



Hopelands Preparatory School

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP – Bristol Hippodrome to see ‘Awful Auntie’ – Thursday 3rd May 2018

Friends of Hopelands

PIZZA AND POPCORN NIGHT – Friday 23rd February

LOST PROPERTY

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

Tracksuit bottoms – labelled Frankie Coles (these were on loan to Maria Lecumberri last term so they might have gone home with a Year 5 or 6 girl when the cloakroom got tidied..)

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

NEW SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

We have a new hot meal lunch menu for the Spring – attached with this newsletter. If you have already handed your choices to the office, but now wish to change them, please inform Mrs Eccles as soon as possible. Please note that the dates now correspond to our school timetable too – so next week Monday 15th is Week 3.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – January 12th 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY

Monday 15th	Head's Tea Party
Tuesday 16th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Friday 19th	Tewkesbury Swimming Gala
Tuesday 23rd	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Tuesday 30th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Wednesday 31st	Year 6 Netball, Wycliffe

FEBRUARY

Monday 5th	Head's Tea Party
Tuesday 6th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 Reception, Years 1 and 2 to Forest School Football at Tewkesbury – pm:
Thursday 8th	Cross-Country, Tewkesbury, 3pm
Friday 9th	Netball at Cheltenham College
Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February Half-Term	
Tuesday 20th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Thursday 22nd	Cross-Country, Tewkesbury, 3pm
Friday 23rd	Friends of Hopelands – Pizza and Popcorn Night – time tbc
Tuesday 27th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Wednesday 28th	Outreach visit from the Houses of Parliament to years 5 and 6



MISS EMER O'NEILL
GLAMOROUS NEW HEAD OF YEAR 3

Emer grew up in Belfast and has a big, close knit family. Indeed, she has 33 first cousins which means she is more than capable of dealing with Year 3, even at their most boisterous!

She first attended Queen's University Belfast, where she studied Geography, and later moved to Twickenham, where she completed her Primary PGCE (her links to Twickenham do not, however, mean she can get any Gloucester rugby fans priority tickets to matches..)

Emer says that she loves to sing – although the office staff have yet to hear evidence of this echoing down the corridor – and has a passion for all arts, crafts and design.

Miss O'Neill would like to say a huge thank you to everyone at Hopelands, staff, children and parents, for the lovely warm welcome she has received in her first few weeks here - she already feels like part of the Hopelands family and is looking forward to many happy years here.

Touché a moi



Wycliffe are offering Fencing lessons for 9-10 weeks on Thursdays at Wycliffe - 6.45-8.15 pm. The cost is £50 to include all equipment and coaching. Please contact directly Shaun Garley at Shaun.garley@wycliffe.co.uk, - not Mrs Eccles (Bronze Award Foil since you ask).



Well...The morning was plagued with misfortunes before the event even took place. Stonehouse was at a near standstill with traffic queuing from all major and minor roads - causing even more mayhem than usual.

As a result we were delayed arriving at Dursley pool by thirty minutes and this meant time was at a premium so we could only really have one race per year group. The overall winners were DAHL followed by FINE and finally ROWLING (although I think the results might have been a little different if the full gala had taken place – don't tell Dahl).

Still, the children enjoyed themselves and the revised schedule meant that the much loved raft race, which in past years hasn't taken place, was back on the timetable. As always, everyone had a great time, voices were screamed hoarse and the winners gloated only a little!!

Mrs Lord



YOUNG VOICES 2018

Once again Mrs O'Dell has done a fantastic job in pulling together a fabulous group of singers to take part in the Young Voices Schools Concert at Birmingham. Singing along with thousands of other children, as well as soul singer Natalie Williams and the acappella/beatbox group The M4GNETS, Hopelands raised the roof and ripped their voices.... The children all enjoyed themselves despite a long day and evening and enjoyed performing alongside dance sensation group Urban Strides.



Don't know who this gate-crasher is? Obviously trying to duck out of the photo...



The 'Before' photo to the right shows them outside the showground – and raring to go. Mrs O'Dell does not have a photo showing them at 10.30pm though..



Friends of Hopelands

Pizza, Popcorn and Pyjama Party

We can now confirm that our Pizza, Popcorn and Pyjama Party will take place on **Friday 23 February from 5pm til 6.30pm** in the Sophie Hall.

Cost is **£6 per child, payable by Friday 16 February at the latest** please. This will include slices of Margherita pizza, a carton of drink, popcorn and some Haribo. In addition, we will be showing a variety of short films on the big screen in the hall. The children can wear their pyjamas if they wish, but home clothes, school uniform, PE kit etc are all fine if that's what they'd prefer!

After-school care will be running as normal from 3.30pm til 5.30pm. Those children in after-school care also attending the pizza night will be taken over to the hall at 5pm by a member of staff.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch using the email address below.

Thanks
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