



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

24th February 2017

Good afternoon Parents,

What a fabulous time we all had on Tuesday. The Gate of India Restaurant made us all feel so welcome and the food we enjoyed was just delicious (as I'm sure you will have heard!). The children, as always, behaved impeccably. The workshops this week have been great fun, and very informative. Once again, a massive 'thank you' must go to Mrs O'Dell and Mrs Barrett for all their hard work in making Global Awareness Week such a great success.

Mrs Bradburn

SAVE THE DATE

WORLD BOOK DAY - Friday 3rd March 2017,

CHARITY JUMBLE SALE - Tuesday 14th March, 3.30-4.30pm
in the Shelter outside Sophie Hall.

EASTER SERVICE – Monday 27th March 2017, St Joseph's
Church, Stonehouse, 2pm

END OF YEAR PRIZE-GIVING – Tuesday 4th July 2017,
Stonehouse Court Hotel, 1.30pm

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

Friends of Hopelands

Pizza and Popcorn Party – Friday 3rd March 2017

LOST PROPERTY

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

Hetty Simpson – cardigan (labelled)

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



DRUM LESSON VACANCY

Our drum teacher, Phil Jones, will have a slot available from
the start of the Summer Term – he teaches here on
Wednesday afternoon. First come, first served..

FEBRUARY

Monday 27th February:

Year 4 to Park Junior School – Internet Safety talk

Tuesday 28th February:

Swimming – Years 4-6

Cross-Country at Stroud – pm:

MARCH

Thursday 2nd March:

Cross-Country at Tewkesbury – 3pm:

Friday 3rd March:

WORLD BOOK DAY

Friends of Hopelands – Pizza and Popcorn Party

Monday 6th March:

Head's Tea Party – 2pm:

Parents' Evenings – Years 2, 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday 7th March:

Swimming – Years 4-6

Netball at Tewkesbury – 3pm

Parents' Evenings – Years 2, 3 and 5

Wednesday 8th March:

Parents' Evenings – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Friday 10th March:

Mock Trial – Year 6

Reception and Year 1 to Forest School – pm:

Monday 13th March:

Parents' Evening – Reception and Year 6

Tuesday 14th March:

Swimming – Years 4-6

Netball at Tewkesbury – 3pm

Charity Jumble Sale – 3.30pm - Playground

Thursday 16th March:

Tag Rugby at Tewkesbury, 3pm

Friday 17th March:

OPEN MORNING – 9.30am - Noon

HOPELANDS GREAT INDIAN TAKE-OVER



As part of the school's annual Global Awareness Project, this year focusing on India, all 86 pupils at Hopelands Preparatory School, together with some very willing staff, descended on Stonehouse's best Indian Restaurant 'The Gate Of India'. Having taken over the *entire* restaurant the children were treated to a fabulous feast, including dishes such as Lamb Handi Haripli and Chicken Dansak – a new experience for quite a few of them and one which really helped the children to relate to the peoples and places they are studying.

As well as getting a literal taste of India, the pupils have spent the week engaging in a variety of workshops including dance, drama and music, with a visiting professional musician, Andy Warne from Sound Roadshows, teaching the children to play a huge variety of Indian musical instruments. Andy performed music on the Sitar and let the children have a hands-on experience playing them. The Moghul war horns were the most impressive!



Mrs Lizzie O'Dell, Head of Music and French, 'Andy captivated the children and adults alike with his knowledge, making the whole learning experience both fun but very informative.'

In drama Years 3, 4 and 5 focused on the background and celebrations of Diwali, one of India's most popular festivals. The Year 3 pupils also dressed in Indian costumes, supplied by The Wilson Gallery, Cheltenham, as part of their outreach workshops and looked, according to Mr Evans, 'positively splendid'.

What a wonderful first half of the Spring Term we've had -full of top-rate sporting achievements. There has been the District Swimming Gala – at which we won bronze medals and football matches at Beaudesert.



But mostly we have played netball.

Special arrangements were made to take all our Year 6 girls to an afternoon of netball at Wycliffe College. The netball matches were held as a festival, with the schools integrated for an hour of skills practice and social interaction, followed by some amazing high-quality netball matches. And, Hopelands won all their matches.

High praise was given to the girls of Hopelands from all the Wycliffe staff who attended. In fact, the staff assumed the girls played for netball clubs outside of school, coached by professional players, (where in fact our girls were the only ones that didn't!). All the girls should be so proud of their conduct and the high level of skill shown throughout the afternoon. The only person disappointed was Mrs McQuillan who had hoped for a warmer teaching environment, the sports hall, although wonderful was, as one parent expressed on arrival, 'warmer outside'!

The following week Mrs McQuillan decided to take *two* teams to the Netball Festival at Cheltenham College, which meant no one was left out in year 6. Unfortunately, it was really difficult to select who should go in the A Squad and who should go in the B Squad as so many children play at such a high level. Thankfully some of the children decided for themselves, (which made Mrs McQ's life a lot easier), so thank you very much, to Maisie, Poppy, Abby and Saba for volunteering as this meant they could play in their chosen positions.



The netball was, as always, played at a very high level at the college - they win the county netball each year. But, what a blow when one of our A Squad star players – Ethan - twisted his ankle in the first five minutes playing against the college's A Team and had to come off court. This was a great loss to our team as Ethan is so tall and talented. However, using a reserve from another school and rearranging our team, we still only lost by one goal. In fact, we had all of the play, and the college had struggled to keep up with us, until this incident. Another factor was that the nets were set at adult height to which our shooters had to adjust in the first 5 minutes. Still, once these little hiccups were overcome all our other matches were easily won; our shooters didn't hesitate and all children played brilliantly all afternoon.

The B Squad showed equal talent from many individuals, especially Maisie and Saba who played to their usual high standard and Frankie whose ability showed a marked progression steadily all afternoon. They worked extremely well and all the players developed as a team, beating their final opponents of the afternoon.

It was a great finale to the half term with adults, spectators and children being spoilt at a wonderful match tea.

The children were replete, medals awarded and a happy time was had by all!

Mrs McQuillan





Charity Jumble Sale

On Tuesday 14th March 3.30-4.30pm Hannah Luff (Year 3) will be running a Charity Jumble Sale in the shelter outside Sophie Hall. Hannah is concerned about the effects of climate change on the global environment and wants to raise money to help protect it for future generations. She came up with the idea of running a jumble sale after clearing out toys and books she no longer wanted from her bedroom. A huge thank you to the parents and children of Hopelands who have so far also kindly donated items. All proceeds from the Jumble Sale will be matched by Hannah's Dad and donated to "Cool Earth" a charity that works with local communities to stop rainforest destruction in order to combat global warming and protect ecosystems. Please come along to support the good work of this charity. Good quality books, toys, and bric-a-brac will be on sale with many items 25p/50p/£1. We will be happy to reserve items if you forget your money on the day!

For further information see www.coolearth.org.

Many thanks,

Zoja Luff

Hopelands Walkers

Hello Everyone

The 2nd Monthly Walk will be taking place this Sunday afternoon (26th) with a 12:30 start time from Haresfield Beacon. It'll be a relaxed stroll of circa 5 miles, stopping at The Edgemoor Inn for refreshments halfway round before heading back to the Beacon. All welcome, including dogs.

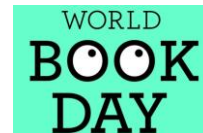
If you need any further info, please email Russ Simpson (swindonruss@gmail.com) or call/message on 07852882673.

There were 22 of us and 3 dogs last time so it would be great to see similar numbers if not more this time.

See you Sunday.

Russ and Rosie Simpson (Hetty's parents)

WORLD BOOK DAY - FRIDAY 3rd MARCH



World Book Day celebrates its 20th year this year and we are lucky enough to have 'The Dragon Lady' coming in to tell us her amazing stories again

There will also be 2 competitions - one for each Key Stage.
Key Stage 1 - draw your favourite book character
Key Stage 2 - design a book jacket for your favourite book.

These will be judged and prizes awarded on the Friday 3rd.

We also, obviously, want the children (and staff) to dress as their favourite character - again prizes for the best costumes. And to add a little twist, if they have a lunchbox from home that day try to put in a little something that they think their character would enjoy - not too authentic and revolting please !

Mrs Preece

FRIENDS OF HOPELANDS

Pizza, popcorn and pyjama party

We have now given final numbers and payment to the Pizza Planet, so I'm afraid we are unable to take any more latecomers! If your child is coming and you haven't received the email with full information (signing in and out etc), please let me know and I'll send it to you.

Second-hand uniform

We have had a lot of uniform, PE kit and a couple of school coats in recently - thank you to everyone who has donated items. If you'd like to buy anything, please let me know and I'll check to see what sizes we have.

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