



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

October	
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4  Fire Service visit
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>	The Big Mile  Flu Immunisation  Second hand uniform sale

### In this week:

- Topology
- Music
- Mrs Carter
- The Daily Mile Big Day
- Charity – Lexi Skill
- Be the Jellyfish
- National fitness Day
- Head Lice

### 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.

### Cookery Club

A reminder that cookery club is cancelled on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.



Please remember to collect your Team GB sticker whenever you spend £30 in any Aldi store and bring them into school, thank you.



For all the latest pictures and weekly activities please follow our Facebook page @HopelandsPreparatorySchool

# Topology

Year 6 have been busy learning about Topology, which is:

'The mathematical study of the properties that are preserved through deformations, twistings, and stretchings of objects. Tearing, however, is not allowed.'

As part of the Inspirational Maths week Year 6 explored this topic through experimenting and challenging each other to create and transform shapes without breaking them. There was plenty of creativity and teamwork which resulted in excellent designs!





## Music

Year 3 had great fun in their music lessons as they accompanied the song 'Africa' by Toto using a variety of instruments - the firm favourite being the boomwhackers!



## Introducing Mrs Carter!

I have been teaching in local Primary Schools for the past 20 years, initially as a classroom teacher and since the arrival of my children as a specialist classroom music teacher and peripatetic flute teacher. I am passionate about the creative curriculum and how it enhances personal wellbeing and development in our children.

When I'm not teaching, I enjoy playing in a local wind band and flute group and any other free time centres around my family and the many after school activities my children undertake! I am greatly looking forward to developing the strong tradition of music at Hopelands.

*Welcome to the Hopelands team Mrs Carter! Watching the children's delight last week whilst they played " with boomwhackers was magical! It is lovely to have you on board.*





The Daily Mile is a national initiative, supporting schools to get children fit for life and fit for learning, by encouraging them to run or jog for 15 minutes every day. Active Gloucestershire are organising The Daily Mile Big Day which will take place on Friday 18th October – where we will be helping to set a new Gloucestershire record for the largest number of children doing The Daily Mile on the same day!

We will be completing The Daily Mile as a whole school and you are more than welcome to join us. We will meet on the playground at 8:35 and walk over to Berry fields where our mile will begin. You can run, jog or walk, there is no need to change and no special equipment is required. Although, we will be asking children to wear their trainers.

## Cheltenham and Gloucester Hospitals Charity

By Lexi Shill

I have been trying to grow my hair for one or two years now to cut and give to the Little Princess trust. Since then Mrs Barrett has sadly passed away, now I am also raising money to go to the charity of her choice, which is the local oncology unit. If you could spare a pound or two it would be much appreciated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/Lexi-Shill>



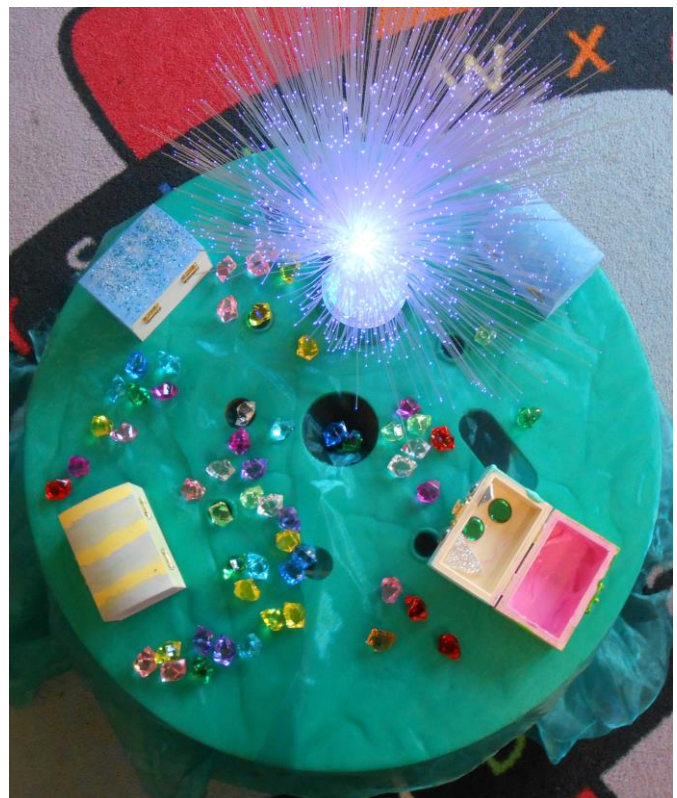


## After School Club - Be the Jellyfish

By Mrs Prout

Classes have been going well and children finish the sessions feeling calm, creative and relaxed. The children enjoyed decorating their treasure chests.

The Treasure theme is the vehicle to the Manage Jellyfish. Manage helps to acknowledge thoughts, feelings and situations safely. The things, people and memories we treasure, be they physical, mental or spiritual, are so specific and personal to each and every one of us, that to acknowledge them can provide us with great strength and reassurance.





## National Fitness Day

We celebrated National Fitness Day on Wednesday through an array of sport and fun! During the various PE lessons Miss Walker and Mrs Lord were looking for accurate passing, dribbling with strong ball control, and confident shooting. Both commented that all the children were encouraging and respectful showing excellent teamwork. In the multi sports higher skills club, which takes place after school, the children had a great time working on their basketball skills which led to a fun but competitive game!



## Head Lice

We have had a couple of confirmed head lice cases in the older years at school. Unfortunately, they can be incredibly difficult to spot and its only by wet combing with a fine-toothed comb that they can become visible. Below is some information from the NHS website:

### Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.