



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

10th February 2017

Good afternoon Parents,

Lots to read today in our newsletter (three pages); mostly good things but I must draw your attention to the problems we are having with (too) early drop-offs and parking. Please can we ask you all to take care in the mornings. We have rearranged Prize-Giving to be on Tuesday 4th July (not Friday 7th) – all other details remain the same. Have a lovely half-term everyone.

Mrs Bradburn

SAVE THE DATE

WORLD BOOK DAY - Friday 3rd March 2017,

**END OF YEAR PRIZE-GIVING – Tuesday 4th July,
Stonehouse Court Hotel, 1.30pm**

YEAR 6 LEAVER'S ASSEMBLY – Friday 14th July 2017,
11am: Hopelands

Friends of Hopelands

Pizza and Popcorn Party – Friday 3rd March 2017

LOST PROPERTY

We have been made aware of the following items of
lost property

William Holder – school coat (unlined)

Items of lost property are kept in the plastic box on the
verandah of the outside classroom behind the Sophie Hall.

PARKING PROBLEMS

Earlier this week a parent came in to school to tell us that her daughter was nearly knocked over by a car (which was being driven by another parent) as she was crossing the road. We are aware that parking is always an issue for the school but could we please ask parents (again) not to park outside the school. We have arranged with the Community Centre that we can park there at the beginning and end of the day and we have parking permits in the office for those parents who do not have one. It really is not far to walk.

Mrs Bradburn

FEBRUARY

Monday 13th - Friday 17th February:
HALF-TERM

Monday 20th – Friday 24th February:
GLOBAL AWARENESS WEEK

Tuesday 21st February:
Swimming – Years 4-6
School Meal at an Indian Restaurant

Wednesday 22nd February:
Skillzone – Year 6 pm:

Thursday 23rd February:
Cross-Country at Tewkesbury – 3pm:

Tuesday 28th February:
Swimming – Years 4-6
Cross- Country at Stroud – pm:

MARCH

Wednesday 1st March:
Netball at Tewkesbury – 12.30pm:

Thursday 2nd March:
Cross-Country at Tewkesbury – 3pm:

Friday 3rd March:
WORLD BOOK DAY
Friends of Hopelands – Pizza and Popcorn Party

Monday 6th March:
Head's Tea Party – 2pm:
Parents' Evenings – Years 2, 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday 7th March:
Swimming – Years 4-6
Netball at Tewkesbury – 3pm
Parents' Evenings – Years 2, 3 and 5

Wednesday 8th March:
Parents' Evenings – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Friday 10th March:
Mock Trial – Year 6
Reception and Year 1 to Forest School – pm:

Monday 13th March:
Parents' Evening – Reception and Year 6

Tuesday 14th March:
Swimming – Years 4-6
Netball at Tewkesbury – 3pm



Hopelands Preparatory School pupils sponsor toilets in Cambodia, Central Africa Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, Liberia, Malawi, Pakistan and Uganda,

On Monday 6th February the pupils of Hopelands Preparatory School presented a huge, in every sense of the word, cheque to Carol and Harry Anderton of the charity Toilet Twinning. Each year the school nominates a single charity on which to focus their efforts to raise money. This year's charity was chosen by the members of the School Council as being particularly worthy. The pupils' main efforts were concentrated on the Annual Christmas Fair, a lively and fun event which even the Mayor of Stonehouse attended. Beautiful hampers, home-made crafts and a day of dressing in silly Christmas jumpers raised enough money to fund ELEVEN toilets in all – £660. Mrs Barbara Sands, Head of PSHE, said 'I am so proud of our pupils at Hopelands. The lack of sanitary facilities in villages and camps is a serious problem which can cost lives and which should be so simple to resolve. The money they have raised will make a world of difference to so many people'.

For each toilet sponsored the school received a framed certificate to hang around the school – in the toilets, where else – which mentions the exact location of 'our' latrines.



Morning School Care

Please be aware that morning school-care starts at **7.45am** each day. In order to keep all children safe and accounted for, we kindly ask that parents do **not** drop their children off before this time. This week alone there have been three instances of children being left unattended on school premises before 7.45am, and those staff who were already in school were unaware of their presence.

Parents must bring their children into the hall to ensure that they have been safely handed over to Mrs Coles and registered properly. We especially ask that parents do not just drop their children off on the pavement and ask them to walk in to school alone. Should anything happen to them staff would not know until the class registers are taken at 8.40am.

Morning school care is available every day from 7.45am until 8.30am at a cost of £3.25. No booking is required.

Mrs Bradburn

APRONS AT THE READY

Please could we ask all parents to ensure the children have their aprons in school for **all** art lessons - but especially the global awareness printing workshop sessions on Tuesday 21st and 28th February.

The children will be using printing ink which, though water based, is still a challenge to remove from clothing.

Mrs Barrett



REMINDER

UPDATED MEDICAL AND CONTACT FORMS

We will be sending out parental contact and medical information forms with this newsletter. Please could we ask that all families complete both forms (even if there is no change to your circumstances); there has been a small change to the medical form in the Consent to General Treatment and First Aid section. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Mrs Bradburn

FRIENDS OF HOPELANDS

Pizza, popcorn and pyjama party

Sophie Hall, Friday 3 March, 6.00 - 7.30pm

Thank you to those who have already paid for this event. This will be a fun evening where the children can watch several short films and eat pizza and popcorn with their friends. They can also wear their pyjamas if they wish! Cost is **£5 per child** to include all food and entertainment - they will not need any money on the night. **Deadline for payment is Wednesday 22 February** (just after we return from the half-term holiday). We absolutely must have final numbers and all money in by this date please.

Cash in labelled envelopes or cheques payable to Friends of Hopelands can be left in the red FOH mailbox (located on the wall to the right of the main school doors).

Please advise of any food allergies ASAP. Any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thanks

Charlie Coles

Chair, Friends of Hopelands

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