



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

Flint Neville – PE sweatshirt and school coat – both labelled

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

Two watches have been found – they are in the office

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – January 19th 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY

Tuesday 23 rd	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
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Tuesday 30 th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
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Wednesday 31 st	Year 6 Netball, Wycliffe
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FEBRUARY

Monday 5 th	Head's Tea Party
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Tuesday 6 th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 Reception, Years 1 and 2 to Forest School Football at Tewkesbury – pm:
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Thursday 8 th	Cross-Country, Tewkesbury, 3pm
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Friday 9 th	Netball at Cheltenham College
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Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February
Half-Term

Tuesday 20 th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
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Thursday 22 nd	Cross-Country, Tewkesbury, 3pm
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Friday 23 rd	Friends of Hopelands – Pizza and Popcorn Night – time tbc
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Tuesday 27 th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
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Wednesday 28 th	Outreach visit from the Houses of Parliament to years 5 and 6
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MARCH

Thursday 1 st	Cross-Country, Tewkesbury, 3pm
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Friday 2 nd	Open Morning 9am – 12 noon
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Monday 5 th	Head's Tea Party
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Tuesday 6 th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
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Friday 9 th	Year 6 Mock Trial competition – am; Year 6 girls – Netball, Cheltenham College – pm:
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Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	GLOBAL AWARENESS WEEK
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MRS MICHELE ECCLES
INTERNATIONAL SUPERMODEL,
MAGISTRATE, EX-DEPUTY MAYOR AND
SOME - TIME SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs Eccles joined the school in 2010 after a career spanning such diverse occupations as WRAF officer cadet, shop-owner, Harrods beauty salon receptionist, statistical analyst at the London Stock Exchange, Business Administrator at Reuters and press officer for the Royal International Air Tattoo.

After now spending the past 23 years in Gloucestershire her genuine Cockney London accent has been thoroughly knocked out of her (although several years of elocution lessons, may also have helped).

Her time in Cirencester was also passed by raising her voice on the Town Council (for which she received a passing, faintly derogatory, mention in Private Eye) and running the Magistrates in the Community project (for which she was received a National Community Award). Her time running the County Twins Club brought to her notice that there were (at that time) more twins being born in Gloucestershire than anywhere else in Europe (something which, had she known it beforehand, would have prompted her to move to anywhere else but here).

Her old bones now being unable to scuba-dive or undertake European motorbiking holidays, Mrs Eccles plans to start working towards her MA in September but will fill her spare hours between then and now learning both Italian and how to play a keyboard – possibly at the same time.
Ciao.

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Warning - This article may contain some items of 'Fake News'

SWIMMING GLORY FOR HOPELANDS HEROES



Today our team of star swimmers, Grace Dann-Pastor, Jemima Ramsden, Beatrice Morley, Amy Jones, Phoebe Smart and Ellie Flaxman achieved something never before done at Hopelands – they won the District Swimming Gala; beating 7 other schools in the process. A Gold medal was awarded to each of the swimmers.

In all the heats our girls came either first or second - and then did the same again in the finals in every race bar two. In the overall Relay Canon (in which each girl swam) the girls won by more than one entire length! This shows that the team had great depth (no pun intended) in both speed and stamina.

Three of the girls also came top in the 'Smallest Splash' competition – so obviously all that ballet and dance practice is paying dividends too.

Today was a great result for our talented and hard-working swimmers and we are all immensely proud of their efforts. A big 'thank you' too should also go to all the parents whose continued support has helped to achieve this result.

Mrs McQillan

TUESDAY MORNINGS SCHOOL CARE ARRANGEMENTS

Could we remind all parents that on Tuesday (swimming day) mornings school care is free for siblings of those children who are going swimmingbut only after 8.15 am: Prior to that time any child – whether they are swimming or not – who is registered with morning care will be charged the registration fee of £3.65. Parents should remain with their children until the school bell goes if they are not in morning care.

Friends of Hopelands

Pizza, popcorn and pyjama party

Friday 23 February, 5 - 6.30pm

Thank you to those who have paid already. If your child(ren) would like to come to this fun event, 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.

Second-hand uniform

Although we've sold quite a lot recently, we still have a huge number of girls' blouses - £3 each, lots of summer dresses - £4 each and quite a few kilts - £15 each. There's also quite a bit of small PE kit up to age 7-8.

January sale!

Many of you will remember that a couple of years ago we produced a lovely cook book, featuring recipes and photos submitted by children and staff. These were sold for £7.50 each or 3 for £20 at the time. We have some left and in a special 'FOH January sale' we'd like to offer these keepsake books for £2 each. If anyone would like to have a look before buying, I'll put one on the small table in the foyer next to the year books. Please don't take this copy away with you - if you'd like one, just let me know.

Thanks
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