, and was all ready for a new beginning.

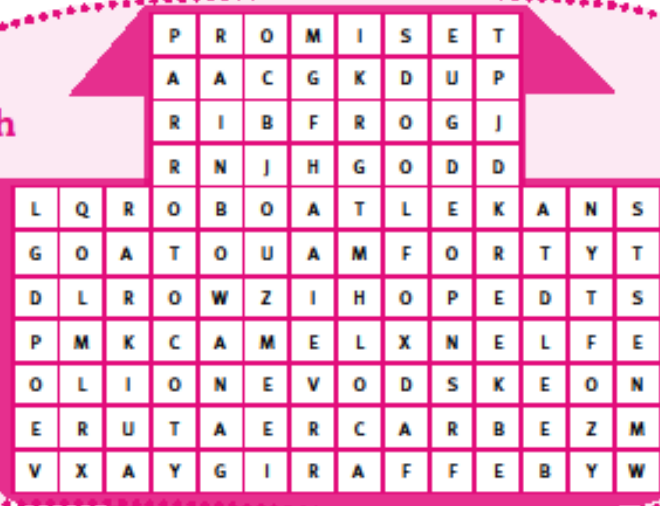
Bible story lifted from Genesis 6:1-9:27



**QUIZ Word Search**

Find the words from the story of Noah. 12 creatures are also hidden in the word search. They were on the boat!

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| NOAH  | CREATURE | FORTY   |
| ARK   | DAYS     | HOPE    |
| BOAT  | DOVE     | NEST    |
| BUILD | FLOODS   | PROMISE |
|       | GOD      | RAINBOW |
|       |          | WORLD   |



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