



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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

10th March 2017

Good afternoon Parents,

From the serious business of a court case – to the delights of an Indian Art Exhibition. In this newsletter you can read about both. Year 6 acquitted themselves extremely well in the Mock Trial competition, although an acquittal wasn't the verdict we were aiming for...Mrs Barrett's Art Display will be open for viewing the week after next – and don't forget the Charity Jumble Sale next week. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

*Mrs Bradburn*

## SAVE THE DATE

**CHARITY JUMBLE SALE** - Tuesday 14th March, 3.30-4.30pm in the Shelter outside Sophie Hall.

**EASTER SERVICE** – Monday 27th March 2017, St Joseph's Church, Stonehouse, 2pm

**SPORTS DAY** – Friday 30th June 2017, Berryfields, 1.30pm:

**END OF YEAR PRIZE-GIVING** – Tuesday 4th July 2017, Stonehouse Court Hotel, 1.30pm

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

**Friends of Hopelands**

## LOST PROPERTY

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

Sophie Hall-Tomkin – black ballet character shoes (labelled)

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

## FACEBOOK PAGE

As many of you have discovered, and liked – thank you, we have updated the school's Facebook page. In light of this we have also re-drafted the school Permission Form to include permission to use photos on our page. Please could we ask all families to fill in the form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Mrs Jones

## MARCH

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March:

Parents' Evening – Reception and Year 6

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March:

Swimming – Years 4-6

Netball at Tewkesbury – 3pm

Charity Jumble Sale – 3.30pm - Playground

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March:

Tag Rugby at Tewkesbury, 3pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March:

OPEN MORNING – 9.30am - Noon

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March:

Class 1 and reception on Farm visit

Indian Art Display in Sophie Hall

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:

Friends of Hopelands Easter Fair – 3.30pm

Indian Art Display in Sophie Hall

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March;

Fun Day for India

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March:

Kings School Science Challenge

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March:

Easter Service at St Joseph's, 2pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March:

Years 5 and 6 to Cheltenham Ladies' College pm:

LAST DAY OF TERM

Wednesday 29th March: - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

## APRIL

Spiritual Arts Display in the Sophie Hall

## MAY

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May:

Head's Tea Party

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:

Swimming – Years 1-3

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May:

Short Tennis Match – Years 3 and 4, Tewkesbury

## HOPELANDS PROSECUTE A COMPLEX ARSON CASE



This morning Year 6 took part in a mock trial court case at Ebley House. The class were acting as the prosecutors in the case of an alleged arson of a wheelie bin outside a newsagents in Cirencester.

After both prosecution and defence had been given the opportunity to examine and cross-examine both prosecution and defence witnesses accordingly - the 5 magistrates (including 2 of our own!) - found the defendant not guilty of setting the fire. The Chairman of the Court, Mrs Celia Hardwicke, said 'this had been a complex case, but although the prosecution have put forward a strong case, the evidence was not strong enough to convict'.

There were powerful performances from our prosecution lawyers, as well as some assured and composed deliveries from our witnesses – even under the skilled cross-examination from our opponents defence team.

A very big message of congratulations should go to all the class members who took part in the weeks before the trial. The questions they all worked on, the detailed drawings and court reporter exercises they practiced and their understanding of the workings of the judiciary all helped to prepare the whole form for the trial itself. I am extremely proud of the way Year 6 stepped up to the mark. Well done everyone.

Mrs Sands.



# INDIAN ART EXHIBITION 2017



Please come and share our work at the

'INDIAN ART EXHIBITION'

on TUESDAY MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>

at 8.00-8.25am

3.30-5.00pm

in the Sophie Hall





## Charity Jumble Sale Final Reminder

On Tuesday 14th March 3.30-4.30pm Hannah Luff (Year 3) will be running a Charity Jumble Sale in the shelter outside Sophie Hall. Hannah is concerned about the effects of climate change on the global environment and wants to raise money to help protect it for future generations. She came up with the idea of running a jumble sale after clearing out toys and books she no longer wanted from her bedroom.

A huge thank you to the parents and children of Hopelands who have so far also kindly donated items. All proceeds from the Jumble Sale will be matched by Hannah's Dad and donated to "Cool Earth" a charity that works with local communities to stop rainforest destruction in order to combat global warming and protect ecosystems. Please come along to support the good work of this charity.

Good quality books, toys, and bric-a-brac will be on sale with many items 25p/50p/£1. We will be happy to reserve items if you forget your money on the day!

For further information see [www.coolearth.org](http://www.coolearth.org).

Many thanks,

Zoja Luff

## FRIENDS OF HOPELANDS

### Would you like to join our Baking Team?

Friends of Hopelands has a small team of parents and grandparents who bake cakes and biscuits for our fundraising events. We urgently need to recruit more volunteers so that we are not always relying on the same lovely people!

If you would be willing to bake a dozen small cakes/biscuits a couple of times a year (or just as a one-off), then we would love to hear from you. You don't need to be a Mary Berry - rice krispie cakes are one of our biggest sellers, and whilst this is a purely voluntary job, you do get the satisfaction of seeing your cakes being scoffed in the playground in record time (by children and parents alike!)

If you would like to join our team, or have any questions, then please email me at: [saradave292@aol.com](mailto:saradave292@aol.com). Our next event will be the FOH Mini Easter Fair on Tuesday 21 March.

Thank you in advance!

Sara Dave

(Year 4 mum & FOH committee member)

### Pantomime

I know it's only March, but it's never too early to think about the pantomime! This year's matinee performance at The Everyman will be Dick Whittington on Thursday 14 December (the day after we break up for Christmas). Tickets will cost around £13 each. Let me know if you think you'd like to go - as always this will just be kept as an interest list for a few months, you won't need to commit to paying until September

Charlie Coles

Chair, Friends of Hopelands

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