

# Hopelands Preparatory School

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

12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Good afternoon Parents,

Congratulations to our brilliant Year 6 Drama class who won the Steward's Cup at the Cheltenham Festival. Mr Evans' report below tells all. And this after the Choir's glory there last week. I'm sorry that I have to remind everyone about School Care protocols again (on this page) but, for safety, please can I ask you all to adhere to the procedures.

Mrs Bradhurn

SAVE THE DATE	MAY
<b>SCHOOL CONCERT –</b> Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May – Sophie Hall, after school	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May: Swimming Gala – Years 1-3 Grammar School talk to Year 4 and 5 parents – 4.30pm:
<b>SPORTS DAY</b> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2017, Berryfields, 1.30pm:	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 to Archery at Tewkesbury – am: Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May: India Fund Raising, stalls and games
<b>END OF YEAR PRIZE-GIVING</b> – Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2017, Stonehouse Court Hotel, 1.30pm	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May: School Concert – Sophie Hall, 4pm:
YEAR 6 LEAVER'S ASSEMBLY – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2017, 11am: Hopelands Friends of Hopelands	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> may: Years 5 and 6 to Stratford Park, London – all day Years 3 and 4 to The Kings School – pm: Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May:
End of Term Disco – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July, 6pm, Hopelands	Reception and Year 1 to the Forest School – pm: Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June:
LOST PROPERTY	HALF - TERM
We have been made aware of the following items of lost property None reported Items of lost property are kept in the plastic box on the verandah of the outside classroom behind the Sophie Hall. MUSIC CONCERT - TUESDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> MAY Please could all pupils who are performing in the School Concert confirm this weekend which piece they will be playing. I will be arranging the programme on Monday. If	JUNETuesday 6th June:Swimming - Years 4 -6Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th June:Years 5 and 6 - PGLFriday 9th June:Football Skills – Key Stage 1 pupils – pm:Monday 12th June:Head's Tea Party – 2.10pm:Tuesday 13th June:Swimming – Years 4-6
parents need to arrive late, or pupils leave early, please let me know and I will try to arrange the programme to suit. Mrs O'Dell	Athletics Meeting – Tewkesbury, 6pm Wednesday 14th June: Whole School Photo
<b>SCHOOL CARE</b> Could we once again remind parents that pupils MUST be actually brought in to school and signed in to Morning School Care if coming in early; pupils should not be dropped off outside and allowed to walk in on their own. At the end of the day pupils MUST by collected and signed out of After School Care or their Clubs by the person taking them home. Mrs Bradburn	Cricket - Year 6, Stroud Cricket Club, pm:Monday 19th June:Cycle Proficiency Week – Year 6Tuesday 20th June:Swimming Gala – Years 4-6Wednesday 21st June:Lacrosse – Year 6, Cheltenham College, am:Friday 23rd June:Reception and Year 1 to the Forest School – pm:

## HOPELANDS WINS THE STEWARD'S CUP AT THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL OF PERFORMING ARTS



It is well known that our Year 6 pupils are great at drama (!) but this year, when they took their skills to the Annual Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts, they won a prize for it.

The Stewards Cup is awarded for a Junior Themed Performance and requires the participants to show a number of skills including singing, dancing and mime – as well as, obviously, acting. Our piece was called 'Making a Splash', a spooky undersea adventure and was conceived and choreographed by the pupils themselves. Extracts from the judges' comments sum up how good we were

> "Movements and Actors were thoroughly orchestrated" You explore and carry the humour of the suit very well" "Confident use was made of the performance space" Harry Luck said "It was the best experience ever, and I want to do it all again".

I quite agree. It was a fantastic afternoon, tense but enjoyable, and I am immensely proud of everyone involved. Steve Evans, Drama Teacher

### A GRAND ACT OF KINDNESS AT A HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARTY

On 26<sup>th</sup> April Isla Hemmings and twin brother George, known to many here still, celebrated their ninth birthdays. For the second year running they decided that they would ask for donations towards their favourite charity, rather than have presents from their friends and family. This year they raised a wonderfully impressive £365 for the "Grand Appeal" Bristol Children's Hospital as their cousin Charlie aged 3 had an open heart operation there!



Wallace & Gromit's Grand Appeal, the Bristol Children's Hospital Charity, works to save and transform the lives of sick children and their families at Bristol Children's Hospital, raising £50 million since 1995.



#### **TICKETS FOR SALE**



Victoria Elliot (Millicent's and Poppy's mother) has five tickets for sale for the matinee performance of War Horse at the Bristol Hippodrome on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October. The performance starts at 14.30 and the tickets are for the Upper Circle, row A, seats 52-56. Total price £166.00

Please contact Victoria at victoriaelliot@outlook.com

#### **BICYCLE FOR SALE**



Specialized Hotrock Bike 20 inch wheel, 6 gears Suit 6-8 year old girl Good condition - £80 Please contact Alice McDowell (Lucy's mother) on 07969 649774

#### FRIENDS OF HOPELANDS

#### Summer disco

FOH will be holding a disco and barbecue for all children on **Friday 7 July**. This will be a fun evening event to round off the school year, and will include hotdogs cooked on the barbecue, dancing in the Sophie Hall, games on the lawn and face painting. Cost is **£6 per child** (to be paid in advance please) which includes food and unlimited drinks. Children won't need to bring any money with them on the night.

This event will start at 6pm and children should be collected between 7.45 and 8pm.

If your child(ren) would like to attend, could we please ask that you **pay by Wednesday 28 June**. As always, cheques payable to Friends of Hopelands or cash in labelled envelopes please. Payments can be left in the red mailbox on the wall to the right of the main school doors, and you can start to pay as soon as you wish!

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

Thanks

Charlie Coles Chair, Friends of Hopelands icaniwillido@hotmail.co.uk