



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – November 3rd 2017

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>  
November – Change of Date**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
December, 1.30pm, Stonehouse Court Hotel

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December,  
2pm, Hopelands

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December, 2pm St Cyr's Church

**WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP – Bristol  
Hippodrome to see 'Awful Auntie' –  
Thursday 3rd May 2018**

#### Friends of Hopelands

HALLOWEEN – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November,  
Hopelands

PANTOMINE – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December,  
Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham

### LOST PROPERTY

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

Phoebe Smart – school jumper - labelled

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

### NOVEMBER

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Head's Tea Party
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of Hopelands Halloween Event – 3.30
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parliament Week David Drew MP to visit school
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6 Recep:/year 1 and 2 to the Forest School Football at Tewkesbury
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	School to sing carols at the Community Centre
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair in school

### DECEMBER

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Goodwill Concert in Stonehouse
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Head's Tea Party
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Years 3, 5 and 6
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert – 1.30pm, Stonehouse Hotel
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair – 3pm – 6pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service – 2pm, St Cyr's LAST DAY OF TERM

### JANUARY

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SCHOOL STARTS Please note: There will be no hot lunches available this week.
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**MRS JACKY McQUILLAN  
SPORTING SUPERSTAR**

Mrs McQuillan joined the school in 2004 (and much prefers teaching at Hopelands to the British Elite squad at Birmingham University - and all those other expensive local colleges she's coached at). She teaches 187 different sports (at least) and produces winners in them all! Jacky has represented England in High Jump and County Level netball and squash for many years. She still plays squash – (on a tennis court, where are those side walls?) - at a questionable (?) level.

Spending so much time outside also means she has developed the ability to wear shorts for even further into the winter than our local postman, she hopes her legs are not as hairy?!

Mrs McQuillan's vices are a chronic dependency on strong coffee and dark chocolate. She can also be found loitering around her outdoor market buying industrial quantities of fruit.

Her ambitions are to buy a fruit farm (or anywhere, really) in the South of France (although her teaching of the 'cat walk' in a French lesson will always be remembered by year 4 – not well) and master the complex games of dodgeball against class one (when they are less than one metre away) and Twister after a hip replacement!!



Individual (and with siblings) School Photos.  
**THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER.**  
**STILL** in time for Christmas !

**999 – Hopelands To the Rescue**

On Tuesday, Year 2 brought their PSHE learning about 'What to do in an emergency' to a close with a visit to Skillzone in Gloucester. They toured The Village and learned how to stay safe at home, when crossing the road, when using a bus, at the building site, on the farm and on the riverbank. The electricity sub-station was particularly shocking (sorry!) and the children jumped out of their skins when Stuart their guide put his hand through the railings to retrieve a football, cause a terrific bang and flash of light.



Mike, the Chief Guide, complimented the children on their behaviour - the best behaved school group EVER!

Mrs Sands



**ZZZZZZ.....** Mrs Thomas incorporated Mindful Breathing in her assembly about Mindfulness on Wednesday. She was very impressed with the mature way the children engaged (see right) and hopes they can take what they have learned to help them relax in stressful situations.

## THE GREAT HOPELANDS CAKE OFF



To celebrate the final of Channel 4's Great British Bake Off, Hopelands Preparatory School ran their own competition to find the school's Best Baker. With a 'Technical Challenge' presenting a Halloween Themed Victoria Sponge cake 32 future baking stars submitted their creations for judging. Each pupil paid £1 to enter with the proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Our own local celebrity Head Judge – Nicky Massey\* who owns and runs Mrs Massey's Delicious Diner at Frampton (having previously supplied her own preserves and pickles to Fortnum and Masons) - was tasked with the almost impossible job of choosing a winner. "I watched the Bake Off last night and I truly believe any one of these cakes could have been entered into the final".

Our second judge Mrs Claire Lord, Hopelands Teaching Assistant and Cookery Club leader who organised the competition and is herself a cake decoration artist said, "I am absolutely overwhelmed by the high-standard of baking and the wonderfully innovative ways in which the cakes have all been decorated. Cooking is a life-skill which should not be under-estimated, and I am extremely grateful to all the parents for their support" Head of PSHE, Mrs Barbara Sands, agreed saying "It's wonderful to see children taking an interest and getting involved with where food comes from and how their favourite snacks are made.... not necessarily Aisle 7 at the supermarket!"

There were four prizes. First prize for the cake which was judged to have most closely followed the brief and which scored highly in both design and taste went to Tabitha Robbins from Year 5. Second prize, for the cake judged to be the most delicious out of all the bakes went to Phoebe Smart, also in in Year 5. The third prize went to Alice Stevenson in year 6 for her fabulous Witches' Hat. And the fourth prize, for style and fun, went to Rowen Allen in Year 1. The first three winners each received a cook book and the fourth prize was a set of speciality cookie cutters.

Mrs Sheila Bradburn, Headteacher, declared her delight in the children's enthusiasm "The determination of the pupils to do their best and take pride in their work, whatever it is, is what makes Hopelands special. I am so very proud of them all"

After the judging some of the cakes were sold off to parents and children, either by slice or entire – albeit with just a little bit missing from each one.

Nicky's final comments summed up the whole event. "I am so privileged to have been asked to judge this competition. All too often we hear of children filling up on junk food or taking no interest in what they eat. Today we have seen just how creative and talented our future young chefs can be. Every one of the entrants should give themselves a big pat on the back".

\* <http://www.mrsmasseysdeliciousdiner.com/>



## Friends of Hopelands

### **30 Club**

Thank you to all those who have joined this week. A couple of you have yet to pay - could you please do so ASAP. I will send out emails giving your numbers over the weekend and the first draw will take place next week.

### **Spooktacular**

We now have final numbers and it looks like it's going to be a great evening! Parents of all those attending should have had an email giving further details - if you haven't received this, please let me know.

Thanks

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