



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

January	
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – R/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming – R/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – R/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup>	Netball Festival – Year 6 girls
February	
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country - Tewkesbury

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### Lost Items (all labelled):

Joseph Dunn – tracksuit top



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# Bird Feeders

Class 1 have been busy making some fantastic bird feeders for our feathered friends! They look great hanging up outside the Sophie Hall, well done Class 1!



## St Edwards Music Day

Last week some children attended a music day at St Edwards. Here is Jasmin's report of the day:

*Friday 11th was a fun day because I got to experience a different school in Cheltenham. This school was called St Edwards. Four of us from Hopelands went there for the day and we got to create rhythms using different instruments such as - maracas, bongo drums, tambourine and wood blocks. We used those to create three bar beat which was very different to playing my usual piano pieces. In the day we also created two pieces where everyone who was there had a part to play in a big orchestra. In that orchestra I learned how to keep in time with other musicians. We also sung a couple of songs that were upbeat Caribbean style, which was different from anything else I have ever sung, and this was really fun.*

*I also really enjoyed the day as I got to meet other people from different schools who play different instruments. The school itself was big and I can tell that music was one of their strong subjects. We also got to have lunch and a snack which was very tasty.*

*If this opportunity occurs next year and you enjoy music, then I would highly recommend the day as it broadened my experiences.*

Thank you, Jasmin, for an excellent insight into the day and to Mrs Pearse for taking some great photos.





## Head Pupils

Each half term new head pupils are selected by the teaching staff. When prospective pupils and their parents come to visit Hopelands, the head boy and girl will take them on a tour of the school answering any questions and providing information about the school and what it is like to attend here. Our head pupils this term are Ellie Flaxman and Flint Neville. Well done both, I am sure you will be fantastic ambassadors of the school.



## School Uniform

We are delighted to announce that we have secured a new school uniform supplier, Schooltogs.

As many of you are aware, there have been uniform issues with John Lewis as they removed all the kilts from their stock without any notice, and the recent closure of Trutex in Stroud. We looked at several suppliers with the aim of achieving quality, affordability and availability. The supplier who met these was Schooltogs. They supply a number of schools in the area and are based in Cheltenham. The uniform will be available to purchase from the Schooltogs shop after half term and you will be able to order online a few weeks after then.

We will send out further information regarding this in due course. **Please note the uniform will not be available to purchase from them until the 25<sup>th</sup> February.**



## Amazing Art

There are some truly amazing art displays around school. In one of the displays the children, from Years 3 to 6, created a variety of textured and patterned papers which they then tore selected pieces to create the 'fur' and 'feathers' for the creature they were designing. Further details were added in inks. Thank you to our art teacher, Mrs Barrett for her expertise, originality and inspiration. Further art displays will be featured in future newsletters.



## New School Governor



We are delighted to welcome Jan Lawry to the Hopelands School Governors Board.

Jan Lawry, Director of J Lawry Healthcare Management Ltd, has over twenty-five years' experience in healthcare, health & wellbeing and healthy lifestyle promotion. From a background in sports physiotherapy, she now works with senior leaders in the NHS in the UK as well as politicians and business influencers in the USA and Channel Islands and is a writer for Middle East Medical.

Jan holds a BA (Hons) 2:1, an MA (Distinction) from the Open University, a post-graduate qualification in Sports Physiotherapy from Southampton University and is a qualified Mental Health First Aider. She is a member of the Institute of Healthcare Management and as a former Macmillan Professional, she has completed a number of courses on cancer care, oncology, end of life care and bereavement and has had direct experience in working with cancer patients and their families, including working as a therapist for a large hospice in Hampshire, and wrote the first End of Life Care Strategy for the Dorset Cancer Network.

She is an active Rotarian and is currently Social Media Officer and President Elect of the Rotary Club of Stonehouse. Jan lives in Nupend with partner, Max, and their beloved cocker spaniel Beryl.