



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

Friday 6th September

September	
Tues 10 th	Swimming – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4
Fri 13 th	Rugby masterclass at Kings – Year 5
Tues 17 th	Swimming – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4
Tues 24 th	Swimming – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

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Welcome back!

We hope you had a fantastic, restful summer!

A special warm welcome to all our new children:

Reception – Daisy, Jack, Juniper, Rupert, Joshua, Norah, Araminta, Cillian and Isla

Year 1 – Rita

Year 2 – Ava

Year 5 - Charles

It is lovely to have you and your families here at Hopelands.

Autumn Term Clubs

A reminder that clubs start back next week, the 9th September. Although Cookery Club is full there are some spaces in the others. A club list has been sent out with this newsletter, if you wish to book your child/children onto any of these please let the office know asap, thank you.



For all the latest pictures and weekly activities please follow our Facebook page
[@HopelandsPreparatorySchool](#)

Make A Wish

This week 5 of our children received certificates and badges for their tremendous work in raising £471.59 for Make A Wish. Their aim was to raise enough money to be able to grant a little girl, called Aubree, her wish, which was to go on holiday to the Lake District with her family.

The money was raised through a mufti day, which was held last term, and a sponsored wild camping trip in the summer!

A huge well done to Sam, Max, Libby, Matilda and Ella. This really is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of you.

They have already raised enough for Aubree's wish and the charity will distribute anything above this to other wishes. Below is their Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Samuel-Kennedy2>



Swimming

Swimming starts next Tuesday 10th September for the children in Year 1, 2 3 and 4. Dates of the swimming are on the Hopelands website calendar.

Pupils who wish to travel to Dursley Pool on the school coach must be here by 8.15am. As the school building will be locked please could we ask that all belongings that do not need to be taken to the pool (i.e. everything that isn't swimming related) is left on the veranda of the outdoor classroom (the little building that's behind the Sophie Hall). Those children who are being driven straight to the pool should be there by 8.50am. All children will return to school on the coach.

Please ensure you are on time as lessons need to start promptly, therefore the bus is unable to wait.

Morning and after school care

Both our morning school care (£3.75) and after school care (£7.15) sessions are offered on a flexible basis and no booking is necessary.

In the mornings Mrs Coles will be pleased to welcome your children any time from 7.45am and they will stay with her in the hall until it's time to line up at 8.30am. Children must be brought in by an adult please, using the back door to the hall.

Mrs Coles says "Morning school care is a time when the children are free to choose what they'd like to do (within reason!). We have board games and puzzles, colouring sheets and crayons and some soft toys to play with. Sometimes the children like to play active games with lots of running around, other times they prefer to sit and read - no two days are the same! We usually have a wide range of ages and we all have fun together before school starts."

In the afternoons, all children going to clubs or after school care line up to register with Mrs Coles and Miss Brown (the younger ones will be taken there by whoever teaches them last lesson). Once registered they are free to run around and play outside (or in the hall if it's wet) until 3.45pm when clubs (homework, cookery, dance etc) are called. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are not doing a club stay in after school care with Mrs Coles and Miss Brown, children in Years 3 to 6 who are not doing a club go to homework club. Once the clubs are over, the children return to after school care to play.

It is vitally important that every child is signed out on the register by the adult collecting them. This is to ensure that all children are kept safe and accounted for at all times.

At the moment after school care is being held outside and the register for signing is on the decked area behind the hall - location will change when the weather changes, but there will be a note on the gate to advise you!

Please make sure your children are collected on time - collection after 5.30pm will incur a late fee.

Dance Club T shirts

If anyone would like to buy a Hopelands Dance Club T shirt, they are available for £12 each and usually take about a week from ordering.

Colour options are bright pink, turquoise, purple and cobalt blue, and sizes are S, M, L and XL (these are youth sizes). If you're interested, please see Mrs Charlie Coles who can show you the sizes.



Reception Class

The start of school can seem daunting to a 4-year-old but here at Hopelands Miss O'Neill ensures that every day is filled with fun activities where they can learn and play. They have settled into school beautifully and it has been especially wonderful to watch them play and talk with their Year 6 buddies.





Friends of Hopelands

Friends of Hopelands - Newsletter September 2019

Welcome to this month's newsletter, I hope everyone managed to enjoy the summer break and you are looking forward to the new term ahead. For those that are new to Hopelands school, Friends of Hopelands is a PTA run by a few parents with the help of the teachers, organising events to raise money to enhance the children's time at Hopelands.

Last year we organised several events including a quiz night, pizza popcorn film night, celebrated the Chinese year of the pig, as well as a summer fete raising over £2700. This money was used to purchase 3 digital cameras to capture special moments, 2 new laptops. Cup engravements for prize giving and more. This year we will continue to organise events to raise money to enrich the children's time at Hopelands.

Easy Fundraising www.easyfundraising.org.uk

I wanted to remind you all about easy fundraising. For those not familiar with the site, it's a free service that is 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 www.easyfundraising.org.uk it asks you to select your chosen cause, type in Friends of Hopelands, 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. Just this year we booked a short break through Expedia and earned over £20 for FOH at no extra cost. It's a really good way of raising an extra few pounds.

Second hand uniform sale – Provisional date Friday 18th October

We are looking at holding a second-hand uniform sale in the playground after school on Friday 18th October. This is a great opportunity to get anything you need for the winter term. Also, if you have any spare uniform in good condition you would like to donate, it would be gratefully received. Any older style uniform will be sent to schools in Africa.

Finally, ...

We will keep you updated throughout the year regarding any events that are happening. Next week I will send out a reminder for the annual pantomime tickets.

As ever if anybody would like to join Friends of Hopelands either on the committee or just helping out at events, we would very much welcome your support. Our email address for any correspondence is friendsofhopelands@yahoo.com

Best wishes

Andy Harbottle (FOH Chair)