



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

17th March 2017

Good afternoon Parents,
CONGRATULATIONS to our Year 6 Mock Trial Team who did superbly well this year. See the report below to see how well.... I would like to say a big, heartfelt 'Thank You' to all the pupils for the way they behaved today during our Open Day. Our Year 6s were perfect ambassadors for the school and everyone made the parents who came feel very welcome and at ease. Remember the Friends of Hopelands Easter Fair next week.

Mrs Bradburn

SAVE THE DATE

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

SPORTS DAY – Friday 30th June 2017, Berryfields, 1.30pm:

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

EASTER FAIR – Tuesday 21st March, 3.30pm, Hopelands

MARCH

Monday 20th March:

Class 1 and reception on Farm visit
Indian Art Display in Sophie Hall

Tuesday 21st March:

Friends of Hopelands Easter Fair – 3.30pm
Indian Art Display in Sophie Hall

Thursday 23rd March;

Fun Day for India

Saturday 25th March:

Kings School Science Challenge

~~Monday 27th March:~~

~~Easter Service at St Joseph's, 2pm – CANCELLED~~

Tuesday 28th March:

Years 5 and 6 to Cheltenham Ladies' College pm:
LAST DAY OF TERM

Wednesday 29th March: - Friday 21st April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

APRIL

MAY

Monday 1st May:

BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 2nd May:

Swimming – Years 1-3

Monday 8th May:

Head's Tea Party – 2.10pm

Tuesday 9th May:

Swimming – Years 1-3

Friday 12th May:

Reception and Year 1 to the Forest School – pm:

Tuesday 16th May:

Swimming Gala – Years 1-3

Thursday 25th May:

Years 5 and 6 to Stratford Park, London

Friday 26th May:

Reception and Year 1 to the Forest School – pm:

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June:

HALF - TERM

LOST PROPERTY

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

Neve Field – Tracksuit bottoms (labelled)

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

CANCELLATION OF EASTER SERVICE

It is with regret that we must cancel our usual Easter Service at St Joseph's Church this year. A combination of events, most notably the absence of both Fr Bill and of Mrs O'Dell (who has a family funeral to attend) has meant this year's service cannot go ahead. Please accept our apologies.

Mrs Bradburn

HOPELANDS PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS – AND WIN

After prosecuting a very difficult case last week (see last week's newsletter for the report) it was announced that in the small schools Mock Trial Competition.... Hopelands won! The Celia Hardwicke Shield for the Best Small School was awarded jointly to us and Stone with Woodford C of E Primary who both achieved an overall score of 98.5 out of 120. This also placed us fourth overall in the entire competition, the highest we have ever been placed.

And to add icing to our cake, Frankie Coles was named Best Reporter in the overall competition for her piece about the trial, which was written in the heat of the moment as the trial progressed.

Mrs Sands said 'I am not just delighted to see all their hard work be rewarded in this way but I am genuinely touched by the way the whole class came together and embodied the spirit of teamwork to achieve a result for everybody'

Miss Porter was equally thrilled 'We all worked together, teasing out ideas and coming up with questions and theories; it was a real team effort'.

A special presentation will be held soon when the trophy and certificates will be brought into school...more then



Love the One



Our Global Awareness Charity this year for India

Love the One exists to stand alongside poor, abused, orphaned, exploited and marginalised children in developing countries, with our main focus of work in India. Since it began in 2007, it has evolved into a charity that is passionate about child-centred development. Children represent the future and are often the starting point for breaking intergenerational cycles of poverty, abuse and discrimination.

Their vision is simple, to be part of creating a world where children's rights are not just documented in a charter but are realised in practical ways to allow freedom for every child to reach their full potential.



Early Paediatric Interventional Care



Giving health care to children in need allows them to survive - but to survive for what sort of a life in marginalised, impoverished communities?

Giving education to a child is great until they get sick in an area of no health facilities and then die before they even finish school.

Feeding a hungry child prevents malnourishment but does little else to help that child to thrive.

An EPIC Centre is based around a simple creche and pre-school model for the **0-5 years old** comprising of all the key elements a child needs to thrive.

From learning to brush their teeth, going on outings right through to helping the traumatised heal and working alongside the families, it all goes on at EPIC! We are seeing youngsters radically transform as they graduate into primary school, being enrolled into school as happy, healthy, well developed youngsters.

INDIAN ART EXHIBITION 2017



Please come and share our work at the

'INDIAN ART EXHIBITION'

on TUESDAY MARCH 21ST

at 8.00-8.25am

3.30-5.00pm

in the Sophie Hall



Hopelands Walking Club

Hello, I'm Hetty.

My parents have started a walking club for the school. It is open to all parents, children, friends, families and dogs.

Me and everybody who has been out walking with us loves it as it is great exercise and great fun.

We walk on the last Sunday of each month at various locations, it is a fab opportunity to share each other's favourite walks.

Here are some photos of our walks so far...



(A bit of cheating going on here? Thinks Mrs Eccles)

Charity Jumble Sale

To The Children, Parents and Staff at Hopelands School,

Thank you all so much for your wonderful support at the Charity Jumble Sale this week. It was a huge success and you helped to raise £57.60! We also sold donated items to colleagues and friends including a slide and a balance bike.



The combined proceeds and the matched money from Hannah's Dad led to a total of £420 being donated to Cool Earth!

This money will protect 18 acres of rainforest which is the equivalent to 9 full size football pitches and will offset 1,820 tonnes of CO2 emissions! Protecting the worlds rain forest is the most effective way of tackling climate change. Thank you for your contributions! We couldn't have raised the money without your donations and support and it is greatly appreciated!

We still have a lot of good quality items left over from the jumble sale and so we have decided to donate the toys to the Y2 toy sale for Water Aid, give suitable books to Hopelands Library/Classrooms and the rest will go to Barnardo's Charity Shop.

A copy of the donation receipt will be on display in reception

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FRIENDS OF HOPELANDS

Mini Easter Fair

Tuesday 21 March, 3.30pm.

Join us for lots of fun in the playground - there will be a cake stall, games, face painting and Easter yucky dips! Second-hand uniform will also be on sale. If you are unable to attend but would like to buy uniform, please let me know.

Very important! Children who are staying for after-school care/homework club etc MUST register with the after-school care supervisors in the usual way at 3.30pm. If they would then like to attend the fair, they will be given a hi-vis vest to wear. These must be worn until the children leave the fair to go to homework club etc, at which point vests should be returned to the after-school care supervisors. While it won't be dark at 3.30pm in March, the hi-vis vests enable us to instantly see who is in school care and who is attending with parents.

Pantomime

This year's matinee performance at The Everyman will be Dick Whittington on Thursday 14 December (the day after we break up for Christmas). Tickets will cost around £13 each. Let me know if you think you'd like to go - as always, this will just be kept as an interest list for a few months, you won't need to commit to paying until September.

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