



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

Friday 14th June

June	
19 th – 21 st	Viney Hill Residential – Year 6
Thurs 27 th	French Breakfast – R, Y1 & Y2
July	
Fri 5 th	FoH Fete – more details to follow
Mon 8 th	Sports Day
Weds 10 th	Prize Giving
Fri 12 th	Last day of school

In this week:

- Berkeley Castle Trip
- Stonehouse Parkrun
- Our Planet
- Easy Fundraising

Lost Items (all labelled):

Jasmin Gilmore – PE T-shirt

Neve Field – PE T-shirt

Jackson Stoneman - Blazer

Stamps!

Please remember to keep any used stamps and post them in the letter box on the table in the entrance foyer – these will raise vital funds for the Pied Piper Appeal. Thank you.



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Berkeley Castle Trip

The KS1 children visited Berkeley Castle on Monday. Enjoying the last of the fine weather, they toured the castle guided by Queen Catherine, paying particular attention to the coats of arms and crests they could see, listening to a story about when a kitchen boy met a dragon, sketching in the church and dressing up, before entering the butterfly house and seeing for themselves the life cycles both classes had studied in Science.

They met Queen Elizabeth I, or at least her wire statue, which was part of the current art installation at the Castle and on the way back to the coach made the startling discovery of a dragon's egg on the grass verge. Currently being nurtured in Class 1, we wait with bated breath to see what emerges when the egg hatches...



Stonehouse Parkrun – by Nikki Stoneman

The sun shone brightly for the 23 Hopelands students who came together for the Stonehouse Junior parkrun Hopelands Takeover on Sunday, and what a brilliant event it turned out to be! It was wonderful to see students from across the school years showing what a supportive, enthusiastic and fun community Hopelands is. Some chose to run by themselves and some ran in groups, but they all showed a real sense of being a team. The atmosphere was great with the students coming together beforehand, full of enthusiasm (and some nerves), then they cheered each other on during the run, before all playing together in the park afterwards.

The general sense of happiness was added to by the treats on offer by Friends of Hopelands who hosted tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches in the café afterwards, as well as setting up a 'pop-up' cake and milkshake stall and sending out a mobile ice-lolly seller. The bacon sandwiches were a huge hit, selling out unbelievably quickly, and a massive thank-you to everyone who contributed cakes: they were very much enjoyed by the children (and adults) after the run.

It was also lovely to have so many positive comments from people from the local community who had come along to the Parkrun and were thrilled to have so many tasty treats on offer.

Thanks to everyone who came along ridiculously early on a Sunday morning and supported the students, to everyone who helped set up, helped in the kitchen and on the stalls and to those who helped tidy up at the end.

Hopefully, a number of the students will want to carry on coming along to the Parkrun on a Sunday and we are already looking to host another Takeover soon!



Our Planet

Dan Huertas, a Director and Producer from Silverback Films, kindly came to school last Friday 7th June. He shared with the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 wonderful videos and pictures from his travels around the globe, about the natural wonders within our planet. Dan engaged the children in a variety of discussions about nature and sustainability. It was revolutionary for the children to learn that not all palm oil is to be necessarily avoided...it all depends on the source and if it has been grown sustainably, the children were relieved to hear they can continue to eat Nutella! A million thanks to Dan for his incredible patience and generosity to willingly spend time at our school, with all of us, sharing the beautiful things he has documented.



Easy Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has bought online through Easy Fundraising. During January to March this year this raised £62.54 for Friends of Hopelands, which is fantastic!

For those not familiar with this site it is a free service that has been linked up with over 3600 retailers and allows people to buy online but with each purchase made the retailer gives a small percentage to your chosen cause.

Once on the site it asks you to select your chosen cause, type in Friends of Hopelands and then follow the simple steps. You can download the app for Apple and android so all you need to do whenever you are internet shopping is just go through the easy fundraising app and every time you buy something Friends of Hopelands receive a small percentage for no extra cost.

It is a really good way of raising an extra few pounds without spending an extra penny. Easy fundraising has access to over 3600 sites including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, boots and many more even things like upgrading your sky package could raise over £50 to FOH and ultimately the school and children.

So thank you in advance, if you are about to buy something online just check if you can get it through www.easyfundraising.org.uk and let the retailer donate to the school at no extra cost.

