



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

Newsletter 7th October

October			
10 th	4pm	Phonics Meeting – Reception parents welcome	
12 th	1.30 – 4pm	Swimming at Westonbirt	Y1, 2 and 3
13 th	9 – 12pm	Forest School at Westonbirt	R, Y1 and Y2
13 th	4.15pm start	Cross Country at St Edwards	Y3, 4, 5 and 6 boys
14 th	8.40 – 9.00	Harvest Festival – Parents welcome	
14 th	4.15pm start	Cross Country at St Edwards (After School Sports Club Cancelled)	Y3, 4, 5 and 6 girls
17 th	8.30-11.30	Flu Immunisation – All Years	
19 th	9.00 – 9.20	Year 2 Assembly – Year 2 parents welcome	
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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Please keep an eye out for the following lost Property:

Book Bag – Anthony Tiptaft
School Coat – Joshua Wratten

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Message from the Headteachers

Dear Parents,

We are just bursting with excitement and energy following our busy heroes-themed Open Morning today. It was an absolute pleasure to welcome, to our lovely school, a number of prospective families and their children. They have thoroughly enjoyed the chance to meet our friendly and nurturing staff and talk to some of the children who, no doubt, have given their unique insights into life at Hopelands.

The icing on the cake however was to coincide our Open Morning with our very own celebration of National Grandparents Day. You will hear this first hand from your children but also see in this newsletter how truly special it was to open our doors to 32 wonderful grandparents, our pupils' very own heroes!

We cannot say it often enough, our core mission at Hopelands is to provide an excellent education through bespoke learning in a nurturing, family environment. Today we have been able to showcase exactly this - a strong whole school family ethos. Something we are very proud of here at Hopelands.

A key element to this nurturing ethos is promoting positive behaviour. Something very dear to our heart. We recognise that one key element to promoting this aim is to acknowledge the important part you as parents play to achieve this. We rely on your trust, open communication, support and cooperation, so these outcomes are achieved for our pupils. The culture at Hopelands must be one of support so your children can develop and grow into kind and decent people.

This newsletter update is not big enough to provide the full detail and we will be sending an additional letter to all parents outlining our firm commitment to promoting positive behaviour at Hopelands as part of several key elements and strategies that underpin our ethos.

Once again, we thank you for the trust you place in us. It is a pleasure and real privilege to be around your children every day and it is obvious how kind and well-mannered they all are. Something that was noticed by our visitors this morning, who spent just a couple of hours with us. We could not have been prouder of our pupils. They are the best ambassadors for our school.

Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Sonja Jones & Mrs Maria Boix

Joint Headteachers

Open Morning

What a fantastic open morning! The rain stayed away, and the school was filled with Superheroes!

A grand total of 49 visitors were warmly welcomed to our small and happy school.

The prospective families along with their children thoroughly enjoyed looking round the school, they all commented on how impressed they were with their tour guides, especially for their manners, enthusiasm, and passion for the school – well done tour guides!



We were blown away by all the grandparents who came to visit, it really was fantastic to see you, and the children loved showing you round. We hope you enjoyed your assembly!



Thank you for all the positive feedback and as many of you requested, we will invite grandparents in again!

“The children that showed us around were wonderful”

“All the children are so polite”

“My grandchild has flourished since starting at Hopelands”

“It is lovely seeing how much the children love their school”

“My grandchild’s confidence has grown since starting at Hopelands”

Alongside the visitors the open morning was focused on all Hopelands children to enter a world of mystery, adventure, and fascinating insight into the world of Superheroes. Below are some of the activities which have taken place today.

In Year 1 they were learning about inspirational people in the world and discussing who their own personal heroes are.



In art we were challenged to come up with our own hero and Daisy Etherington had the genius idea that trees are our 'Green Heroes'. Miss White ran with this idea, and everybody loved it, the children had a brilliant day bringing Daisy's idea to life.



Did you know.....reindeers have super vision, they are unique as they can see UV light which improves how they look for food and avoid any predators. The lyre bird can master sounds including a car alarm, a dog's bark and even a click of a camera shutter. Sea cucumbers can regenerate their own organs!

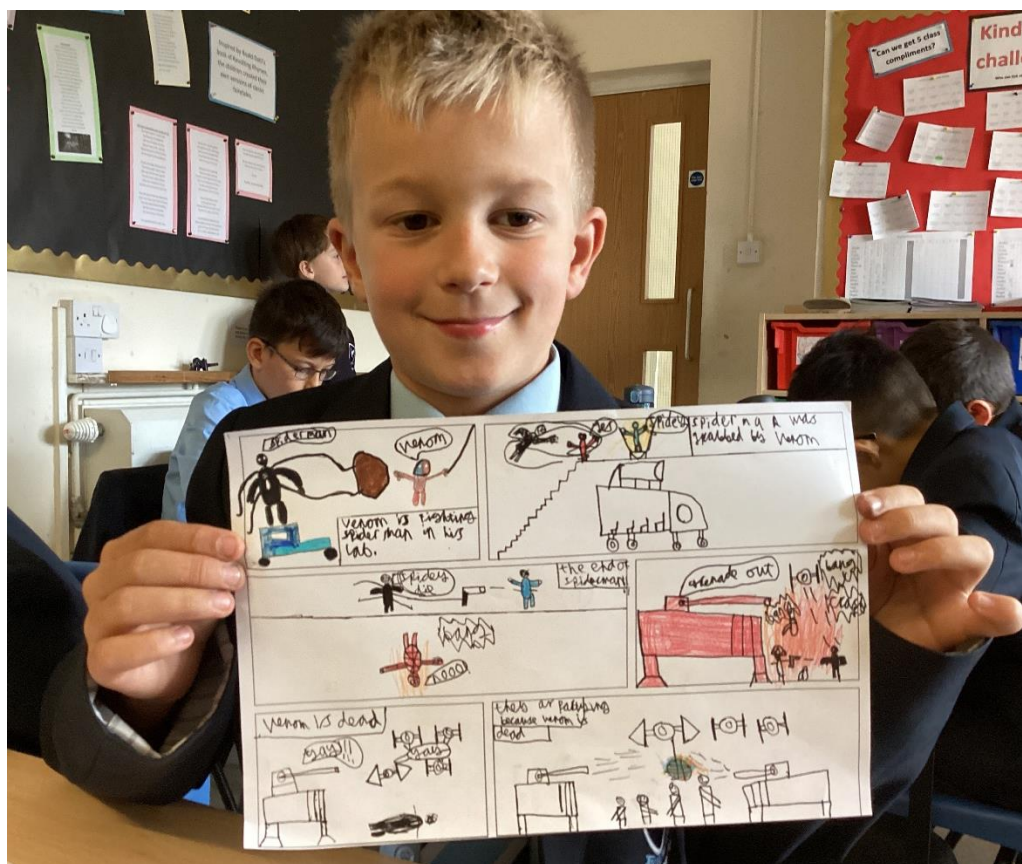
The children loved discovering the amazing and unusual abilities of a variety of animals and how these can be seen as superpowers.



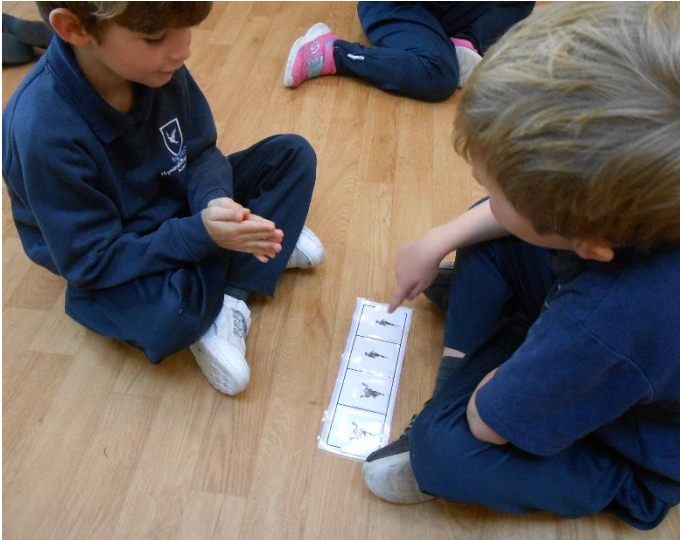
In science the children designed a vehicle suitable for a superhero – they used their knowledge of forces and counter forces and created vehicles with aerodynamic and hydrodynamic features, along with jet engines, pistons, and ejector seats!



In English they chose their own hero and wrote a comic strip based on their adventures. They were excited to discover that different shaped speech bubbles changed the way the words are spoken.



In music the children learned how to compose their own 4 beat rhythm patterns using superhero pictures. They worked in pairs deciding how to order their pictures and respected each other's decisions. The children then chose percussion instruments to play their patterns and perform to the class. We all learned about what an audience does to show their appreciation and gave each group a loud clap after they had performed their music.



Year 1 had great fun making superhero biscuits.



In Reception it was all about 'Supertato!'

Making jelly and then using their precision skills to save the hero beans from the evil jelly!



Using vegetables, they created their very own Supertato characters.



Reception by Mrs L Jones

Linked to anti bullying week, the children in EYFS have been thinking about what it means to be a good friend. We sorted pictures into groups that showed 'friendly' and 'unfriendly' behaviour and talked about how this would make us feel. We drew pictures of ourselves and our friends and said why they were special to us. Here are a few quotes used by the children during our discussion and below are a few pictures of the children demonstrating what good friends they are to each other.

"Good friends play nicely together."

"Good friends help each other if they are hurt."

"Good friends share toys."

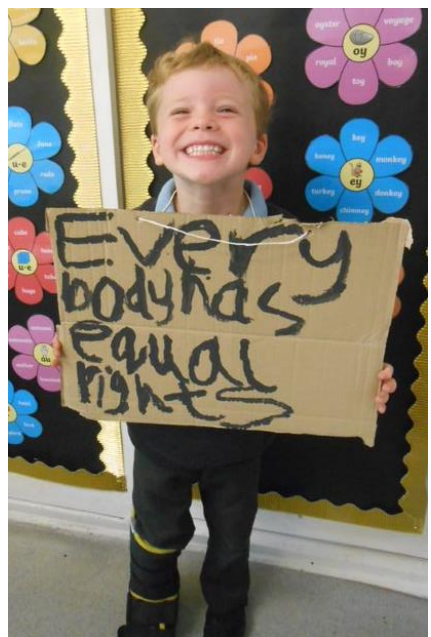
"Good friends use kind words and listen to each other."





Year 1 by Mrs Jobanputra

Year 1 have been learning about the significance of Black History Month this week. We have learned about some events in the past and why it is so important to celebrate this each year. Year 1 children had a lot of fun designing their own placards with very important phrases marking the importance of Black History Month. We have made lots of links between our messages and our Hopelands values and we found out that there are lots of similarities. We later went on a 'march' around school chanting our messages. Next week we will be learning about some significant people in the past and present including Rosa Parks and Marcus Rashford.



Year 2 by Mrs Trebble

Year 2 took part in the Harvest Live 2022 when they joined thousands of children across the UK in a live lesson to learn about what happens during a cereals harvest. They learned about the different parts of a plant and did a group activity to sort various fruit and vegetables into either seeds, stems, roots, fruit, leaves and flowers. We listened to a farmer explaining how wheat grows and saw a combine harvester in action. We joined in making our own actions for each stage of the combine harvester stage too. Following this, using rice to represent the chaff and pasta to represent the wheat seed, the children investigated the best ways of separating the materials. They loved using the stopwatches to race against the time!





Year 4 & 5 by Mrs Trebble

In their enrichment lessons this week, Year 4 and 5 learned about asthma. We thought about the parts of the body affected by asthma, as well as some triggers for asthma, such as pollen, animal fur, dust, smoke and exercise. Arthur shared his personal experience of asthma and what it feels like. He kindly showed his inhaler to the class and explained how and when he would use it. We looked at pictures of regular airways and asthmatic airways and made comparisons. We finished off the lesson by creating our own model of the lungs using paper and straws and breathed in and out to show how the lungs fill up with air.



Antibullying by Mrs Boix

Earlier in the week, we launched the antibullying campaign 2022 in preparation for antibullying week later in November. We watched the antibullying assembly with all KS2 children, where the importance of not being bystanders was stressed to pupils .

The theme this year is '**Reach-out: be the change you want to see**', which has offered us the chance to reinforce with our pupils the channels that they have access to, should they have worries or they witness unkindness.



Positive Postbox by Miss Cook

This week the whole school took part in the 'Big Anti-Bullying Assembly 2022' which is an assembly created in partnership with the Princess Diana Trust and Nationwide Building Society. The children learned about what bullying is, how it might make you feel and what we can do to stop it.

From this we decided to transform our Christmas Postbox into the 'Positive Postbox' where children can post kind messages and letters to members of the school community to spread kindness and positivity. For more information on the Diana award please visit: <https://www.antibullyingpro.com/>



Match Report by Mr Kirby

On Monday 3rd October, we were invited to a tag rugby festival at Hatherop Castle, and the children had a wonderful time. We took two teams who played numerous matches in an event based around fun and enjoying the sport. We won some matches, drew some and lost some with rugby being the winner.

Throughout the afternoon, Oliver scored numerous tries as he showed quick feet and body swerves to avoid his opponents. The same can be said for Arthur and Josh who linked up well, supporting each other at every opportunity. Megan did well to find the gaps when attacking and Bea was often on hand for a quick pass if and when Megan was tagged. Norah and Daisy grew into the festival and wanted to be more involved throughout the afternoon whilst Rupert and Cillian were congratulated for their mature play and following advice in lessons with support play and defending. Beau passed quickly when in possession and Rita and Isla were both patient in waiting their turns before looking dangerous when trying to avoid the opposition.

It was great to see Y4 pupils remember so much of what they learned last year and Y3 pupils put into practice the skills they have been taught this half-term. All pupils left the field with smiles and we would like to thank Hatherop Castle for a well organised festival of over sixteen teams from various local schools. Next up is Berkhamstead on Friday 7th October.



Cross Country by Mr Kirby

Well done to our 6 runners who ran in the first of four cross country races this year. The girls all ran extremely well against a large number of state and independent schools and they can be pleased with their positions. Next Friday, they will be tackling the course at St. Edward's and we wish them all luck.



Y5 Girls

Florence- 43rd

Emi- 18th



Y6 Girls

Hannah- 67th

Harriet- 48th

Eva- 64th

Ava- 37th

Gardening by Mrs Charles

After half term, with the children in my Individualised Learning session, we will be attempting to build a bug hotel! This will be a great experience for the children, they will learn about the natural environment, whilst also building physical and team skills. Once constructed, everyone will be able to watch our new 'Hopelands Hotel' residents! Insects need safe places all year round, but particularly in winter when they are at their most vulnerable

I have sourced a few wooden pallets which will form the main structure, but I would be grateful if any families could see if they had any of the following which they would be happy to donate. Thank you for your support with this.

- Small terracotta pots & broken terracotta pots
- Bits of pipes i.e., drainpipe off cuts
- Smaller plastic piping
- Straw (a shopping bag full)
- Old roof tiles
- Logs
- Bamboo canes
- Assortment of twigs & winter off cuts
- Bricks (the type with holes in them)



Thank you!

A huge thank you to Emi's Dad who came this week to tidy up the willow in Barret's Bloomers. The children love to sit under here and play games or read stories. Mr Huertas along with his friend and their expert helper, Emi, have made a fantastic job and we are all immensely grateful, thank you!



Harvest Cup of Kindness by Miss White

In the charity Individualised Learning slot this week we had the most wonderful time filling the cups of kindness, with much giggling as we tried to fit in as many treats as possible! Everybody was 100% on board with the task and the good wishes behind it, with pupils talking about how they thought the cups would be welcomed and why. A huge THANK YOU to the parents who made such wonderful donations.



Harvest Celebration by Miss White

We are starting a new tradition this year - our school Harvest Celebration to share with parents in the Sophie Hall. On Friday, October the 14th, we invite you all to stay a little longer after school drop off and share our celebrations from 8.40am to 9am. Pupils have prepared poems, performances, and a whole school song to share with you, and I hope you will be able to join us.



It's Harvest Time!

It is that special time of year when we celebrate Harvest through sharing what we can. Please donate items from the shopping list below and bring your donations to school, we will then pass them to Stonehouse food bank.

Together with our 'Cups of Kindness' I know we will do all we can to help our local community.

The food bank shopping list this year includes: cooking oil, pasta sauce, tinned meat, tinned soup and laundry liquid

Thank you!

Notices

Please see the below from Miss Porter:

Poetry Competition: Deadline for the Poetry Competition is Friday 14th October. The theme this year is: Environment. Entries can be emailed or handed in to Miss Porter

Halloween Short Story Competition: Deadline is 31st October. Stories should be no longer than a A4 page and entries can be emailed or handed in to Miss Porter in person.

From Friends of Hopelands:

Please note the books can be both children and adult books.



**BAKE
&
BOOK
sale**

Please help us to raise money for the school by baking your favourite treats and bringing in the books you no longer need.

Grab something sweet and find yourself something new and exciting to read. Any books we don't sell will be used to raise funds at a later date, so you don't need to worry about taking them home again. As for the cakes- we don't think there will be any left at the end of the day!

It's a **batch** made in heaven



**Monday 17th October
3:45pm**

Due to allergies we ask no nut products please