



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

Friday 6th December

November	
Mon 9 th	Trip to Bacon Theatre – Reception/Year1/Year2
Weds 11 th	Christmas Concert – Stonehouse Court Hotel, 1.30
Thurs 12 th	Grinch Day!

In this week:

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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
- 3 sets of boy's navy tracksuit bottoms, age 9-10
- PE Jacket, labelled Tabitha

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.

Footballs

Can we please ask that any personal footballs are kept at home and not brought into school. Unfortunately, some of the external balls which have been coming in are quite hard and causing a few accidents.

Parking

A plea to please park sensibly whilst dropping off and collecting your child/children. We have received concerns from residents over the safety aspect of some of the cars being on the pavement.



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Arrangements for next week

Please see the following information for next week:

Monday

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are on a school trip to the Bacon Theatre, leaving at 9am and returning at 1.30pm. Please note these children will require a packed lunch.

Tuesday

The children will be rehearsing at various points throughout the day at Stonehouse Court Hotel. The children in Dance Club (Year 4-6) and the children in the Music Ensemble Club will require a packed lunch as they will be at Stonehouse Court hotel at lunchtime.

Wednesday

All Key Stage 2 children (Year 3 – 6) will require a packed lunch. Key Stage 1 children will remain at school for their lunch so will have hot school dinners as normal.

The Christmas Concert starts at 1.30pm. Please allow yourself spare time as parking can get busy.

There will be an interval with coffee & tea available and we have asked for the bar to be open. Finish time will be between 3.30 – 4.00. You are welcome to take children straight from there home, please ensure they are signed out by their teacher first. Children who are not picked up will be walked back to school and supervised by after school staff.

Thursday

Grinch Day! A whole day planned with fun festivities. The children are welcome to come dressed in green or in Christmas jumpers. School finishing time is 3.30pm.

Clubs

Due to the above activities there will be no homework club all week. There will also be no lunchtime and after school club on Wednesday. All other clubs remain as normal. Both morning and after school care will be available all week.

Stonehouse Goodwill Festival

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Stonehouse Goodwill Festival last Saturday. Although a tad chilly it really was a wonderful occasion. The children sang beautifully and were fantastic ambassadors of the school.



The Grinch

During the last week of the term, we will be celebrating the work of Dr Seuss by learning through the story, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". We will culminate this special week by having 'Grinch Day' on Thursday 12th of December.

In addition to themed academic activities throughout the day and those prior to the event, the children are invited to wear as much green as they can. We are allowing Santa hats to be worn also. We will have a lot of fun and at the same time, learn about the author's message through this special story.

"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."



Carol Singing

Mrs Carter, Mrs Charles and Year 5 went along to the Regency Retirement Home on Wednesday to sing carols to the residents. This is annual event which both the children and the residents really enjoy.



Swimming Gala

A frosty morning didn't stop our swimming team on Monday who competed brilliantly in the Swimming Gala. Their team spirit was fantastic, cheering each other on as they swam their individual races. Despite their best efforts the boys narrowly missed out on a spot in the finals, leaving it up to the Hopelands girls to win some points for the team. And that they did! Grace, Tilda and Agnes came 3rd in the relay, Lexi C 2nd place in breaststroke and Amy taking 1st in front crawl. This scored us a fantastic 18 points, which put us in 4th place out of 9 schools, just missing out on a trophy. A big thank you to Eoghan for competing against older children and congratulations to Amy for recording the fastest swim time on the day! Well done to all swimmers for taking part and to the brilliant parent supporters for transporting the children and cheering everyone on!



Friends of Hopelands Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the raffle are now on sale! Please see a member of Friends of Hopelands to buy your tickets. The top prizes are:

First prize: a free photo shoot with 7" framed print from Duncan Houston at DPH photography in Quedgeley worth £175

Second prize: £50 Lily & Me voucher donated by Amelia Haywood

Third prize: 12 Christmas cup cakes (In the shape of a Christmas tree)

This will be drawn at the Christmas Concert next week

Christmas Lunch

There was a start to the Christmas festivities this week with music, crackers and Christmas food! The gingerbread people were a hit with the children along with the toys in their crackers. Thank you to the lunchtime team who worked so hard to make this a joyous occasion for the children and thank you to all the staff who helped with the serving.



Be the Jellyfish Club by Mrs Prout

The Hats and Headdress theme is the vehicle to the Express Jellyfish strand.

Express invites us to explore the possibilities of our imagination, our thoughts and our feelings. Wearing a hat or headdress can completely alter how we feel and behave. We can take on different roles, personas and attitudes. Through hats and headdresses, we can endeavour to express a little more of who we are or who we want to be. Once the children had completed their headdresses, they took on the roles of Ice, Fire, and Disney Queens with superpowers!

The children love to use the Jellyfish cards to make up stories and talk about how the jellyfish might be feeling,



Pantomime by Mr Harbottle

Hi everyone – just a bit of information regarding the Pantomime, I've included the guidelines sent to me from the Everyman for your perusal.

Essentially, we need to make sure we are all there before 10:00am. Parking can be tricky in Cheltenham this time of year, so the obvious place is the Regent Arcade, but allow time if full.

No tickets are issued, if you say you are with Hopelands school the usher should show you where to sit. I have included the seating plan; we are in the same area as before for those that came in previous years.

Ice creams and snacks are available to buy at the halftime interval (cheaper if you bring your own!).

Running time: approx. 2 hours 15 minutes including a 15-minute interval

Enjoy the show!

Andy

Primary School Parties

Teacher/Supervisor Guidelines

We do appreciate that many teachers have a vast experience of escorting groups of students to the theatre and may have adopted some of the suggestions listed below. If you have not considered them before, please give them a try, as they are designed to improve the Everyman experience for everybody. If you have been before, please look through these as a quick reminder.

The show cannot wait for a school party that is running late. We recommend that you allow plenty of time for your journey – Cheltenham can be very busy during the festive season in particular.

We have attached a seating plan for you with your seats highlighted. If you give this to the ushers on arrival, rather than individual tickets, this will help us to seat your group more efficiently.

No hot food or drinks to be consumed in the auditorium.

Mobile phones must be switched off in the theatre and photography is not permitted.

Booster seats are not permitted on the upper three levels (and should only be needed in the Stalls on rare occasions when children find themselves seated behind adults). Please ask the Usher if you feel they are needed in the Stalls. Please note, we recommend getting children in their seats to see if they need a booster seat once you know who is sitting in front of them.

We recommend seating taller children at the front of upper levels as smaller children may not be able to see over the front ledge. The seats are steeply raked on the upper levels so smaller children will still be able to see over the heads of the taller children in front.

Black bags are available on request. In addition, ushers will come round during the interval to collect rubbish.

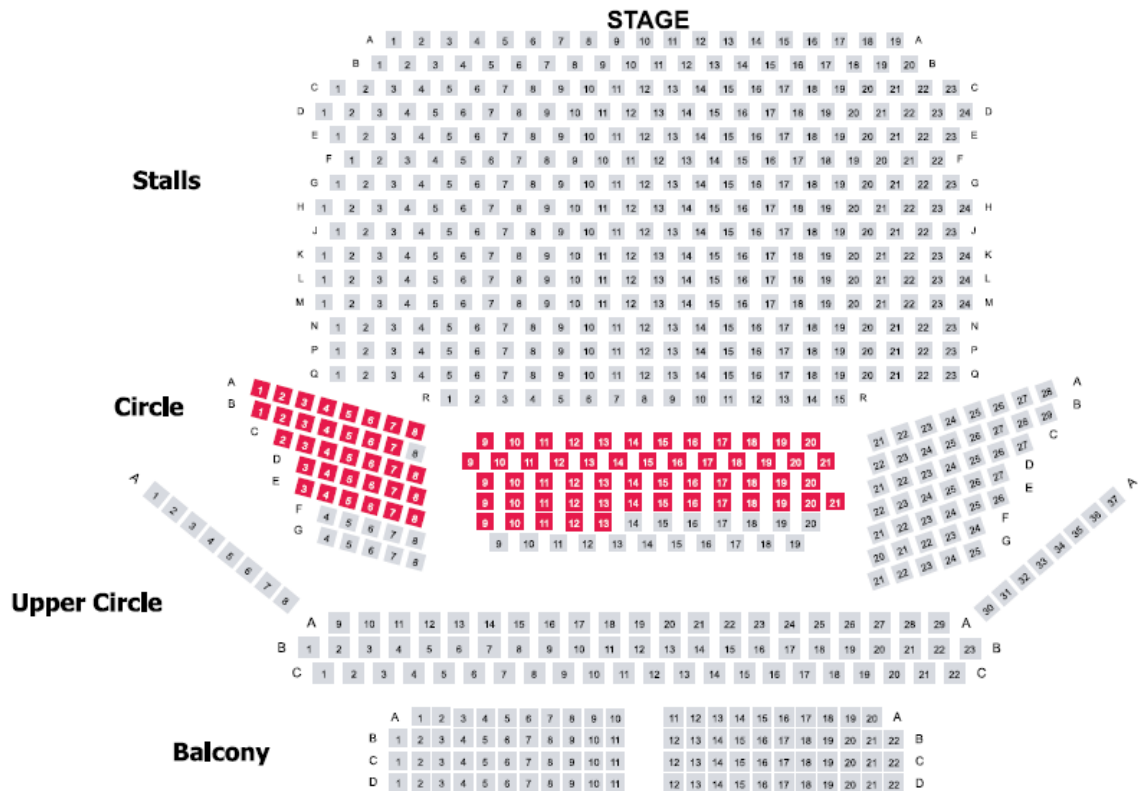
The auditorium needs to be clear as soon as possible to re-set for the next show. To help us achieve this, if children are using the toilets after the performance, please may we ask that you wait for them in the foyers rather than the auditorium.

Thank you for your cooperation and we hope you enjoy the show.

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Cinderella- The Everyman
 Theatre Pantomime 13/12/2019
 10:00

Capacity: 89



Hopelands Preparatory School,
 89 seats

A9-20, B9-21, C9-20, D9-21, E9-13
 Circle (Central)

A1-8, B1-7, C2-8, D3-8, E3-8
 Circle (Left)

 Wheelchair Seats

No Wheelchair Tickets