



Hopelands Preparatory School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – December 1st 2017

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

BOOK FAIR – Friday 1st – Wednesday 6th
December, Hopelands

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Wednesday 6th
December, 1.30pm, Stonehouse Court Hotel

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Friday 8th December,
3pm, Hopelands

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Wednesday 13th
December, 2pm St Cyr's Church

**WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP – Bristol
Hippodrome to see 'Awful Auntie' –
Thursday 3rd May 2018**

Friends of Hopelands

PANTOMINE – Thursday 14th December,
Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham

LOST PROPERTY

We have been made aware of the following
items of
lost property

Sophie Hall-Tomkin – School coat (labelled)
items of lost property are kept in the plastic
box on the verandah of the outside classroom
behind the Sophie Hall.

FOUND IN THE PLAYGROUND

Purse with £20 cash and a Debenhams
receipt inside. Mrs Eccles will return this
subject to a full description from the claimant !

DECEMBER

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| Saturday 2nd | Goodwill Concert in Stonehouse – choir and siblings to sing (school uniform please) |
| Monday 4th | Head's Tea Party |
| Tuesday 5th | Swimming Years 3, 5 and 6 |
| Wednesday 6 th | Christmas Concert – 1.30pm, Stonehouse Hotel |
| Friday 8 th | Christmas Fair – 3pm – 6pm |
| Wednesday 13 th | Christingle Service – 2pm, St Cyr's LAST DAY OF TERM |

JANUARY

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| Wednesday 3 rd | SCHOOL STARTS Please note: There will be no hot lunches available this week. |
| Monday 8 th | Head's Tea Party |
| Tuesday 9th | Swimming Years 3, 5 and 6 - GALA |
| Thursday 11th | Young Voices in Birmingham |
| Tuesday 16th | Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 |
| Tuesday 23 rd | Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 |
| Tuesday 30th | Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 |

FEBRUARY

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| Monday 5 th | Head's Tea Party |
| Tuesday 6th | Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 Reception, Years 1 and 2 to Forest School Football at Tewkesbury – pm: |
| Thursday 8th | Cross-Country, Tewkesbury, 3pm |
| Friday 9th | Netball at Cheltenham College |
| Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February Half-Term | |



**MRS CLAIRE LORD
NORLAND NANNY AND MASTERCHEF**

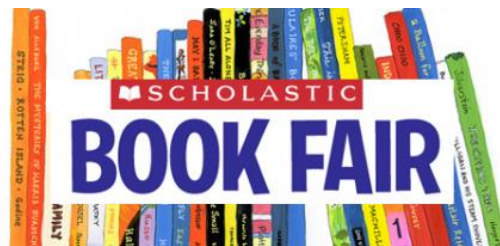
Our long-legged Teaching Assistant started working here in 2000 - making her the (almost) longest-standing (or falling over) member of staff at Hopelands.

Claire is a master of all things artistic. She loves accessing her inner Jane Asher by decorating fancy cakes and has created some very clever designs – such as this Farewell cake for Mrs Prout this year.



To escape the heat of the kitchen she likes walking her dog, often to the pub at Eastington, or foraging for mushrooms (a bit suspect that!) – and can be found most Saturday mornings at the Farmers market in Stroud – eating!

Claire loves to travel – this year to Zakynthos, Bude and lots of trips up the M5/M6 to Liverpool – visiting her daughter she says but actually because she's a closet Beatles fan...



The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving in school on Thursday 30 November and will be open every day after school on Friday 1st, Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December. An ideal opportunity for some early Christmas shopping. Should enough parents request it, I will be happy to open the Book Stalls on Tuesday morning from 8.30am for half an hour (for a little private browsing away from younger eyes...)

Mrs Eccles



CHRISTMAS CONCERT DVD

We have once again secured the services of a DVD maker who will be filming the Christmas Performance at the Stonehouse Court Hotel. Should you wish to pre-order a copy, please complete the form (sent home this week and attached with this newsletter) and return it to the office.



FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER – 3pm

Our, now annual, Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 8th December. We have lots of professional craft makers setting up stalls as well as our own class crafts to sell. Mulled wine, mince pies and other goodies will also be on sale. And again, the Class Christmas Hampers will be up for secret auction. Keep the date free and bring lots of money....

AND WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS (£1 for CHARITY)

Cups and Saucers (candles)

Holly Flowers, Applique Art

The Purple Jewellery Company

Sweet Delights

Georgina Bywater Jewellery

Stitched by Doodles

Betsy's Book Worms – Usborne

Partylite Candles and Accessories

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS
LUNCH TUESDAY 12th
DECEMBER
ORDER FORM ATTACHED**



Sssshh
Secret
Auction

Friends of Hopelands

Christmas raffle - cash prizes to be won!

We will once again be holding our FOH Christmas raffle. For those of you who are new to the school, tickets cost £1 per strip (5 tickets) and can be bought on the day of the Christmas concert (before it starts and during the interval). Half of the ticket sale money will go to FOH and the other half will be split into cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. This means the more tickets we sell, the bigger the cash prizes! This is our final fundraising event of 2017 and we hope that you will support us please.

If anyone would like to buy tickets ahead of Wednesday's concert, I will have some with me on Monday and Tuesday. Please note that we are unable to sell tickets to anyone under 18.

Christmas presents

On the last day of term the children will be having a special visitor. (Clue: he will be wearing red and shouting "Ho, ho, ho!" a lot!) But sssshhh, don't tell the children please! He will distribute a present to every child in the school, bought for them by Friends of Hopelands. If you know in advance that your child won't be in school on the last day of term, could you please let me know ASAP so that I can get their present to you in advance.

Pantomime

Thursday 14 December, 2pm, Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham

Our seats are in the Circle. We have the **whole of the centre section**, plus **rows A-D** and the three outer seats in row **E (E21-23)** on the **right hand side** as you face the stage. I will have a highlighted seating plan with me on the day, which will serve as tickets for everyone in our party. Please be aware that we don't have any seats booked on the left-hand side, as in previous years.

For those who have ordered ice creams, these will be delivered to me in boxes at the beginning of the interval. We will have a FOH team putting the ice creams into pre-labelled plastic bags for each family, and another FOH team distributing them. In order for us to get everyone's ice creams to them as quickly as possible, could I ask you to please remain in your seats and wait for the ice creams to be brought to you.

We need to leave the theatre clean and tidy, so please put all empty ice cream tubs and other rubbish into the plastic bags and we will collect these in bin bags at the end of the interval.

If you have any queries on any of the above, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thanks
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