



Hopelands Preparatory School

38/40 Regent Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2AD

13th January 2017

Good afternoon Parents,

The icy weather took a bit of a toll this morning, but, thankfully, nothing too bad happened. We have included an abridged version of the extreme weather policy in the newsletter, the full version can be found on the website.

Congratulations go to our very talented Drama Teacher, Steve Evans, who won another international tennis match last month.

Mrs Bradburn

SAVE THE DATE

END OF YEAR PRIZE-GIVING – Friday 7th July 2017,
Stonehouse Court Hotel, 1.30pm

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S ASSEMBLY – Friday 14th July 2017,
11am: Hopelands

LOST PROPERTY

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

Ethan Archer –personal copy of Around the World in 80 Days

Items of lost property are kept in the plastic box on the
verandah of the outside classroom behind the Sophie Hall.

PARENTS' EVENING DATES

Monday 6th March – Years 2, 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 7th March – Years 2, 3 and 5
Wednesday 8th March – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Monday 13th March – Reception and Year 6
Tuesday 14th March – Year 1

CLUBS

Please could we ask all parents to check the attached Club
Register List. There have been a number of pupils not
attending their lunchtime or after-school care clubs this week
and we do not want them missing out on their fun. The
teachers do try to round everyone up before the club but,
obviously, time spent running around the school is time not
spent running the club.

JANUARY

Tuesday 17th January:
Swimming – Years 1-3

Wednesday 18th January:
Football at Beaudesert – selected Year 5 and 6

Friday 20th January:
Tewkesbury Swimming Gala – selected pupils

Tuesday 24th January:
Swimming – Years 1-3

Tuesday 31st January:
Swimming – Years 1-3

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1st February:
Netball at Wycliffe – selected Year 5 and 6

Thursday 9th February:
Cross-Country at Tewkesbury – 3pm:

Friday 10th February:
Netball at Cheltenham College – 12.30pm:

Monday 13th - Friday 17th February:
HALF-TERM

Monday 20th – Friday 24th February:
GLOBAL AWARENESS WEEK

Tuesday 21st February:
Swimming – Years 4-6

Thursday 23rd February:
Cross-Country at Tewkesbury – 3pm:

Tuesday 28th February:
Swimming – Years 4-6

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

Every attempt is made to ensure continuity of education, but there may be extreme conditions when it is not possible to open the school for safety reasons. Alternatively, there may be circumstances where deteriorating weather conditions force a decision to close the School early. In such circumstances the following procedures will be followed.

A decision to close Hopelands Preparatory School will, where possible, be made before 7.00 am. The closure decision will be made by Mrs Bradburn based on the most up-to-date information.

In the event of the School closing, parents and staff will be informed via:

E-mail from the Bursar to all parents and staff
BBC Radio Gloucestershire

Any decision about an early closure will be made by Mrs Bradburn and will, again, be based on references to local traffic and weather reports. Parents will be contacted via text and email that the school is closing early. Some members of staff may need to leave early to ensure they get home safely and in such cases, the school may run a 'skeleton' service, closing at 3.30pm, with no after school clubs. The school will always remain open and staffed until the last pupils are able to leave the site.

A decision to re-open Hopelands Preparatory School after a forced emergency closure will be made, where possible, before 7.00am. Radio stations will not announce re-openings so unless the School is listed as being closed it is likely to be open as normal.

Mrs Bradburn

STEVE EVANS SHINES IN THE WINTER SUN

Yet again, Hopelands Drama Teacher and tennis star, Steve Evans, has won in the sun. In December he and his tennis partner Stephen Clayton took part in the Over-60s doubles event at the Tenerife South Seniors Open, which is an International Tennis Federation Grade 4 event. This was the first ITF title for both of them, and a particular pleasure for Mr Evans, who was appearing in his ninth ITF final.

As always, we are immensely proud of him, well done Steve.



Photo: Stephen Clayton (L), Steve Evans (R)

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Hello fellow parents,

Would anybody be interested in participating in a monthly walk? Probably on a Sunday with parents, children, dogs etc. all welcome?

I know many of us enjoy walking locally in our fantastic countryside and thought it would be a nice idea if we occasionally got together to share our favourite routes.

As we are likely to have some small people with us, I would suggest walks of no longer than around 6 or 7 miles with somewhere to stop for refreshments en route, preferably with parking near the start.

Please let Russ (my husband) or I know if you would be interested (or drop me a note at rosie.simpson77@hotmail.com), I am very happy to organise the first one (or more) for those that fancy giving it a try.

Have a good weekend,

Rosie Simpson
(Hetty's mum)