



Hopelands Preparatory School

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Newsletter 19th November

Dates for your Diary

- November 19th** Tag Rugby – Y3 & 4
- November 23rd** Spelling Bee
- November 24th** Stonehouse Pensioners Nativity
- November 24th** Tag Rugby – Y3 & 4
- November 26th** Friends of Hopelands Quiz
- November 29th** Wreath Making Workshop
- December 2nd** Flu Immunisation, R – Y6
- December 8th** Nativity – R/Y1/Y2, 4-4.30pm, school hall
- December 10th** Christmas Service, St Cyr's 2.15-3pm
- December 13th** Christmas Show – Y3/4/5/6, 2pm & 4pm in the school hall
- December 14th** The Jolly Postman!

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Families Magazine

Please see the below link to the current issue of Families:

[Families Gloucestershire Magazine Nov/Dec 2021](#)

The magazine features information about upcoming local activities for children as well as activities and information for families for the Christmas period.

Lost Property

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

Pink/purple glasses - Florence

PE Polo Top – Anthony Tiptaft

School Coat & navy woolly hat with rainbow strips – Arthur Crane

School Jumper – Arthur Lloyd

PE Coat – Juniper Cook

Navy cardigan (from disco) – Megan How

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Update from Mrs Bradburn

Anti-Bullying week:

Bullying is a serious issue that affects many children.

One of the most important things we can do to fight bullying is to raise awareness about it among all people involved in this process — parents, teachers, and children. It's also crucial for everyone to know what they should do if they witness or experience bullying.

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, an international organisation that aims to eliminate bullying from society. One of their main initiatives for this year's event has been Odd Socks Day which we took part in last Monday.

Kindness has never been more important than right now. It's a time where kindness can break down barriers and brighten the lives of those around us! That's why **'One Kind Word'** was chosen as the Anti-bullying week theme this year.

Anti-Bullying Week was started in 2005 and since then has grown into one of the biggest anti-bullying events in England with thousands of schools taking part each year. The idea behind this week is simple — bring together as many people as possible under one umbrella so that we can work together on this common problem and make our world a better place for everyone!

One word can change someone's day. One kind phrase, and it could be the difference between feeling hopeful for a moment or sinking into depression all day long- we should say "Hey" more often!

One gentle sentence spoken aloud has an astonishing power: It impacts us as much (if not more) than those around us; because once that person feels seen by us—and heard too—their mood improves exponentially.

The children were tasked at my assembly on Monday to try and say a kind word each day this week. I am delighted to say their response was amazing.

Nativity Wednesday 8th December

Already in your diaries will be the Nativity from the younger children. To make it easier for parents to attend, the venue has been moved to the school hall and will start promptly at 16:00. It is anticipated the concert will last about 30 minutes. We can safely seat approximately 64 parents in the hall which will enable **2 family members per child** to attend. There is no need to pre book for this event. Thank you for your support with this.

KS2 Concert Monday 13th December – **Please Pre-book**

The concert will be held on Monday 13th of December for KS2 parents. As the number of parents is greater than in KS1, we are putting on two performances, 14:00 to 15:30 and 16:00 to 17:30. We have 64 seats available for each performance which creates a need to prebook. Please note this will be limited to **2 family members per child**. In the spirit of fairness, this will be done on a first come basis, so please let Sam know which of the two performances you would prefer to attend by Thursday 25th November. If there are any spare seats, we will let you know. Many thanks.

NFER

Years 2 to 6 will be sitting their NFER tests week commencing the 29th November. As most of you will already know, we use the results to track the children's progress and inform our planning for next term. They are kept very low key, but we would appreciate it if the children are well rested over the weekend before. Thank you.

Clubs

On Weds 8th December, please note that both dance and music club will be cancelled.

On Mon 13th December, both drama and football club are cancelled. KS1 Cookery club will go ahead as normal.

After school care will run as normal - siblings of those children who are performing may attend after school care, free of charge.

We The Curious – by Miss Cook

On Wednesday 17th November, Reception, Year one and Year two visited We The Curious in Bristol for a space themed day!

Year 2 had a Space theme last term and Reception are currently looking at Space this term. The children had a great time looking around the different exhibits and then had a journey to space in the planetarium where they visited the moon, Jupiter, Saturn and even a black hole.

After lunch, they took part in a Space Explorers workshop where they built and launched rockets, chose the best material for a space suit and fixed a satellite! It was a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the fantastic parents who came to help us on the day.







Book Club by Mrs Boix



What a fantastic read, and what a wonderful discussion we had on Wednesday!

We were most impressed by the insightfulness of everyone at book club. We had a detailed and profound discussion on some of the themes the book brought up, such as tolerance, nature, friendship, love for the simple things, having preconceived ideas about places, things, or people, or being judgemental. We also commented on the beautiful scenes described in the book, the nature of the characters in the story and the engaging language used by Katya Balen. We were fortunate that Miss Porter had met the author and offered background knowledge that brought the story even more alive. We definitely recommend this book to everyone; it is a wonderful story of freedom, spontaneity, and wilderness, beautifully written, that we think can be enjoyed by all in Y4 and above.

Our next date is **1st December**, and we are reading:

When life gives you Mangoes
by Keren Getten



Remembrance Sunday by Miss White

It was a special privilege to share the Stonehouse Remembrance Sunday event with some of the children this year. They did a wonderful job representing Hopelands, and it was an opportunity for our Stonehouse community to come together again to reflect, remember and connect. The experience meant a great deal to our pupils and to the many people who were there.



Creative Club by Miss Cook

This week in Creative club we made pinecone decorations for the tree! Mrs Etherington kindly donated some Christmas supplies for us to use and we loved creating these hanging baubles to put on the tree!



Music Lessons by Mrs Powell

Please note there are a few piano and drum places available for children from KS2 to start lessons in January.

If anyone is interested, please email zpowell@hopelands.org.uk

Thank you.

Year 2 by Mrs Stevenson

Year 2 have been learning all about animals' habitats. Having learnt about habitats in danger around the world, this week we decided to have a look around Stonehouse to see what good and bad things there were locally if you were a little animal. The children explained how the main road could be dangerous to cross and also very noisy. They also thought parked cars might be dangerous for animals and people dropping cigarettes could cause fires. On the positive side, we found all sorts of great things that residents were doing for the local animals such as lots of bird boxes, a huge bug hotel, putting logs into flower beds and collecting rainwater. It was great to put our learning into practice and the children were extremely polite and sensible on the walk. Well done Year 2!



Friends of Hopelands Disco by Mrs Bingham

What a fantastic time we all had at the disco. FoH would like to thank the volunteers that helped, we were joined by non-committee members too which was great. Mrs Steger cooked 120 sausages!! Mrs Benson was her trusty sous chef. We are always looking for new members to join - so that these kinds of events can continue - so do get in touch should you wish to join in!!

The children all had lots of fun with Mr Bingham spinning the tunes and the snow machine from Snow Business was a hit too. Thanks to Orla in Year 6 for her help throughout the games. Thanks to Mrs Benson, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Chater as well as Mrs Jones and Mrs Bradburn.

Do continue to read the newsletter and keep up to date with future events for the children. We will have to be strict with deadlines in the future so please let us know asap if you wish your children to be included when events are released. We do a lot behind the scenes, risk assessments, ensure we have enough helpers with the adult to child ratio and of course purchasing food. Late requests for children to join in can impact on the organisation and we would be disappointed if we had to say no to a child.

The Christmas wreath making evening on Monday 29th November at school 7pm - 9 pm. Spaces are limited, and we only have a few left. The cost is £40 and includes a welcome drink and nibbles. Contact FOH.



Friends of Hopelands Disco by Mrs Bingham



Mrs J's Yoga challenge for all!

The children can learn a range of yoga poses in Mrs J's Yoga club, every Tuesday afterschool.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the office.

Mountain Pose

Tadasana



Benefits

Improves posture, strengthens core, muscles and legs.

- 1 Stand tall with your weight balanced evenly on your feet.
- 2 Firm your thigh muscles and pull in your tummy.
- 3 Press your shoulders back and hang your arms beside your torso.
- 4 Breathe deeply and hold as long as needed (at least two breaths).

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Mental Health by Miss Cook

Last Saturday it was World Kindness Day. While kindness is about inclusion, as adults, it is something that it is important that we model. Kindness is a skill that needs to be taught and it is something that is learnt through praising kind behaviour. By being kind we are empowering children to feel their own emotions and in turn becoming empathetic to other people's thoughts and feelings. When we teach our children to be kind, they can recognise things that feel unkind and are then able to speak to an adult about unkind behaviour.

Activities you could do for World Kindness Day...

1. Make a kindness cup - fill the cup with random acts of kindness for the child to pick from. Ask the child how they feel when they are performing these tasks, how does it make them feel and how do they think that it makes the other person feel?
2. Write a letter to somebody who has impacted their life to say thank you, or for somebody who needs some extra kindness. Tell them what they mean to you.

Christingle Service by Miss White

Please note there is a slight change to the timings of the Christingle service on Friday 10th December. It will start at 2.15 and finish at 3pm. We hope to see many of you there.

Call for Christingle Volunteers! It is nearly that wonderful time of year again and we need parent volunteers to be extra adults to walk the pupils to St Cyr's Church and back home again. Please email Miss White on jwhite@hopelands.org.uk if you can help.



Christmas Wreath Making Evening – Only 6 spaces left!



Where: Sophie Hall

When: Monday 29th November 2021

Time: 7pm – 9.30pm

Price: £40 per person

Welcome drink and nibbles on arrival

Please email friendsofhopelands@yahoo.com to book your place!

PANTOMIME – Please collect your tickets from Mrs Bingham, she will be in the school playground on:

Friday 19th 3.30

Mon 22nd 8:15 and 3.30

Thurs 25th 8:15 and 3.30