



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**BOOK FAIR** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Hopelands

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm, Stonehouse Court Hotel

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm, Hopelands

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm St Cyr's Church

**WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP – Bristol Hippodrome to see 'Awful Auntie' – Thursday 3rd May 2018**

**Friends of Hopelands**

**PANTOMINE** – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham

## LOST PROPERTY

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.

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
 TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
 ORDER FORM ATTACHED**



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – November 24th 2017

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 28th	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
Wednesday 29th	School to sing carols at the Community Centre
Thursday 30th	Book Fair in school

### DECEMBER

Saturday 2nd	Goodwill Concert in Stonehouse – choir and siblings to sing (school uniform please)
Monday 4th	Head's Tea Party
Tuesday 5th	Swimming Years 3, 5 and 6
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert – 1.30pm, Stonehouse Hotel
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair – 3pm – 6pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service – 2pm, St Cyr's LAST DAY OF TERM

### JANUARY

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>SCHOOL STARTS</b> Please note: There will be no hot lunches available this week.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Head's Tea Party
Tuesday 9th	Swimming Years 3, 5 and 6 - GALA
Thursday 11th	Young Voices in Birmingham
Tuesday 16th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Tuesday 30th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4



### MRS LINDSAY THOMAS

#### PURPLE POWER RANGER OF HOPELANDS

Various a surfer babe, accomplished actress and champion carcass judge (silence of the lambs!), Lindsay decided life needed some positive direction and decided to work for the MoD.

However, having successfully mastered the idiosyncrasies of the MoD over a period of 7 years, including tank driving, jumping out of helicopters, and manning a nuclear fallout shelter, Lindsay felt suitably empowered and brave enough to take on the challenges of Early Years education.

She joined Hopelands as a Teaching Assistant in March 2006.

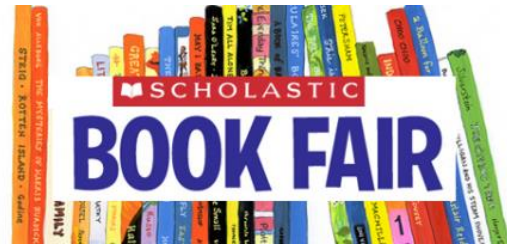
Having spent 11 very happy years with Early Years and the school, she feels it is time for a change in direction, if not a new set of challenges. She has been heard to mutter suggestions such as trekking in the Amazon, caravanning (camels, obviously) across Namibia and generally living up to her purple Power Ranger reputation (ask any of her little munchkins!).

### WELL DONE ELLA

Last Sunday Ella Williams (year 4) gave a piano recital as part of an Autumn Concert in aid of Children in Need at St Mary's Church, Painswick - and raised £180. A super amount, we're very proud of her.



Poppy Elliot gets in a little early morning practice – or is she busking to earn money to buy Christmas presents ?



The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving in school on Thursday 30 November and will be open every day after school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. An ideal opportunity for some early Christmas shopping. Should enough parents request it, I will be happy to open the Book Stalls on Tuesday morning from 8.30am for half an hour (for a little private browsing away from younger eyes....)

Mrs Eccles



### CHRISTMAS CONCERT DVD

We have once again secured the services of a DVD maker who will be filming the Christmas Performance at the Stonehouse Court Hotel. Should you wish to pre-order a copy, please complete the form (sent home this week and attached with this newsletter) and return it to the office.



### FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – 3pm

Our, now annual, Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We have lots of professional craft makers setting up stalls as well as our own class crafts to sell. Mulled wine, mince pies and other goodies will also be on sale. And again, the Class Christmas Hampers will be up for secret auction. Keep the date free and bring lots of money....

#### AND WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS (£1 for CHARITY)

Cups and Saucers (candles)

Holly Flowers, Applique Art

The Purple Jewellery Company

Sweet Delights

Georgina Bywater Jewellery

Stitched by Doodles

Betsy's Book Worms – Usborne

Partylite Candles and Accessories



## IN SPIRIT IF NOT IN PERSON



Although unable to come to Hopelands see the efforts of our Great Hopelands Cake Off, Mary Berry did send us a lovely card wishing us all the best and thanking our pupils for the lovely letters and drawings she had received.

## MISSION IMPOSSIBLE ?

On Tuesday Years R, 1 and 2 took their second visit to Forest School with the Ernest Cook Trust in Slimbridge.



After a walk through the woods to acclimatise themselves and collect acorns, they busied themselves making woodland homes for the Trust's four squirrels. Lots of happy, inter-year teamwork was observed on this dry and seasonal afternoon in the outdoors.

## SPORTS NEWS

The children who took part in the Tewkesbury football first half tournament did our school very proud. This tournament was for year 6 children but Hopelands took several children from years 4, 5 and 6. Despite the difference in ages against our competitors we won both of our small school matches and played exceptionally well in four hard fought matches against the large schools.

A special mention should be made to Joe Dunn – I can honestly say that I haven't seen such skill and commitment in a young player for many years. Joe really worked well to hold the team together and had some great help from another f our Year 4 player, Felipe Garrido-Boix.

Alice, Maria and Daniel all worked tirelessly too, showing both dedication and fortitude.

Well done to all who took part a great afternoon. As always, I am very proud of you.

Mrs McQuillan

Ps. Guess who this bendy person is?



## Friends of Hopelands

### 34 Club

The first two draws of the year took place earlier today, and the results were as follows:

#### October

- 1st **28** Jason Smart, drawn by Lexi Coles, yr4
- 2nd **34** Janet Jones, drawn by Felipe Garrido-Boix, yr4
- 3rd **27** Janet Jones, drawn by Grace Horrell, yr4

#### November - all drawn by former pupil Frankie Coles

- 1st **30** Helen Dunn
- 2nd **7** Matt Coles
- 3rd **19** Christine Kennedy

#### Pantomime

Just to remind you, the pantomime is on Thursday 14 December, 2pm at The Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham. The performance will last approximately 2 hours 15 minutes, including a 15 minute interval. For those who have pre-ordered ice creams, these will be delivered at the beginning of the interval.

Thanks

Charlie Coles

Chair, Friends of Hopelands

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