



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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## Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> October

October	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Head's Tea Party – KS2
17 <sup>th</sup>	Grammar School Test
19 <sup>th</sup>	In House Cross Country - Berryfields
20 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival
22 <sup>nd</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term

- In this week:**
- A Mystery Gift
  - Wall Art
  - Cricket
  - Harvest Festival
  - Marathon

### Morning School Care

Please remember that morning school care needs to be booked via emailing the office by 2pm the day before. Please also indicate when you will be arriving.

If you have not received an email back confirming that you have been booked in by 5pm please call the school to confirm your space. Thank you.

### Lost Property

Rita in Year 2 is missing her PE tracksuit bottoms, we would be grateful if parents in KS1 could please check PE bags in case they have gone home in the wrong bag, thank you.

### Origami

There snakes are the fantastic creations which came out of origami club last week. Imagination, patience, teamwork, and creativity, it is always a joy to see the results.



### Christmas Cards

Please remember that the deadline for the Christmas cards is the 20<sup>th</sup> October, the collection box will be in the playground by the front door in the morning, thank you.

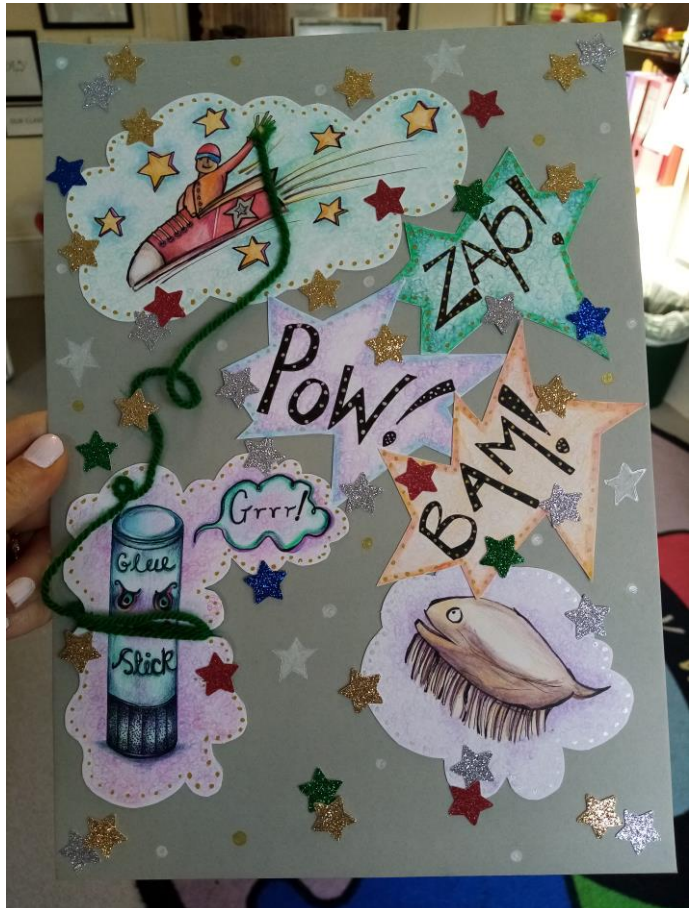


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## A Mystery Gift....

Class 2 had an exciting start to their day last Friday as they arrived to find a mystery present in their Quiet Garden. The only clue was the envelope which the children quickly noticed had a wax seal on so concluded it must be from the Queen!

Miss Cook played the part brilliantly and had all the children listening to her every word as she unveiled the beautiful hand drawn card from the one and only superhero.....Traction Man.

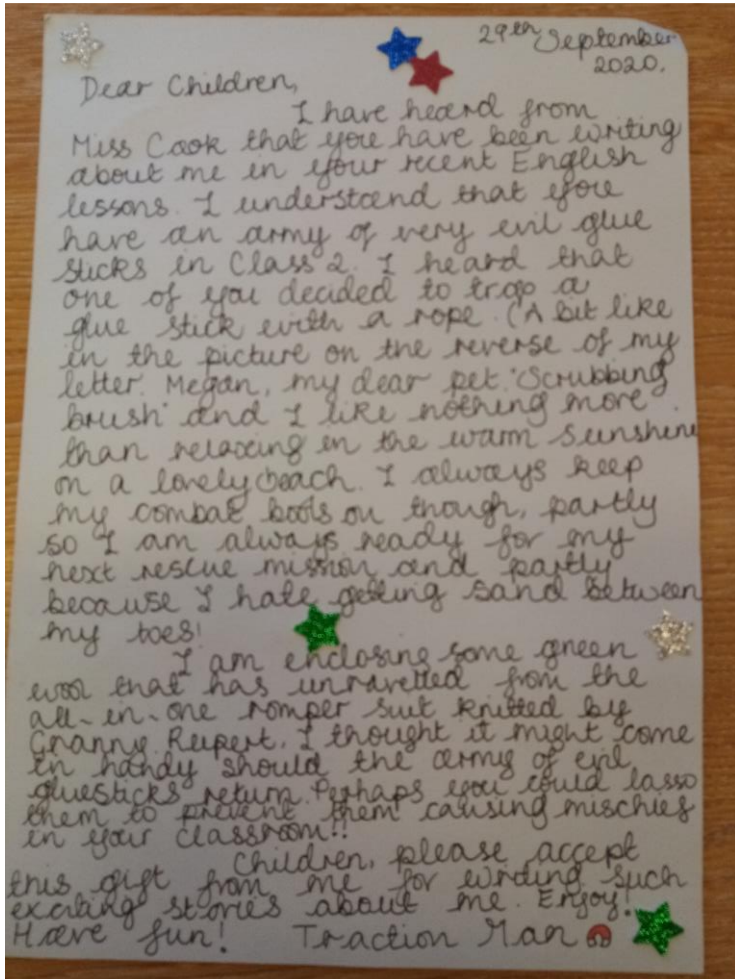




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The ribbon was cut and with great excitement the children discovered the tray was already filled with warm soapy water and toys.

A huge thank you to the wonderful Miss Cook, Miss O'Neill and Mrs Stick for creating such a fantastic mystery for the children.





## Wall Art

Over the last couple of weeks Miss White has been busy working her magic on the school building. With the help of the children she has totally transformed a brick wall into a visual feast! Each balloon represents a Hopelands pupil and has been painted in their favourite colour. The resulting piece has engaged pupils' curiosity, promoted wellbeing and created a fun and positive environment.

Well done Miss White, I am sure you will miss the many hours of painting balloons! Thank you also to our caretaker Mr Callaghan who spent a weekend preparing the wall and painting the white background, we are incredibly lucky to have such a fantastic team.





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## Cricket

Year 5 were perfecting their cricket skills on Monday, mini games were held showcasing the skills they have been learning in their lessons.



## Healthy Eating

Thank you for supporting and encouraging healthy eating with the children. Can we please remind everyone that the children should only be bringing in healthy snacks and water to drink.

## ISC Coronavirus Parent Survey 2020

Please note that the last date to complete this is **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. The link for anyone yet to do this is here:

<https://dataportal.isc.co.uk/ParentSurvey/Welcome.aspx?SurveyID=783364>

Thank you for your support with this.

## Harvest Festival by Miss White



It is that wonderful time of year again, when the trees turn to gold and the nights gradually draw in. Open fires are brushed down in readiness and the heating is back ON!

There are many poignant reminders that home is where we need to be at the moment, as we all snuggle up against the coming winter and enjoy being with our immediate families. On Tuesday the 20th of October we are welcoming Reverend Dave Bishop to the Sophie Hall for two very special Harvest Assemblies. As a school community we will give thanks for, and celebrate, what we have and the children will have the opportunity to reflect on what we can still do for one another as we prepare for the winter months ahead.

Stonehouse food bank has been in touch and asked us if we would be willing to collect donations for them again this year. We are very happy to be able to support them in any way we can, so please send your children into school with items from the list below on Monday the 19th, Tuesday the 20th and Wednesday the 21st of October.

With best wishes,

Miss White

### SHOPPING LIST

- BISCUITS/SNACKS SWEET OR SAVOURY
  - TOILET ROLL
  - UHT FRUIT JUICE
  - TINNED CUSTARD
  - RICE PUDDING
  - TINNED POTATOES
  - TINNED FRUIT
  - SMALL BAGS OF SUGAR
  - SHAMPOO
- 
- SHAVING KITS

### PLEASE DO NOT DONATE

- PASTA
  - TINNED TOMATOES
  - BEANS
  - SOUP
  - OUT OF DATE, DAMAGED OR OPENED ITEMS
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- FOOD THAT NEEDS TO BE REFRIGERATED OR FROZEN



## Marathon by Miss Walker

The children were bursting with marathon enthusiasm this week as we took on our first sporting house competition this year. It was fantastic to hear the children cheer each other on as they all participated, eager to run as many lengths of the playground as they could in the time given. The teachers had to be quick off the mark to tally up the lengths that the children were quickly clocking up and it was an extremely tight competition, particularly between the Year 5 and 6 classes. Well done to everyone for taking part and being such great sports. Many congratulations to all members of Fine, our first sporting house competition winners! Thank you to all staff for their help and cheering! I look forward to organising next term's house challenge.





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