



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

September	
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4
October	
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham Literacy Festival – Years 4, 5 & 6
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Immunisation

### In this week:

- King's Rugby Masterclass
- The World of Geography
- Mr Piper
- Jeans for Genes Day
- Smile of the Week
- Hopelands Sport
- Table Tennis Kidz
- Aldi's Kit for Schools

### Dates for your Diaries

25<sup>th</sup> October 2-3pm: Harvest Festival

11<sup>th</sup> November: School Photos

30<sup>th</sup> November: Stonehouse Goodwill Festival

6<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm: Christingle

11<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Concert

Further information on these events will be sent in due course.

### Swimming Uniform

A reminder that the uniform for swimming is:

Navy trunks for boys

Navy swimsuits for girls



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## King's Rugby Masterclass

Year 5 had a fantastic afternoon at King's School in Gloucester last Friday. The sun shone beautifully as the children attended masterclass sessions which were run by the RFU together with some of the Gloucester rugby players. The girls were also trained by a former England rugby player, Ceri Large. Miss Walker was incredibly impressed by their team spirit and determination to give everything a go.





## The World of Geography

Year 6 had a 'Great British Bake Off' moment in their geography lesson this week. They were learning about different mountain formations, and were tasked to make a Dome mountain formation, a volcanic formation and a block formation using..... cake! They thoroughly enjoyed understanding these formations with the help of plenty of icing and red strawberry laces.



## Introducing Mr Piper!

I have worked in a variety of schools where I have taught English, together with both Modern and Classical Languages. I have published textbooks and, as a drama teacher, have written and produced plays and performance poems. I have coached sports, from hockey to cricket – and even racquets.

My pastimes include poetry, painting, planting and inventing.

I have a wife, Jenny, until recently a Housemistress at CLC. Our son and daughter, both have lives in education. The family also numbers two dogs and a cat, as well as six ducks. The cat is called Archie. He is in overall charge.

*Welcome to the Hopelands team Mr Piper! We are delighted to have you on board and know you will be a true asset to the school.*



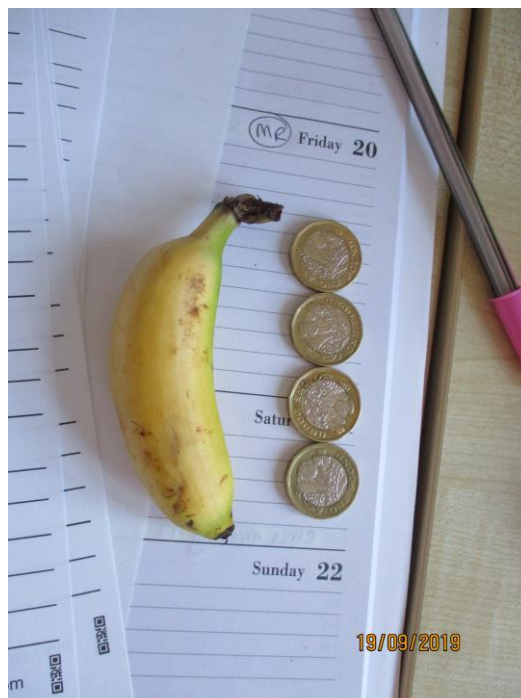
## Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who took part in Jeans for Genes Day. The children all looked fantastic in their different denim and it helped raise awareness of genetic disorders. A total of £63 was raised.



## Smile of the Week

Mr Rousell may have broken the record this week by having the smallest banana ever in his lunchbox! Let us know if you can beat this, we may start a library of 'incredibly small items.....!'





## Hopelands Sport

We are incredibly fortunate to have access to the field by the Community Centre all year round. The children love going up there and see it as an adventure. This week Year 1 and Year 2 were practising their football skills. Working as a team they were developing their control and successfully passing to each other to score points. Enjoying the blue skies and the fresh air was an added bonus.





## Table Tennis Kidz

On Monday Jim Hurford, the Coaching Officer from Table Tennis Kidz Club, came to see the children during assembly and talked about the table tennis club they run in Nailsworth. The children had great fun showing him their skills. For more information about this club please see the flyer below.



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**GETSET**  
*eat to fresh*



This September Aldi's 'Kit for School' is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. Also, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster, will receive an exclusive school sports kit.

Miss Walker has displayed the poster on the sports board by the entrance. If you would like to take part please pick up your Team GB sticker whenever you spend £30 in any Aldi store and then bring the stickers to school, there is a plastic wallet to put them in which is attached to the sports board.

There are some healthy challenges on the poster which the children will be exploring over the next few weeks.

Please spread the word to your friends and family (if they shop in Aldi!) thank you.