



Hopelands Preparatory School

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – Wednesday
18th October – winter uniform

HARVEST FESTIVAL – Friday 20th October,
2pm, St Joseph's Church

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Wednesday 6th
December, 1.30pm, Stonehouse Court Hotel

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Friday 8th December,
2pm, Hopelands

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Wednesday 13th
December, 2pm St Cyr's Church

Friends of Hopelands

HALLOWEEN – Friday 10th November,
Hopelands

PANTOMINE – Thursday 14th December,
Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham

LOST PROPERTY

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

Ella Williams – PE top

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

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – October 6th 2017

OCTOBER

Monday 9 th October	Parents Evening – Years r, 1, 5 and 6
Tuesday 10 th	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6 Reception/Year 1 to the Forest School Netball at Tewkesbury Parents Evening – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 11 th	Parent's Evening – Years 2, 5 and 6
Thursday 12 th October	Cross-Country at Tewkesbury Parents Evening – Years R, 1
Friday 13 th October	School Open Morning Parents Evening – Years 5 and 6
Monday 16 th	Year 6 Cycle Proficiency Week Parents Evening – Years 4, 5, and 6
Tuesday 17 th	Swimming Years 3 and 5 only Years 2 and 6 on WW2 Evacuation Parents Evening – Year 3
Wednesday 18 th	School photos Parents Evening – Years 3 and 4
Thursday 19 th	Cross-Country at Tewkesbury
Friday 20 th	Harvest Festival Service
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th Half Term	
Tuesday 31 st	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6 Year 2 visit to SkillZone
NOVEMBER	
Wednesday 1 st	Great Hopelands Bake Off (watch this space)
Tuesday 7 th	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
Monday 13 th	Parliament Week David Drew MP to visit school
Tuesday 14 th	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
Tuesday 21 st	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6 Reception/year 1 to the Forest School Football at Tewkesbury
Tuesday 28 th	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
Thursday 30 th	Book Fair in school



**MRS BARBARA SANDS
HEAD of YEAR 2,
HEAD OF RE & PSHE**

After a successful career as Director of a multi-national engineering company, Mrs Sands lived in the USA for four years with her young family. Upon her return to the UK, she gained First Class Honours in English & Education and qualified to teach in 2005. With 12 years' experience teaching Years One and Two as well as being Head of Pre-Prep in a South Glos Preparatory School and teaching in an outstanding state primary school, she joined Hopelands in 2012.

Following the publication of several articles in their Primary History Journal about outstanding classroom practice, Mrs Sands was appointed to the Historical Association's Primary History Committee for several years and consulted on the 2014 History curriculum for primary schools, in addition to representing the independent and primary sectors on a televised panel headed by Simon Sharma. Lately, Mrs Sands has been education consultant for a TV company, making primary school history clips for the BBC, which Hopelands' Y6 road-tested and critiqued in early 2017.

Mrs Sands has two grown up children and a husband of 33 years. Her hobbies include pilates, swimming, gardening, painting, sewing, reading, travel and enjoying a G&T while watching a good murder mystery on TV.

MEASLES !

Public Health England (PHE) is aware of three confirmed and six probable cases of measles in two Gloucestershire schools. Please read the notice attached with this newsletter.



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Harry and Noah's corrugated iron Anderson shelter was covered in soil and grass and the boys planted seeds ready to help with rationing.

Vandamai, Lucia and Holly camouflaged their shelter at the bottom of their garden and added sand bags for additional protection against bombs.

The children also enjoyed a Q&A session with Maisie's Tomlinson's grandma about her experiences during the war - she was paying a visit to the classroom, noticed the Anderson shelters and began to tell the children what it had been like as a little girl living in Chester, with Luftwaffe aeroplanes flying over on their way to bomb Liverpool.



SAY CHEESE!



Individual (and with siblings) School Photos.
Wednesday 18th October.
Just in time for Christmas !

PLEASE NOTE: Winter Uniform is to be worn, not summer.



Dear Parents,

Your child should have brought home the 30 day challenge form to Eat a Rainbow during October. If you require a new copy, please let me know.

Good luck!

Mrs Sands

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

A big 'Thank you' to the wonderful bakers and those who donated money at our sales. From your generosity we raised £230! We had great fun manning the stalls and serving up cake too...

Hetty, Fern, Madison and Lexi S

Farewell to Mrs Newport

Mrs Newport, our After-School Supervisor, will be moving to (greener) pastures new as she relocates to Northern Ireland next month. We wish her all the best for her exciting new venture.

She has a 4 year old Siemens dishwasher for sale – 8 place settings - £200. Let the office know if you're interested!

MR GRUMPY IN YEAR 2



Year Two made masks and performed their retelling of Mr Gumpy's Outing for Mrs Thomas and Class One before sequencing the story in their books using photos of their performance, and writing their own retelling alongside.

SPORTS NOTICE BOARD

What a busy start to the Sporting Year. Year 3 and Year 6 are having lessons with 'The Park' Junior School. This new venture will allow them to enjoy some extra-school social interaction and enable them to try out new facilities.

The first cross country race of the season saw 4 of our 6 girl runners coming in the top 20 out of the total of 76. In the boys competition, out of 122, Francis Stuart -,Menteth came 27th with the other Hopelands boys also putting in a good show. A special thank you goes to all those first time runners especially Max Safizadeh for his amazing achievement.

All the children gained so much. They had fun, a huge rush of adrenalin, and are all looking forward to the next race.

But not all sport is taken quite so seriously at Hopelands....



Star jumps with a twist



Can you see me?



Grounded!

Mrs McQuillan

WESTONBIRT SCHOOL

Come to the Gypsy Ball and enjoy a drink on arrival and eat wonderful eastern cuisine all in an exotic, glamorous atmosphere.



There will be magicians to entertain and a short auction full of exclusive prizes. And dancing to Ushti Baba - a riotous gypsy band guaranteed to keep you dancing until your feet hurt!

Leaflet attached with this newsletter – Mrs O'Dell

INFORMATION FOR YEARS 5 and 6

The Crypt School Open Day and Evening is being held on Wednesday, 11th October. There are tours at 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. There will be a short talk from the Headmaster followed by Guided Tours with some of our lower school and sixth form students. If you wish to attend either of these, please email enquiries@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk to book a time. During the day, you will be able to see the school on a normal day.

In the evening, the school is open from 5.30 – 8.00 p.m. At this time, you can visit classrooms, see displays, speak with students and teachers, and ask any questions you may have. The Headmaster will also speak at 5.45 and 6.30 p.m. No appointment is necessary for the evening.

Friends of Hopelands

Christmas cards, mugs, tea towels etc

Orders and payments in by Wednesday 11 October please.

Pantomime ice creams

Orders and payments in before half term please.

Pantomime

One ticket has just become available if anyone would like it. Cost is £13. Older children may attend without a parent, as long as a friend's parent is responsible for them in the theatre. First come first served!

30 Club

If you'd like to join this year's 30 (or however many it turns out to be!) Club, please let me know. Cost is £10 for the year (10 draws) and you can buy as many numbers as you wish. Staff, parents, grandparents and other family members over the age of 18 are all very welcome to purchase numbers. Half of the money goes to FOH, the other half is used as prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd each month (October to July). This means the more people who join, the bigger the cash prizes! Cash in labelled envelopes or cheques payable to Friends of Hopelands please.

Old pound coins

We are getting a LOT of these in as cash payments at the moment! Please remember that the old coins go out of circulation next weekend, so FOH will not be able to accept any after next Friday.

Thanks

Charlie Coles

Chair, Friends of Hopelands

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