



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

3rd March 2017

Good afternoon Parents,

What a fabulous parade of book characters we saw today, thank you everyone for taking such care with your costumes – it really made the day feel special. And congratulations to our cross-country runners who have done outstandingly well. We really are so very lucky to have such an inspirational PE teacher in Mrs McQuillan.

Mrs Bradburn

SAVE THE DATE

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](#)

LOST PROPERTY

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

Fern Miller – tracksuit bottoms

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

FACEBOOK PAGE

As many of you have discovered, and liked – thank you, we
have updated the school's Facebook page. In light of this we
have also re-drafted the school Permission Form to include
permission to use photos on our page. Please could we ask all
families to fill in the form and return it to the office as soon as
possible.

Mrs Jones

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

Monday 20th March:

Class 1 and reception on Farm visit

Saturday 25th March:

Kings School Science Challenge

Monday 27th March:

Easter Service at St Joseph's, 2pm

Tuesday 28th March:

Years 5 and 6 to Cheltenham Ladies' College

Wednesday 29th March:

CROSS – COUNTY CROWNING GLORY



Five of Hopelands cross-country runners, Jessica, Jemima, Beth, Alice and Maisie, volunteered to run in the Stroud District Cross-Country Championships at Archway School - in freezing, wet and very muddy conditions - this Tuesday. Two of the girls were selected to run in the county championships at Newent on 11th March – and all girls came in the top 15 of their race with four of them receiving medals. Unfortunately two girls were unable to qualify as they are in Year 5 – and qualification is only open to Year 6 pupils! Of course, I am extremely proud of all the girls for their magnificent efforts in some very trying condition.

But what a change a few days make. Thursday afternoon gave us sunshine, blue skies and rosy cheeked children. All our participants worked so very hard and achieved such a high standard - they really should be so proud of themselves. After five Cross-Country races Jessica, Beth, Phoebe and Maisie all won trophy medals, as they had all been in the top 12 throughout the season. In total, twenty five children from Hopelands have competed in each race since Christmas. Four girls have also qualified for County selection too. Such commitment and effort is hugely demanding and I cannot say enough how much I, and all the school, appreciate their determination.



Hopelands came home with the Small Schools Girls Trophy, and I must say achieved this without any other school really challenging us. In fact, the girl's team did so well that, had we been counted as a large school we would have scored 80 points and would therefore have won the large school girls award too (the fewer points the better and winning team Mitten scored 85).

Mrs McQuillan

PICTURES SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!

WORLD BOOK DAY



Moaning 'Jo Preece' Myrtle Haunts the corridors of Hopelands School



others are more restrained – but more colourful.....

'Swimming Tuesdays' - Morning School Care Protocol

Could we remind all parents that on the selected Tuesday mornings when swimming lessons are scheduled the following protocols are in place.

Any child brought to morning school care before 8.15 will be charged for this service, this includes those pupils who are going swimming. Any sibling of a pupil who is going swimming may attend morning school care for free BUT only after 8.15 when the swimmers have left for Dursley.

Siblings should not be brought into the Sophie Hall until all the swimmers who are already in the building in morning school care have left. All children, whenever they arrive for the morning club, must be brought in by their parent and registered with Mrs Coles, pupils should not be left to go in to the Sophie Hall on their own.

Could we also ask parents not to remain by the doors of the Sophie Hall once their child has been registered as this can restrict access to and from the Hall by pupils and other parents.

Mrs Bradburn

FRIENDS OF HOPELANDS

Mini Easter Fair

This will take place straight after school on Tuesday 21 March. Full details to follow next week, but please put the date in your diaries for now.

Would you like to join our Baking Team?

Friends of Hopelands has a small team of parents and grandparents who bake cakes and biscuits for our fundraising events. We urgently need to recruit more volunteers so that we are not always relying on the same lovely people!

If you would be willing to bake a dozen small cakes/biscuits a couple of times a year (or just as a one-off), then we would love to hear from you. You don't need to be a Mary Berry - rice krispie cakes are one of our biggest sellers, and whilst this is a purely voluntary job, you do get the satisfaction of seeing your cakes being scoffed in the playground in record time (by children and parents alike!)

If you would like to join our team, or have any questions, then please email me at: saradave292@aol.com. Our next event will be the FOH Mini Easter Fair on Tuesday 21 March.

Thank you in advance!

Sara Dave

(Year 4 mum & FOH committee member)

Pantomime

I know it's only March, but it's never too early to think about the 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.

Charlie Coles

Chair, Friends of Hopelands

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