



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

Newsletter 9th September

September			
14 th	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, 2 and 3
14 th	1 – 5pm	Hockey at Hatherop Castle	Y5 & 6 Girls
21 st	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, 2 and 3
28 th	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, 2 and 3
28 th	1 – 4.30pm	Hockey at Rendcomb	Y5 & 6 Girls
October			
3 rd – 6 th	Various	Bikeability	Y6
3 rd	TBC	Tag Rugby Festival at Hatherop Castle	Y3 and 4
5 th	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, 2 and 3
6 th	4pm start	Cross Country at Newlands, Bishops Cleeve	Y3, 4, 5 and 6
7 th	1.30 – 4.15pm	Tag Rugby at Berkhamstead School	Y3
12 th	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, 2 and 3
13 th	4.15pm start	Cross Country at St Edwards	Y3, 4, 5 and 6 boys
14 th	4.15pm start	Cross Country at St Edwards	Y3, 4, 5 and 6 girls
19 th	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, 2 and 3
19 th	TBC	STEM Day at Wycliffe	Y4, 5 and 6
Half Term			

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Welcome

Dear Parents,

We are deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and express our condolences on behalf of the Hopelands Prep School Community. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family at this difficult time.

Over the coming days we will, together with the children, commemorate her life and her historic reign. Please know that we are here to support any children who may feel they would like to talk to someone about this.

We would like to extend to you and your families a very warm welcome to the new academic year 2022/23 at Hopelands Prep. We especially welcome our new families along with our new member of staff, Mrs Lis Jones. Mrs Jones is the new Reception teacher and is also our new SENCo. We are also excited to welcome back Miss Hill, our drama teacher, from her maternity leave.

The autumn term has begun very well indeed, and it was exciting and heart-warming to see all the little, and big, smiley faces in the playground on Tuesday. Everyone, staff and children alike, have returned happy and in good shape (apart from a couple of broken limbs) - ready for a vibrant new term.

This week has seen our launch of our new timetable and with that our new day structure. All staff and children have embarked on this new chapter with a team spirit that can only be described as second to none and as always, is quite unique to our school. We are however most of all very impressed with your children's ability and resilience to adjust to this change. They have been curious, asked many valid questions, adapted to the new, shorter lessons and just rolled with the new individual learning (IL) program. And on top of that - two new headteachers to get your head round!

By way of a short reminder, our new day starts at 8:30am and finishes at 3:45pm. We now have 7 lessons, each 45 mins long, as well as a daily 30 minute IL slot where the children across year groups have the opportunity to experience further support, wellbeing or enrichment sessions. We have made an excellent start and will report back to you again in a couple of weeks.

Our value for this term is TRUST. This is an important value in our school as it is an essential element to ensure successful learning can take place. It teaches children to be honest, kind, to follow important rules and to look after things and keep promises. A trust culture and meaningful relationships are essential for creating an atmosphere where children learn best and where all adults can do a good job. Building trust is a process, it doesn't happen overnight. This term, the children will see this value embedded in a number of activities throughout the term including assemblies and an increased focus in PSHE lessons. This is a good opportunity for us to thank you for the trust you place in us.

Here's to a successful start to the autumn term! Please remember our door is always open should you wish to discuss anything with us.

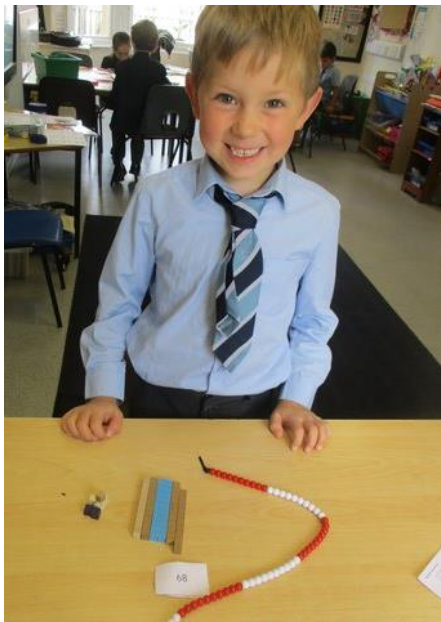
Sonja Jones & Maria Boix

Joint Headteachers



Year 2 by Miss Cook

In maths the children have been learning about the representation of numbers and how they can be shown in a myriad of ways. We have been focusing on numbers 1 to 100 and investigating at how we could show the tens and ones creatively. Creating a nurturing environment helps the children become independent young learners and I was really impressed at how they devised their own number representations.



Wellbeing by Miss Cook

I hope that your child/children have had an amazing start to the school year. I have really enjoyed seeing the smiling faces back in the school grounds and it always amazes me how much the children grow in the summer break!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to reintroduce myself as the Wellbeing Lead for Hopelands Prep. I am here for both staff and pupil wellbeing and I am also happy to support you, as parents, with any resources that you may find useful at home. Through the new individual learning slots, I have enjoyed running wellbeing sessions for a wide range of children and I believe that they have also enjoyed it!

If you think that your child could benefit from some more wellbeing resources or support, please contact myself, Mrs Boix or Mrs Jones and we will endeavour to support your child as much as they need.

Head Pupils

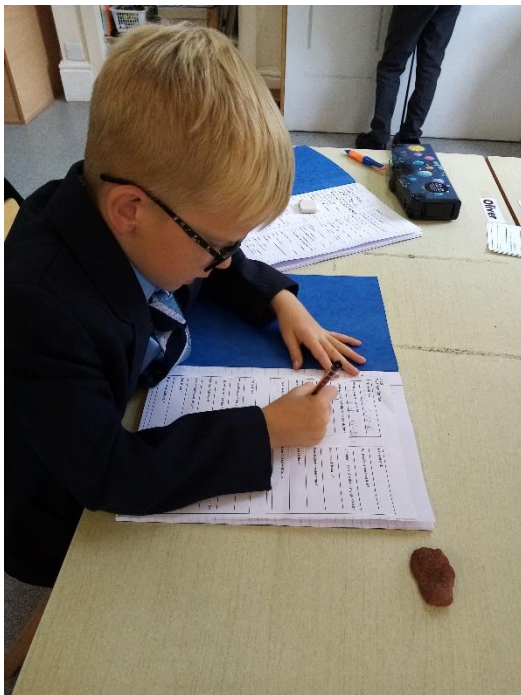


Congratulations to Hannah Safizadeh and Eva Benson for being awarded Head Pupils for the Autumn Term. The teaching staff all agreed that due to their consistent hard work, politeness, dedication to the school both inside and out, and kindness to the younger children, they both fully deserve this privilege and will be fantastic Hopelands Prep ambassadors. Well done girls!

Science by Mrs Stevenson

Year 3 got their 'Rocks and Soils' topic off to a practical start by investigating the characteristics of different rocks. The children worked independently to describe each rock and then test each sample to see whether they could scratch it, whether it absorbed water, whether it reacted with acid and whether it floated. We were amazed to find a rock that actually floats on water and learned that it was because of trapped bubbles of gas from erupting volcanoes!

As we got stuck in even more, everyone had a chance to explain how they would group the rocks into two or three different groups using higher order thinking skills to explain and justify their choices. A fantastic start to the term Year 3, I'm looking forward to continuing our science journey together!



Art and DT by Miss White

Kiki welcomed the Reception class to Art! As the smiling new pupils joined Miss White and Mrs Charles for Art this week, they were overjoyed to meet Kiki, the faithful husky who will take part in every Art lesson this term. The children enjoyed showing Kiki their work and having quick cuddles and they were delighted to have a new canine member of the team!



Y3 showed AMAZING sewing and memory skills in DT as they learnt how to thread needles, tie knots, and sew on buttons. This essential life skill has been mastered! Congratulations Y3 on your resilience, determination and creativity, and there will be many grown ups who will love your new sewing skills!



PE by Mr Kirby

Year 1 and 2 had a great start to PE this year practising their FUNdamental skills with various races. I was so pleased by how much they have improved over the summer, their resilience, confidence, and teamwork shone through. Every single child participated as we had a special warm up coach and referee!



Cookery Club by Mrs Powell

One of our most popular extracurricular clubs is cookery and this week the children had a brilliant time with fruit and oodles of chocolate! The children enjoyed working with all the different fruits and there were many discussions about which fruit skins could be eaten and which need to be peeled. Following a recipe, they made rainbow fruit kebabs drizzled with chocolate. I was very impressed with their teamwork, well done cookery club!



Reception by Mrs Jones

In Reception we have been busy getting to know each other and discovering what makes someone unique. This has led to some fantastic conversations and plenty of curious questions! Using paint, a mirror, and their artistic skills our youngest children had great fun on their self portraits which will soon be displayed in the classroom.



Summer Art

Inspired by their art lessons during the summer term some of the children extended their learning during the holidays and created amazing art using natural materials. We have loved seeing the pictures and are always super impressed with their creativity and artistic skills.

Rowan Allen:



Layla Griffiths:



Jasmine Blandford:



Notices

Flu Vaccine

Thank you to everyone who has given in their flu vaccine consent form, there are a few spare in the office if anyone needs one. Please note the flu vaccination is taking place on December 1st.

Nut Free School

A reminder that we are nut free school. Can we please ask that you do not send your child into school with any nut-based product for a snack or packed lunch. Potential allergens could include the following:

- Spreads, e.g., chocolate spread
- Cereal bars
- Some types of biscuit containing nuts
- Condiments, e.g., satay sauce
- Cakes containing nuts
- Some snack pots containing nuts
- Pesto

Thank you for your support with this.

School Meals & Light Tea

The menus for the school lunches and the light tea are available on the website:

[School Meals At Hopelands](#) | [Private School In Gloucestershire](#) | [Hopelands Preparatory School](#)

These are ordered in advance so please let the office know if you would like to book them.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Apart from cookery club there are still some spaces for the after school clubs. A list is attached with this newsletter, please let the office know if you would like your child/children to attend.

Message from Friends of Hopelands

There are some tickets left for the Pantomime at The Everyman Theatre on Thursday 15th at 2pm. The show is Dick Whittington with the ever cheeky and famous Tweedy. We have reserved great seats and tickets are £17. We are limited in number so it is a strictly first come first served to those who have paid first. Please pay by BACS:

Friends of Hopelands
Acct no: 01459545
Sort code: 30-98-29
Ref : Child name and class

Once you have made payment, please email friendsofhopelands@yahoo.com to confirm that the payment has gone through, the number of tickets and the child's name, thank you.



**Gloucestershire Constabulary and the
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

OPEN DAY

**Saturday 17 September 2022
10am - 3pm at Police HQ**

We invite you to join us for a free day of excitement, family fun and insight into how we police your county, including live demonstrations from the dog section and information on how you can work with us, for us and alongside us.

Also:

- There will be a great range of local food suppliers
- Fun dog show and children's fancy dress competition
- Dogs welcome but only outside (unless assistance dogs)
- Car parking nearby and onsite for those with disabled badges.

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