



Newsletter 12th March

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Morning Drop Off

To remind you please note the following for dropping off your children in the morning:

8.30am Key Stage 2 enter school & siblings of Key Stage 2 line up in the playground. Mrs Coles will come and collect them and take them into the hall.

8.40am Key Stage 1 enter school.

Lost Property

Please look out for the following lost property items, thank you.

PE Polo Top – Agnes Morley

PE Polo Top & PE Jumper – Orla Scott

Parking

We have received several complaints from residents regarding the parking during school drop off and collection times. Can we please ask everyone to park considerately and safely. There are parking passes available for the Stonehouse Community Centre, please let the office know if you would like one.

These complaints have been escalated to Stonehouse Town Council who have informed the traffic wardens so they will become more prominent outside of school.

Thank you for your support with this.



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

Class 2 by Miss Cook

In the last week of lockdown, Class 2 were challenged with creating a bridge in their Design Technology lesson. It needed to be supportive, 50cm long, span between two tables and hold a 1kg weight. Children were able to use recycled materials and work either in groups or independently to fit the design brief. I was very impressed with the way they approached this task. Well done all!



Hopelands History

Hopelands was created from the vision of Mrs Murray-Browne in 1954. Married to the local Doctor and a mother of 4, she saw the need for an affordable local school which offered excellent education. Starting with just 15 pupils sat around their dining room table, the school was originally based at her house, The Mount, which is pictured below (building on the left). Years later the school moved into a building further up Regent Street and was renamed Hopelands.

We were delighted when a former pupil recently got in contact with us. John Tuffin attended the Mount from 1954-1956. He said it was a happy experience where he received a high standard of tuition and unlimited kindness. To discover more about the early days of Hopelands and gain a fascinating insight into the subjects taught in 1954 please read the below article on our website.

Memories from one of Hopelands first ever pupils!

If there are any parents or family members who used to attend Hopelands and would like to share their experience, please let us know as we would love to learn more about the history of Hopelands.



Hopelands History

From the fantastic photographs below are you able to spot one of our staff members?! A clue is she is very much loved by all, has amazing creativity skills and her infectious laughter and smile lights up the room! She is with her 2 brothers in the middle picture and also in the whole school photographs.



Dance

Dressed up in their World Book Day costumes the children had great fun in their dance lessons.



Weekly Countdown Challenge by Mrs Elmore

Every week Mrs Elmore sets the children in Year 6 a countdown challenge.... can you complete it?!

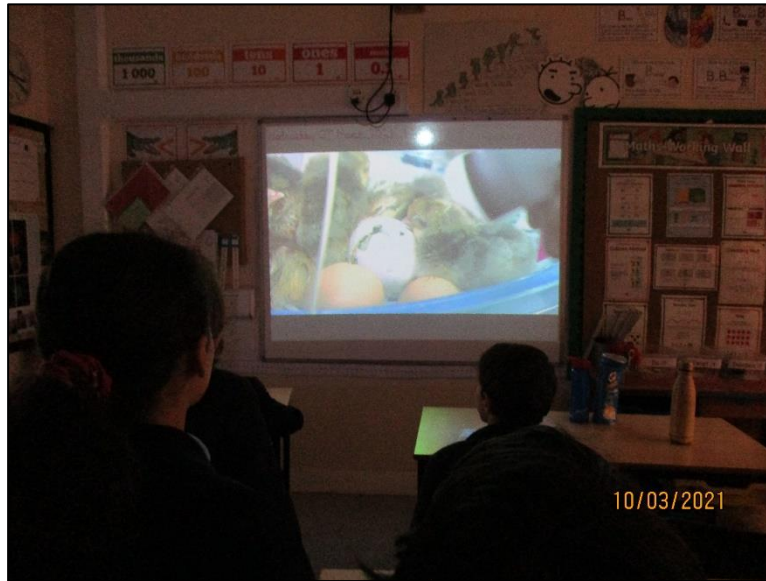
Challenge:

Use +, -, \times , \div to make either 742 or 535. You may only use the given numbers once; you may find you do not need them all.



Year 3 by Mr Rousell

To celebrate British Science Week, Year 3 tuned in to a live egg hatching stream provided by the NFU. It was egg-citing to watch the chicklets being born...



Class 2

We wish all the lovely Mums and Grandmothers a very happy Mother's Day! Beautiful handmade cards are on their way home from Class 2.



Active Challenge by Miss Walker

Atlas Games are running a fun active challenge with schools across Gloucestershire. For every active journey a child completes on their way to school, they will achieve 1 point. These points will then contribute to a school total. At the end of the week, we will submit the grand total to see if we have won against the school we are competing against, next week we are up against Oakridge!

Children are welcome to walk, jog, scoot or bike to school to achieve the points. If you drive to school, then please feel free to park further away so they can walk the last 5 mins. Each class will have a tally chart in their classroom so they can mark this when they get into school. Thank you for your support.

Step into School to help win the challenge!!

- **Walk to school to gain points for your class**
- **Each class' score will add towards the school's weekly total**
- **Your school will compete each week against a fellow Stroud school, can you beat them???**
- **Live too far to walk? Park up short of the school and walk to gain points or complete 5 mins of activity in the playground before school**



Wellbeing by Miss Cook

Welcome back to school! What a fantastic week we have had. This week we have been focusing on the transition back to school. We have had a series of assemblies on happiness and the children have taken yet another transition in their stride. We are so proud of them all.

The NSPCC encourages parents to talk about mental health and wellbeing with their children as something that is constantly changing, some days we might feel better or worse. The Calm Zone from Childline has lots of resources to help children manage their wellbeing and have strategies to help on days where worries can be overwhelming. These resources include breathing, yoga, expressing yourself, games and ways of coping. This can be a great place to visit with your child. <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>.

Sport Relief / Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who helped raise £105.65 last year for Sport Relief! This year Red Nose Day is on Friday 19th March and is for Comic relief. Please note this will be a mufti day so the children can wear their own clothes for the day for a donation of £1.



THANK YOU

SPORT RELIEF IT'S GAME ON

to everyone at
Hopelands Preparatory School
(AKA fundraising legends)

for raising an amazing
£105.65
for Sport Relief 2020

The money you raised will help people to live happier,
healthier, safer lives here in the UK and across the world.




Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill
Olympic and three-time World Champion Heptathlete

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