



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

Newsletter 24th September

Dates for your Diary

September 28th Space Day for Year 2, Superhero Day for Year 1 & EYFS Parents meeting at 6pm

October 4th Bikeability – Year 6

October 11th Mental Health Morning – Whole School

October 14th Harvest Festival, 2.15-3pm

October 21st to October 29th Half Term

November 16th – School Photographs (Individuals & Siblings)

In this week:

- Learning Walk
- Parent Governor
- PE
- Guitar
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Stonehouse Litter Pick
- Reception
- Congratulations!
- Christmas Card Competition

Lost Property

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

Pink/purple glasses - Florence

PE Polo Top – Anthony Tiptaft

School Coat – Arthur Crane

School Jumper – Arthur Lloyd

PE Coat – Juniper Cook

Reception 2022

Please let the office know if you are planning on enrolling your child for Reception September 2022. We have received a high number of children already registered so want to ensure we are able to prioritise places for siblings of current pupils who have not yet registered.

Please note this is only for the younger children who have not yet registered.

Thank you.

September 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

School Gate

Please remember to close the school gate when collecting your child/children after school. A couple of times this week the gate has been pegged back which causes serious safety concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Learning Walk by Mrs Bradburn

This week I visited the various classrooms to discover what exciting activities were taking place. It was great to see the varied teaching and learning that was taking place both inside the classrooms and outside on the playground. The warm weather did help but I couldn't help but notice how engaged the children were and how they were all on task in each lesson.

EYFS: As part of their maths lesson on sorting, the EYFS children were busy sorting a wide variety of objects into different colours or different sizes. Some were on the tables while others worked on the floor. This had followed a phonics lesson where the children were learning the letter i. I watched as they were told to trace, say down, flick and dot. The children then attempted to write this letter independently. They were very proud of themselves when they succeeded and so was I.

Year 1: In Year 1, the children were continuing their literature lesson based on the theme of Superheroes. They were transfixed listening to the story "Super Worm." I am looking forward to next Tuesday when they will be coming in dressed as Superheroes. They were looking forward to their science lesson later that day when they would be food tasting for their topic on Senses.

Year 2: The children in Year Two were engrossed in their guided reading activity. While Cillian was on Teams, a group of children were creating a narrative of an alien's day while another group were reading pages from "The Hedgehog" and answering questions based on the text. I remember the story well.

Year 3 /4: I visited the Year 3 and 4 children in the hall in the middle of their drama lesson. They were all seated in a circle with Miss Hill reading through the play "A Man for All Seasons" in preparation for casting. The play will be performed to parents as part of the end of term production.

Year 5: As the weather was so warm., Mrs Stevenson had taken the girls outside for their maths lesson on place value. This gave them the space to work on numbers to a million. They had to place themselves in order according to different criteria. After a little shuffling, they finally ordered themselves correctly.

Year 6: Year 6 were enjoying their PE lesson out at the back with Mr Kirby. The school had recently purchased two new balance benches and the children were demonstrating different types of jumps. This enabled the children to practise a new skill. I certainly admired their level of fitness and agility.

Inspirational Maths:

We have now come to the end of inspirational maths week. It was great to see the children working out of the box and looking for patterns in numbers. The feedback from the children was positive and quite a few commented on how their confidence in maths had grown.

CATS Test: (Cognitive Ability Test)

This is a test for children from Years 4 to 6 which they will sit next week. It assesses an individual's ability to reason with and manipulate different types of symbols. Three types of symbols play substantial roles in human thought:

- symbols representing words
- symbols representing quantities.
- Symbols representing spatial, geometric, or figural patterns.

The set of three scores obtained will give a profile showing the level and pattern of each pupil's abilities. These scores will be shared with you at parents' evening before half term.

Learning Walk by Mrs Bradburn

Welcome:

A warm welcome to Charlotte Wood who joined Reception this week. Watching her this week, it is very apparent she is already enjoying her first days.

Happy Announcements:

During the holidays, Mrs Hill informed me that she was pregnant with her first child - a boy. I am sure you will join me in wishing Lucy the very best for the remainder of her pregnancy. Subject to satisfactory safeguarding checks Mr Chris Stimpson-Machers will be replacing Lucy after the Christmas term for the duration of her maternity leave. Chris is a secondary trained drama teacher who is currently studying for a master's degree in English Literature with the Open University. Chris was Subject Leader of Performing Arts at Maidenhill School.

Miss Porter also returned to school with the exciting news that she had become engaged! She is obviously thrilled. We wish her and her future husband all the best for the future.

Parent Governor



Dear parents,

I would like to introduce myself to those who don't know me. I am the parent Governor at Hopelands, a position I have held for the past 7 years. My daughter Eva is in year 5, so I know or recognise many of the parents in KS2, but not so many of you in KS1.

I predominately ensure that the finance function and health & safety aspects of Hopelands are properly looked after. I do not generally get involved in the day-to-day operations of the school, however, if, as parents, you need a voice then you can talk to me confidentially and I can raise issues/concerns/compliments through the appropriate channels.

Please feel free to catch me in the playground if needed. Alternatively, my email address is tlbenson08@googlemail.com. All conversations will be treated as confidential, unless otherwise agreed.

Thanks all

Tina.

PE by Mr Kirby

Year 1 and 2 have been practising how to balance! We looked at focussing on a stationary object to help us keep still, how long we should aim to hold a balance for and on which body parts we can balance. They had fun exploring using their hands and feet (and a combination of these) to perform a balance. We also started talking about stretching our fingers and toes to make our balances even better.



Guitar

Last week the children were visited by one of the guitar teachers from Let's Play Music. He soon had them up on their feet singing George Ezra's Shotgun and it was fantastic to hear how loud they can sing!

If you would like to find out more about guitar lessons for your child/children, please speak to the office. The cost of 10 lessons across the term is £185 for 1:1 and £162.50 for 1:2.



Year 1 by Mrs Jobanputra

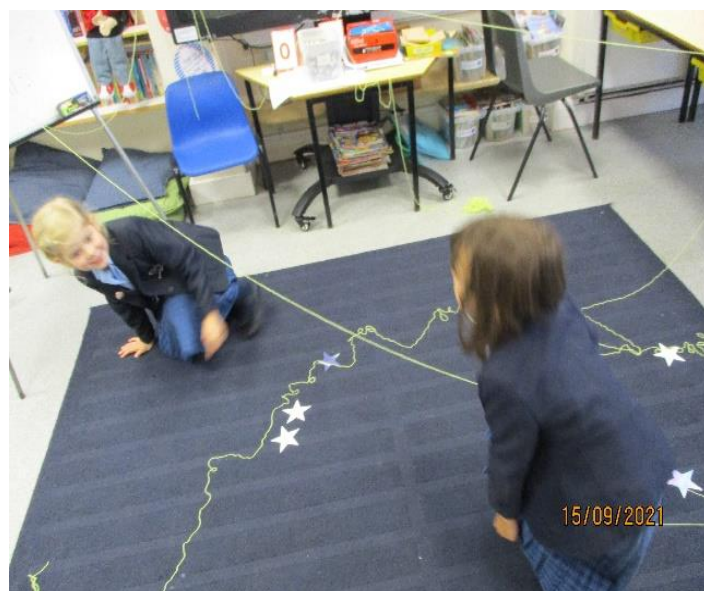
As part of our science learning on our senses, we have been putting our sense of taste to the test! We tasted different food that was sour, sweet, salty and bitter.



Year 2 Alien Invasion! By Miss Cook

Year 2 have had a weird and wonderful start to the year!

Imagine our surprise when we watched footage of an alien spaceship crash landing into our school on the first week back. A week later we had an alien break into our classroom and created a big mess!



Year 2 Alien Invasion! By Miss Cook

I am excited to share our amazing writing with you that we have created.

Mars

My alien's name is Mars. He has long ears and he is very funny and loves jokes so much. He sleeps in a big crater. Luckily, the moon is made of cheese. He grabs some cheese. Mars goes to lunch with his friend. It is a pink alien called Sally. When lunch is finished, Sally says goodbye to Mars. They go home and go to bed.
Indira

Wanted

Have you seen this alien? It crashed into our school. His colour is lime green. He has got googly eyes and pointy teeth. He has trumpet like ears!
Juniper

Spidey

This is a story about an alien called Spidey. He lives in a big, colorful crater. He eats moon rock for breakfast then he heads up off the crater to the dusty moon. When he is on the moon, he starts to drop sticky sweet packets all over the moon. For lunch he has some green, slime balls. After lunch, excited tourist spaceships come. Spidey goes to the nearest crater to hide. When the happy tourists are all gone, he walks home. Then he goes to sleep on his bed made from cheese.

Isla

Wanted

Have you seen this alien? He has bright orange and blue eyes. He has slime on him, and he has triangle-shaped, sharp teeth!
Joshua



Stonehouse Litter Pick

Well done to Holly and Jack who went out last Sunday on the Stonehouse litter pick, a fantastic act of kindness to your community. If you would like to take part in the next one which is due to take place in November, please speak to Mrs Smart, Holly and Jack's mum.



The Benefits of French

You may have seen on the school's social media pages a link to our latest blog, which looks at the benefits of learning French. For anyone who hasn't please see the below link.

<https://hopelands.org.uk/news-calendar/news-calendar/>

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Reception by Miss Hurley

The children in EYFS have started learning some of their single sounds. They have been having a fantastic time matching up items to the sound they start with and hearing single sounds within words.



Reception by Miss Hurley



The children have also been using numicon to explore number amounts.

In P.E Mr Kirby has been teaching about jumping, the children then discovered that the step to our outdoor area made the perfect jumping spot. They even threw in some twists and turns



Congratulations!

We were delighted to hear this week that Mel, who is the school cleaner, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy! He arrived earlier than expected but is doing really well. Introducing Harley, James, Anthony Gardiner – welcome to the world Harley!



Christmas Card Competition

We have received the below email from Siobhan Baillie, the MP for Stroud. If anyone would like to enter, please let us know as it would be lovely to see a picture before you send it, thank you.

I am holding a **competition to design this year's artwork for my Christmas cards**. I will be sending these cards both locally and nationally, including to the Prime Minister and The Queen. **8 winning designs** will be chosen and printed. All entrants will receive a card. I would like my Christmas cards for this year to showcase local artists, community groups, local photographers, and designs from local schools.

All entries must be on **A4 paper or card and can be landscape or portrait** – 3D entries will unfortunately not be suitable for printing purposes. **Entry deadline: 11th October 2021. Please include your full name, address, and age (if student) and whether you are applying as an artist, photographer, student, or constituent on the back of each entry.**

All entries should be sent to my Constituency Office in Stroud:
**54 Five Valleys Shopping Centre,
3 King Street,
Stroud,
GL5 3BS**

I look forward to receiving your entries and I wish you all good luck!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Siobhan".

Siobhan Baillie MP
Member of Parliament for Stroud
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