



Hopelands Preparatory School
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Newsletter 4th September



A warm welcome to all our families, new and old! It is so lovely to see the children return with smiles and hear their stories from the summer holidays. We are always amazed at how quick they adapt and their resilience shines through.

There is great excitement for the term ahead with lots of fun and engaging activities for the children. Next week, work starts on an art masterpiece which will have contributions from every child.... watch this space!

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Marling School Admissions Process

We have received confirmation from Marling that they have changed the date of the grammar school test. This means that for students hoping to join the school in September 2021, the test date has been moved from Saturday 12 September 2020 to Saturday 17 October 2020. The variation to their Admission Policy has been approved and can be found on their website at <https://www.marling.school/joining-us#admissions-policy> labelled "2021 Admissions Policy variation Aug 2020".



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Year 5 Electronic Board by Mrs Boix

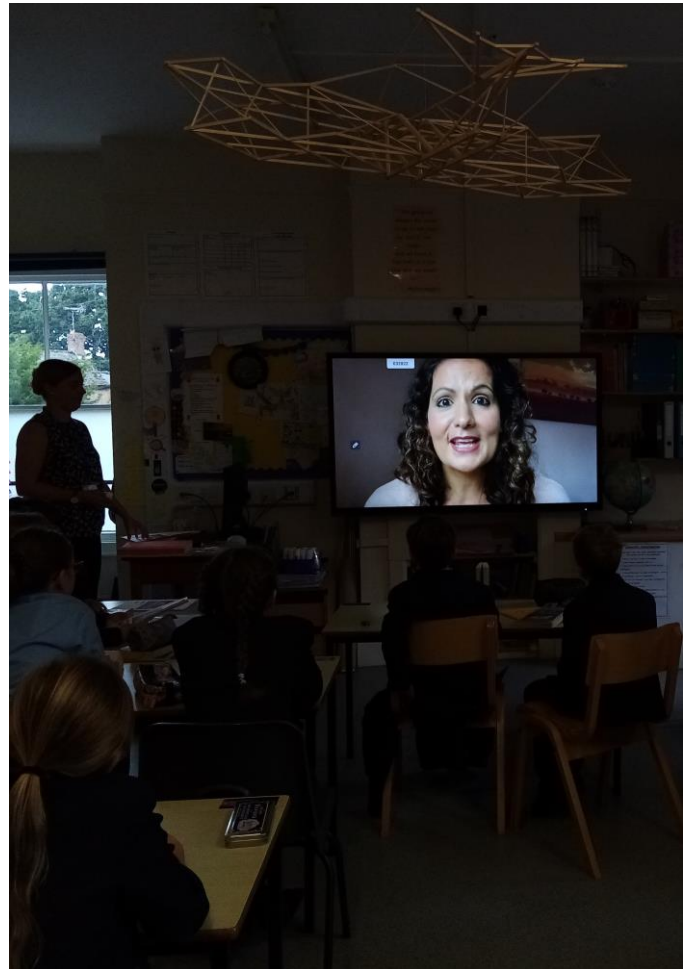
A billion thanks to Friends of Hopelands for the wonderful present to school this year. All the hard work they put in to organise fundraising events, and the support from the whole of our school community, has materialised in an electronic board for the Y5 classroom!

It was installed over the summer holidays and we are still in the process of figuring out how it works, which brings me memories of those early days on Microsoft Teams 😊

I am loving, for example, that children's work that is shared on the board can be captured for a later use, and how we can access files straight away from the board, how we can change the colour of the background and text to those that make the display friendlier for all...

We are in the process of organising training on the hundred functionalities it has, so more fun to come soon.

Thank you very, very much!



Reception Children

There is always great excitement here when the new reception children start. This year they started their first day by meeting at the play park. Miss O'Neill and Mrs Lord had great fun playing with them and friendships between the children were quickly formed. Afterwards there was a short walk to school where they all remained excited and any nerves quickly disappeared. Well done Reception! You have settled in beautifully and its lovely to see you all happy in school.

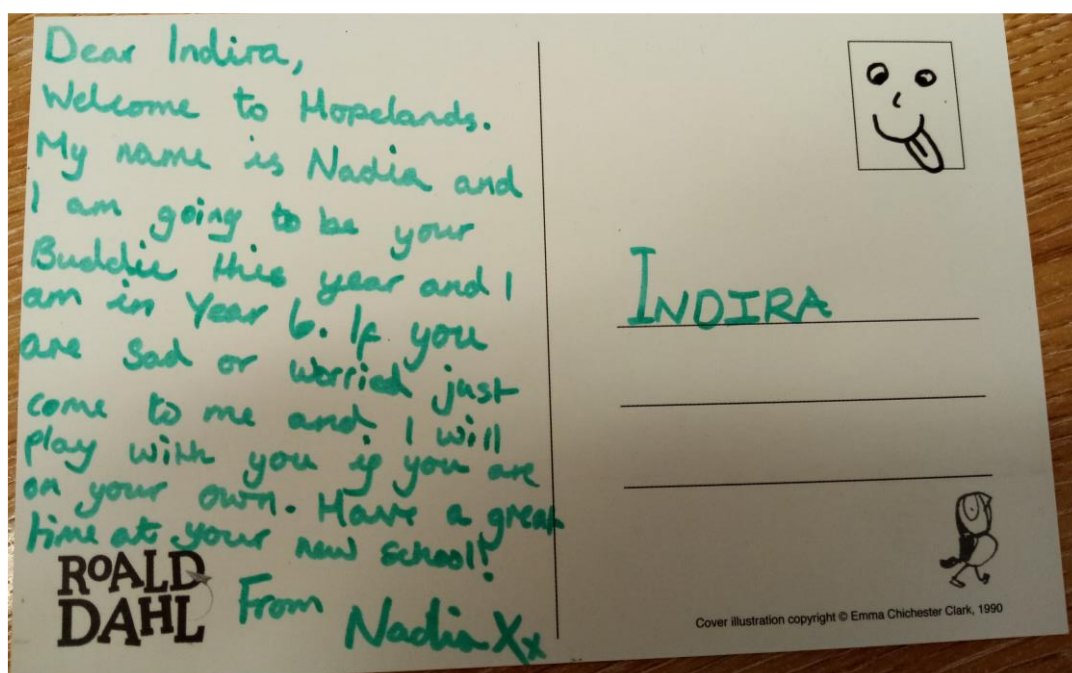
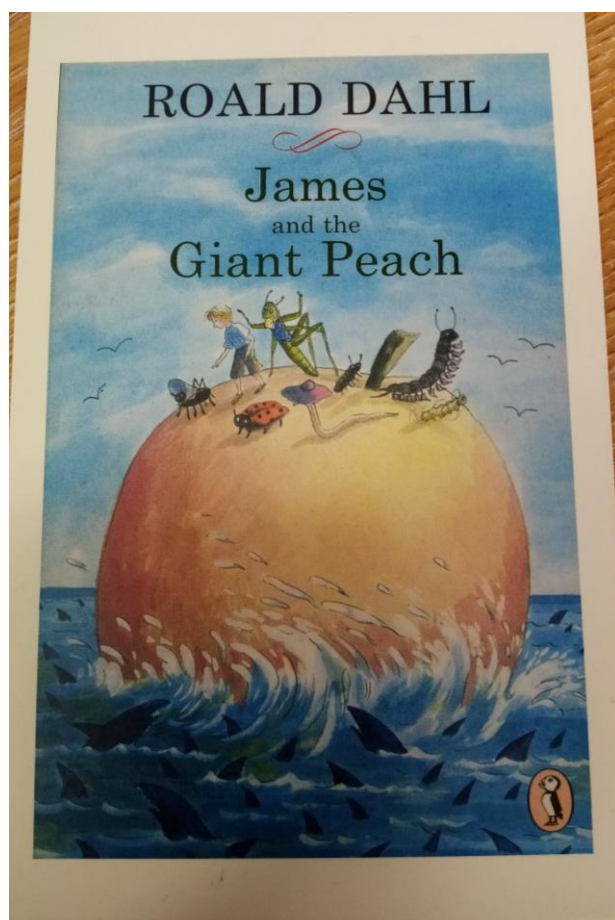


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Hopelands Buddy System

When the younger children start at Hopelands they are assigned a 'buddy' from Year 6. Their role is to nurture, provide support and encourage them outside of the lessons. Strong friendships are formed, and it is lovely to see them play together. This year we have had to do things differently as they are in separate key stage bubbles. Year 6 got together and asked if they could send postcards to their buddies – a fantastic idea and the new children were very excited to receive their surprise post!



Friends of Hopelands – a message from the new Chair

Jenni Bingham is the new chair of FOH. Jenni's son Beau is in Class 1 and has been here since Reception. Jenni takes over from Andy Harbottle who has been wonderful as chair and whose son is now in his last year of Hopelands, thank you Andy.

Friends of Hopelands is made up of a committee of parents working together to arrange a host of fun events for the children and to raise funds for the school. Most recently we have purchased a new smart board for the school. FOH are always happy to welcome new parents to join them, you can be as involved as you feel able, after all we all have busy lives.

We are still hoping to have the pantomime visit this year and more information will be forthcoming, it is a great way to end the term. We also have Lee-Anne Etherington on the committee who has lots of second-hand uniform at her house if parents require any, again all fund raised go to FOH.

With the recent pandemic we have been unable to host some of our planned events and I look forward to organising some exciting ones with the rest of the team on Friends of Hopelands.

If you have any questions please email Jenni at friendsofhopelands@yahoo.com. If you see me by school, please do come up and say hi.

LTA Tennis Academy

Please see the below for information regarding the local junior and adult tennis opportunities available with a LTA qualified 'Tennis Plus Academy' (www.tennis-plus.co.uk) coaching team at Stratford Park.

They are offering sessions in 8-week blocks with 4-6 players maximum in each class spread over 2 tennis courts adhering to the safety guidelines set out by the LTA (tennis national governing body).

LTA TENNIS FOR BRITAIN
AT STRATFORD PARK
Academy Classes
STROUD

4-6 players per class

CLASS:
BLUE - (RECEPTION - YEAR 1)
RED - (YEAR 2 & 3)
ORANGE - (YEAR 4 & 5)
GREEN - (YEAR 6 & 7)
YELLOW - (YEAR 8-13)
ADULT 1 - (BEGINNER)
ADULT 2 - (IMPROVER/ADVANCED)

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