



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

Newsletter 26th November

Dates for your Diary

- November 29th** Wreath Making Workshop
- December 2nd** Flu Immunisation, R – Y6
- December 4th** Stonehouse Goodwill Day
- December 6th** Head's Tea Party
- December 6th** Year 5 & 6 girls Hockey match
- 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
- December 14th** Christmas lunch & The Jolly Postman!
- December 15th** Last Day of schools

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Clubs

Please note the following cancellations:

- 6th December – No football club
- 8th December – No dance or music club
- 13th December – No football or drama club
- 15th December – No dance or music club

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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School Information

The last few weeks of term are incredibly busy so as a reminder please note the following:

Wednesday 8th December - Nativity

The nativity is taking place in the school hall and will start promptly at 16:00. 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.

Friday 10th December – Christingle

The Christingle service is taking place at St Cyrs on Friday 10th 2.15 to 3pm. It would be lovely to see you all there.

Monday 13th December – KS2 Concert

The concert will be held on Monday 13th of December for KS2 parents. There will be two performances, 14:00 to 15:30 and 16:00 to 17:30. Please note this is limited to **2 family members per child**. Thank you to everyone who has already booked this, if you are yet to do so, please let the office know by Monday 29th November. After this date if there are any seats left, we will make them available for any other family members who may wish to come.

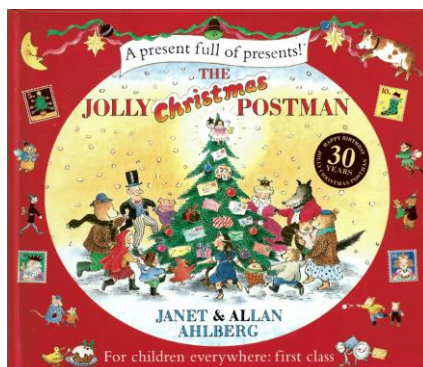
After school care will run as normal - siblings of those children who are performing the KS2 concert or the nativity may attend after school care, free of charge.

Tuesday 14th December – Jolly Postman Day, a note from Mrs Boix:

The Jolly Christmas Postman will be filling the air at our school on Tuesday 14th December.

Please may you come to school dressed in **non-uniform** and, if possible, like one of the characters in the story, or in the Christmassy spirit?

This will be an enrichment day, full learning activities inspired on Jane & Allan Ahlberg's Christmas classic, that we hope the children enjoy.



Wednesday December 15th – Last day of school

As previously agreed by Mrs Bradburn, the children attending the pantomime in Cheltenham, which has been organised by FOH, can leave school early to get to Cheltenham for 2pm. Lunch will served as normal at 12.10 so if you have booked a school lunch but you will now be taking your child out early, please email the office so that the lunch can be cancelled. For the children staying in school, we will be doing fun and games in the hall with Miss Porter and Mrs Boix. There will be no clubs on this day but after school will be available as normal. Please note this day will be a **non-uniform day**.

Update on travel to and from PE events - Mrs Jones

The children benefit hugely from participating in offsite sporting fixtures against other schools. To give your children as many opportunities as possible to have this experience, we would very much appreciate your help in getting your child to and from some matches if at all possible. Especially on those occasions where matches are held at a time when parents would like to come and watch in any case. However, having listened to recent parent feedback, we understand that making private travel arrangements for PE trips can be a cumbersome endeavour.

As you are aware, safeguarding prevents us from being accountable for the car share, at the same time we really appreciate your support, and we would like to ease the burden and work together to make it as easy and efficient as possible for all.

The trip letters going forward will therefore include options for you to offer transport (TO and/or FROM) which we will then co-ordinate for you on the basis that parents understand that where they transport their own child or agree for other parents/guardians to transport their child to and from events, they are responsible for their child's safety and suitability of the travel arrangements.

We thank you in advance for your help and we hope that this will ease the pressure on you having to arrange private transport going forward.

As with any new system, the proof is in the pudding. But please bear in mind, the children are at the heart of everything we do and the desired outcome here is to make as many opportunities as possible available to your children so they can benefit from all competitive sport has to offer.

Children in Need

It was great to see us in the Stroud News & Journal this week, thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need last Friday, we raised a grand total of £103.30!



First Aid Champions by Mrs Trebble

Year 5 have been learning about how to get help safely in an emergency, spreading kindness and how to help someone who needs first aid in a variety of scenarios. Most recently, the children have been testing out their knowledge and practising their coping skills as they have demonstrated how to check if someone is responsive and breathing. They have enjoyed putting their classmates into the recovery position and have been practising giving chest compressions on a mannequin.



Nativity by Mrs Powell

This week Reception, Y1 and Y2 walked up to the Community Centre to perform their Nativity to the Stonehouse Pensioners. They all did a brilliant job remembering their lines and songs. After a little refreshment, Y5 joined them and performed some Christmas carols and songs. Everyone enjoyed joining in with our hand jiving in our last song, Merry Christmas Everyone.





Head Pupils

Congratulations to the Head Pupils for this half term. Each half term the teaching staff select the pupils who encompass the Hopelands values of kindness, respect, ambition, and teamwork. Well done to both of you, you already are and continue to be fantastic ambassadors for the school!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the How family on their beautiful new baby! Introducing Emilia Rose How, who was born Saturday 20th November, at 3.37pm weighing 7lb 13oz. She is absolutely gorgeous, and we know Daniel and Megan will make fantastic older siblings, they have both been beaming in school all week!



PE by Mr Kirby

On Friday 19th November we took two teams to Berkhamstead as everyone in Class Four represented the school in a tag rugby match. The pupils were, understandably, extremely excited as they all wanted the ball and to be involved. Personally, I couldn't really ask for much more! The main difference between the two sides was Berkhamstead managed to grab our tags whereas, sometimes, we weren't quite close enough. In sport, a fingertip can make all the difference.

The pupils kept going and gave 100% with Finley, Emi, Jayden, Arthur and Megan all managing to score tries with smiles on their faces. The defensive lines were impressive as was our forward, direct running by the likes of Florence, Alan and Ethan. Auden, Gabriel and Dylan managed to support the play well; often being on hand to receive a pass. Toby and Beatrix showed great determination and ability to avoid tackles when they were in possession of the ball and Ava kept going right until the final whistle. Berkhamstead collected the ball in their half, avoided a tag and looked destined for the try line. However, Ava sprinted and stopped a certain try by making the opposition check back inside. Afterwards, Berkhamstead showered our pupils with lovely comments including, "How polite, happy and lovely the children are." They were a credit to the school.

By the time this report goes out, Class Four would have already played in a Tag Rugby Festival on Wednesday 24th November where they will look to improve their tagging and attacking formation. Keep an eye out for that report, too!

Well done, Hopelands!



PE by Mr Kirby



Primary Maths Challenge by Mrs Boix



Congratulations to those pupils in Y5 and Y6 who took part in the Primary Maths Challenge last week. This is a paper of 25 questions that are designed to be solved by logical reasoning and make children think outside the box, some of the questions being very challenging for 9 – 11 year old children! Well done to you all – **I am incredibly proud of your enthusiasm and determination.** Thank you!

If a **brave parent** wants to have a go, please do contact Mrs Boix who will happily facilitate a paper 😊.

Friends of Hopelands by Mrs Bingham

With over 70 pupils within Hopelands, we have a great opportunity to raise funds for the school without doing a thing. Easy fundraising is a safe and well-known way which enables you to donate to a cause of your choice whilst shopping online.

You create an account at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>. When you shop you go first to the easy fundraising page and go to your preferred retailer. Many retailers join in with this, i.e. John Lewis, M&S, Smyths etc. For each transaction you make to the retailer through easy fundraising they donate a percentage of the total cost to your cause. The school is registered as Friends of Hopelands Stonehouse. We currently have 24 supporters shopping this way and it would be great if we could double it.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask, it really is easy! And costs nothing 😊

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hopelands/>

Jenni - Chair of FoH

Art by Miss White

Y1 have shown off their amazing talents by designing, constructing, and colouring African masks. Some are almost as big as the children! Using thick cardboard, Y1 build up a relief design before painting the whole masks black. They then carefully selected soft pastel colours to add drama and impact - wow!



Art by Miss White



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.

Chair Pose

Utkatasana



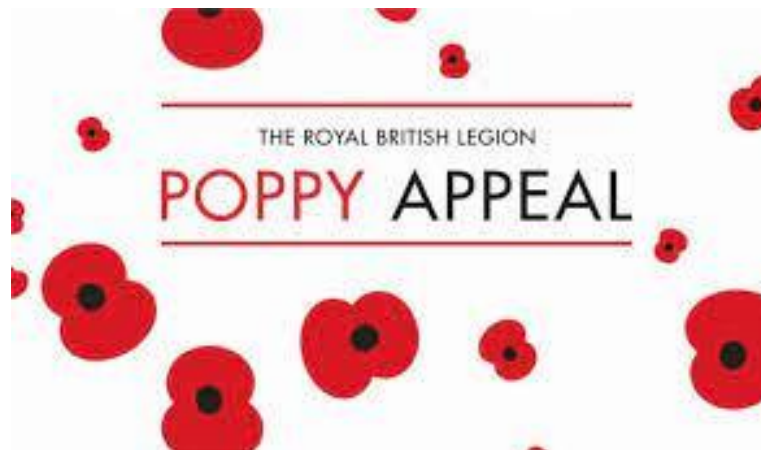
Benefits

Strengthens legs, stretches shoulders and chest.

- 1 Start in mountain pose. (Standing with your feet shoulder width apart and arms by your side.)
- 2 Exhale, and bend your knees as if you were sitting in a chair.
- 3 Reach your arms towards the ceiling with your palms facing each other.
- 4 Hold this pose and breathe.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who sent in money for this year's poppy appeal, a total of £157.99 was raised which is fantastic! A special thank you to the head pupils who did an amazing job taking the poppies round.



Christmas Wreath Making Evening – Only 2 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!

Last call for empty crisp packets!

The last day for sending in your empty crisp packets is next Tuesday, November 30th. They will then go to be made into blankets and sleeping bag liners for the homeless.

The collection box is in the school foyer, please can you wash them in soap and water before you donate as this will make it much easier for the charity.

Thank you for your support with this, it's a fantastic idea and its lovely to see Rowan in Year 5 supporting this.



Churches Together in Stonehouse
with Churches in Eastington, Standish & Haresfield

Messy Knit-i-vity **Sheep Trail**

From 1st Dec – Fri 24th Dec



The shepherds want to visit baby Jesus
but they've lost their sheep...



Can you help find them?

Collect your worksheets from any of our churches or on
Facebook and get searching.

Participating retailers:

Stonehouse:

Hurns Hardware

Wynn's Cafe

Delta 9

Mercy in Action

Daniels Hairdressers

The Flower Shop

This 'n That

All Pets & Garden Accessories

AC's Hairdressers

Naylor Powell

Wholefoods

Sourced in Stonehouse

Repair & Share

Library

Eastington:

Co-op

Eastington Farm Shop

Bond's Hairdressers

Broomhalls Butchers