



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

Friday 15th November

November	
Tues 19 th	Swimming – Years 1/2/3/4
Fri 22 nd	Friends of Hopelands Quiz Night
Tues 26 th	Swimming – Years 1/2/3/4 Lifesaving skills
Fri 29 th	KS2 Tag Rugby Festival (22 children)
Sat 30 th	Stonehouse Goodwill Festival

In this week:

- Handball Festival
- Remembrance Parade
- Parliament Week
- Well done Mrs Elmore
- Football Tournament
- Wanted!
- FOH Disco
- FOH Quiz night

Lost Property

Can you please keep an eye out for the following lost items:

- Yellow pencil case with pens/pencils inside
- PE polo top and black & white Nike trainers
- Tabitha Smith-Lyons school shoes - labelled

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to everyone who has booked Christmas lunch, this has now been ordered. Please note Caterlink have confirmed that the pudding will be the decorated gingerbread biscuit.

Sports Jackets

There have been some issues with the lettering on the back of the sports jackets. Schooltogs have been informed and they have confirmed that they are happy to redo the lettering if the jackets are dropped off at their shop. They have changed the letter material they use which should prevent any potential peeling.



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Handball Festival, by Miss Walker

On Friday 10 pupils from Year 6 attended a handball festival at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. It was brilliant to be able to take part with over 140 children attending from local primary schools, and representatives from the GB Handball team who were coaching and organising the games.

The children were taught some key handball skills including; dribbling, passing and shooting. After a whistle stop tour of the basic rules the children went straight into matches. The first game was a bit of a test, with some children having never played the game at all before, but it didn't take Hopelands long to get a grip of the rules and start to play a fantastic game. Children were passing around, defending brilliantly and launching the ball into the back of the opponent's net! They played 6 games, where they all worked hard as a team, encouraged each other and had a great time.

Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers and to all the children who were enthusiastic and represented Hopelands brilliantly.



Stonehouse Remembrance Parade, by Miss White

On Sunday the 10th of November, representatives from Hopelands gathered at the end of Regent Street to join the Remembrance Parade. Always a special occasion, this year it was made even more so by our pupils dressing up as WW2 evacuee children to commemorate the civilian sacrifices during times of conflict. The Royal British Legion asked us to do this and we were honoured to respect their request.

As Samuel and Hannah led the team along Stonehouse High Street, I felt very proud of them, and I was delighted that our Head Boy, Head Girl, Eva, Ethan and Norah were all beautifully turned out in period style clothes. All our pupils felt it was a truly special occasion, and they were very happy to give their time on a bright and cold Sunday morning to remember the evacuees.

I had the pleasure of bumping into one of our Hopelands governors just before the 'off', and she told me there would not be a dry eye in the crowd as we all watched them perform their duties. She was right, it was a touching and poignant moment as our pupils laid the wreath together, hand in hand.

I would also like to thank the Hopelands parents who brought their children and supported the event, the gas mask boxes and outfits were wonderful! Also, a special mention for Lexi Coles in Y6, who represented her Brownie pack and laid their wreath. She did a splendid job and displayed the commitment, warmth and community spirit of Hopelands Preparatory School. A truly special day!



Parliament Week, by Miss White

On Thursday the 7th of November we had several eye-opening lessons regarding Parliament for UK Parliament week. Armed with special wristbands and badges given to us by the UK Parliament, pupils engaged with the facts and principles of governance and were vocal and opinionated in their responses. Wonderful!

It was a great pleasure to hear the pupils continue to voice their thoughts outside in the playground and they are actively looking forward to the next exciting session. A specific area of interest was learning about the Palace of Westminster and the different roles of Government and Parliament - an aspect the majority had never considered before!



Well Done Mrs Elmore!



Well done to Mrs Elmore who last week ran the 'Sodbury Slog'!

It is described on the website as a '*lungbusting, shoe-ruining, hill-slipping 10-mile mud run around Chipping Sodbury*'.

We are in awe of you Mrs Elmore, huge congratulations, I think we should get all the staff to complete this next year!

Football Tournament, by Miss Walker

The much-anticipated re-arranged football tournament took place on Tuesday this week, where Hopelands entered two very excited teams! Both the Year 3 and 4 and the Year 5 and 6 teams went straight into their first round of four games. Year 5 and 6 put on a good performance to start but struggled to get the ball in the back of the net. With one win, a draw and two losses they earned a place in the final of the bowl competition against Horsley. Despite a wait in the cold the team started off brilliantly, with every squad member playing a vital part. With some fantastic defensive tackles from Aiden, Nadia, Lexi, Francesca and Francis. Whilst Freddie, Sophie, Felipe, Michael and Ruskie were in attacking mode and after a skilful run down the left wing, the ball was crossed to Amy who confidently tucked the ball into the bottom right corner. With some phenomenal saves from Joe in goal the one nil score was held until full time. A great end to a fun afternoon.

Meanwhile over on the Year 3 and 4 pitch the goals were pouring in. With two wins, a loss and a draw the team earned their place in the Championship playoffs. Jackson, Finn, Ava, Vandamai, Isla and Eva were dominant in defence and began to play the ball out to Daniel, Harry, Alice and up to Noah who was shooting from every angle! Despite Eoghan's amazing saves, their excellent team spirit and effort they were knocked out in the quarter final to a well drilled Birdlip team, who went on to win the whole tournament. A fantastic effort from all children involved, with thanks to Mrs Lord - the enthusiastic Year 3 and 4 team manager and Mrs Dunn and Mrs Harbottle for cheering us all on in the cold!



WANTED!

The following people are wanted **TO BE THANKED** for the amazing effort and enthusiasm they put into organising and entertaining all the children at the Friends of Hopelands disco last Friday. We think you are all amazing!



FOH Disco

Last Friday saw a fantastic disco with great games and happy children. A huge thank you for everyone who helped & supported with this. We also think Mrs Boix makes an excellent nun!



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 22nd
November
7pm

£5 per
person
including
ploughman's
lunch

CASH PRIZE!!



6-8 per team
Or make your own on
the night

Beer and Wine for
reasonable donations

Cheque or cash in the Friends of Hopelands box, BACS payments payable to Friends of Hopelands Sort code 30 98 29 Account number 01459545. Please email confirmation of payment to friendsofhopelands@yahoo.com