



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

Friday 6th July



This evening is the Friends of Hopelands Summer Social at 5:30 pm, we look forward to seeing you there.

Dance Club:

Please note Dance club is on next Thursday 12th July.

What is in this week:

- Prize Giving and Concert
- Sports day
- Friends of Hopelands
- Shrubberies dance show

School Lunches – next week we are on 'Week 3' on the Caterlink Menu



Prize Giving Ceremony and Concert

We all enjoyed a fantastic show and prize giving on Tuesday where the children amazed us with their singing, acting and dancing talents. The children work so hard all year and it is lovely to see the happiness on their faces when they come together on stage to celebrate everybody's successes over the last year.



Sports Day

The hosepipe sprinkled the nervous and excited children as they walked through the gate of Hopelands towards Berryfields. They were waving their red and white flags with Mrs Bradburn at the helm with the large Japanese Flag – everybody was excited for the 2018 Japanese inspired sports day.

Water was a theme of the afternoon, teachers with mist sprays and the super soaker for their classes and buckets of water, the soaked foam balls for the ladies' race and the water filled balloons for the men!

The atmosphere was electric with the children running 100m x the year of their class (Yr. 3 = 300m). Yr. 4 and 5 races being the most competitive with Daniel, Phoebe and Francis, Joe and Amy.

The volcano explosion by class one and Yr. 2 started the relay races with some wonderful forward rolls from some children that have always struggled with this concept well done Auden and Rowan and Hugo being new to this race and performed it excellently.

The Japanese tea ceremony using creative licence with a three-legged tie, frisbee and ball! Sumo suits for Yr. 4. Human table tennis bats for Yr. 5, and Yr. 6 creating a human fan with the competent hurdling technique of Be-atrice, Jemima, Oliver and Naomi.

Then came the real fun; the parents getting soaked, the screams of laughter from the children and the screams of shock from the parents. The ladies hitting soaked foam balls with a tennis racket - all the children have played this game at school so know what it feels like making it extra funny to watch.

The men's race didn't need any explanation with tears rolling down everyone's cheeks with laughter. This game has been played before but not with water! The sprinting to a balloon filled with water put up the shirt then running to burst on another team members chest with cold water down the front of both gents!

"Play with the parents" seemed to turn into one massive WATER FOAM ball fight with all parents and children that stayed behind. Thank you, Romaine for instigating this great fun - a spectacular event. A massive thank you to Alice Stevenson for picking up the bucket of water and putting it over my head greatly appreciated and so much fun!

The whole day had great music being played in between events e.g. Route 66 for the distance races, the ping pong song for the table tennis and during the play with parents to create a wonderful atmosphere!

I suppose I should mention that Dahl house won the trophy for sports day and that £65.50 was raised toward the high jump. With so much entertainment, laughter and with serious competition, in the events, I can't thank you ALL enough for helping create such a successful event.

Thank you very much to Dylan Evans for the fantastic photos.



Shrubberies Dance Show



Year 6 have spent the last few weeks attending Shrubberies in Stonehouse to help the children who attend the school learn a dance routine. On Thursday 28th June parents were invited in to watch them perform the show together. Well done Year 6!

Friends of Hopelands

Ice lollies

Friends of Hopelands would like to thank everyone for their support this year. Whether that's been attending events (children) or paying for them (parents!), we are very grateful. In order to say thank you, we will be giving every child an ice lolly **at the end of the day on Tuesday 10 July**. These will be given out at the gate to those leaving to go home, and at registration to those in after school care.

A big thank you...

... to all the people who baked or donated cakes for the leavers' tea on Tuesday: Sara Dave, Belinda Rawlinson (Georgia's grandmother), Gwen Atkinson (Jasmin's grandmother), Nick Jones, Lisa Miles, Meg Harper, Nicki Peters, Tabby Neville, Jo Kill, Liz Hasinski and Alison Ashcroft.

And it's goodbye from me...

I've written in a huge number of newsletters over the years, but this is the very last time I will do so. As you heard at prize giving, next Thursday I will be standing down from Friends of Hopelands after 9 years on the committee and 7 years as Chair. I would like to thank the FOH committee for all their hard work this year, and parents and children for supporting our events and buying second-hand uniform.

Just to clarify, as several people have asked me since prize giving - I'm leaving Friends of Hopelands, but not the school! I will still be doing morning and after-school care every day.

This is the end of a long era for me, but I hope you will continue to support Friends of Hopelands going forwards.

Thank you,

Charlie

Charlie Coles

Chair, Friends of Hopelands (for the next few days at least!)

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