



Hopelands Preparatory School

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

5th May 2017

Good afternoon Parents,

Well done, once again, to our fabulous Choir. They sang so sweetly at the Cheltenham Festival and I was immensely proud of them all. Next week Year 6 will be at Cheltenham for the Drama Festival too – we wish them all the best of luck. Some very interesting school trips are coming up now that the weather is finally warming up – a busy term for us all.

Mrs Bradburn

SAVE THE DATE

SCHOOL CONCERT – Tuesday 23rd May – Sophie Hall, after school

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

End of Term Disco – Friday 7th July, 6pm, Hopelands

LOST PROPERTY

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

None reported

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

MEETING

A reminder to all parents of Year 4 and 5 pupils that there will be a meeting led by Mr Peter Roberts on Tuesday 16th May at 4.30pm in the Sophie Hall to discuss Grammar school entry and other options. Please inform the office if you wish to attend.

MAY

Monday 8th May:

Head's Tea Party – 2.10pm

Tuesday 9th May:

Swimming – Years 1-3

Thursday 11th May:

Cheltenham Drama Festival –Year 6 – pm:

Friday 12th May:

Years 4 and 5 on Chocolate Day visit

Reception and Year 1 to the Forest School – pm:

Tuesday 16th May:

Swimming Gala – Years 1-3

Grammar School talk to Year 4 and 5 parents – 4.30pm:

Wednesday 17th May:

Year 6 to Archery at Tewkesbury – am:

Friday 19th May:

India Fund Raising, stalls and games

Tuesday 23rd May:

School Concert – Sophie Hall, 4pm:

Thursday 25th may:

Years 5 and 6 to Stratford Park, London – all day

Years 3 and 4 to The Kings School – pm:

Friday 26th May:

Reception and Year 1 to the Forest School – pm:

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June:

HALF - TERM

JUNE

Tuesday 6th June:

Swimming - Years 4 -6

Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th June:

Years 5 and 6 - PGL

Friday 9th June:

Football Skills – Key Stage 1 pupils – pm:

Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts

The School Choir performed beautifully at the Cheltenham Festival on Tuesday morning and both Mrs Ham and I were very proud of them all. They were the first on the stage but did not allow their nerves to get the better of them. The judge was very complimentary about our performance and we achieved a mark of 88, with Honours, which meant we came second overall. The judge commented on our beautifully well sung melodies and said "This is a school choir that really rose to the challenge" Saba Heard said 'Even though we didn't win it was an amazing experience and I really enjoyed it.' Thank you to all the parents who supported us.



The School's own Concert will be held on Tuesday 23rd May at 4pm. Could I ask that all those pupils who are performing - whether you have lessons at school or outside - choose which piece they would like to play; I will be asking them in lessons next week. Please note that the choir will be last to perform just after 5pm. If any parents have difficulties arriving by 4pm, or need to leave earlier than 5pm, please let me now. I shall endeavour to arrange the programme to allow for you to see your child play.

Mrs O'Dell

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Westonbirt school is hosting its' annual Picnic in the Park live music event on **Saturday 20th May** and would like to extend an invitation to your pupils and their families. Attached with this newsletter is a flyer outlining this lovely, fun family event.

There will be FREE Performance Workshops for children aged 7-12 years old from 10am-12pm which will include sessions in African Drumming, Samba Drumming, Storytelling and Singing. All children who participate in the workshops will then have the opportunity to perform on the Picnic in the Park marquee stage at 12.30pm. Following this there will be live bands on stage from 2pm until around 6pm.

Families are welcome to bring their own picnic and food will also be available to purchase. There will also be a bar, bouncy castle, face painting and a craft tent.

FRIENDS OF HOPELANDS

Summer disco

FOH will be holding a disco and barbecue for all children on **Friday 7 July**. This will be a fun evening event to round off the school year, and will include hotdogs cooked on the barbecue, dancing in the Sophie Hall, games on the lawn and face painting. Cost is **£6 per child** (to be paid in advance please) which includes food and unlimited drinks. Children won't need to bring any money with them on the night.

This event will start at 6pm and children should be collected between 7.45 and 8pm.

If your child(ren) would like to attend, could we please ask that you **pay by Wednesday 28 June**. As always, cheques payable to Friends of Hopelands or cash in labelled envelopes please. Payments can be left in the red mailbox on the wall to the right of the main school doors, and you can start to pay as soon as you wish!

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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