



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Hetty Simpson – PE bag and entire kit !  
 Natalie or Francesca Pearse – school jumper  
 Sophie Hall-Tomkin – PE Tracksuit bottoms  
 Phoebe Smart – school jumper (lost after Dance yesterday)

### FOUND

Small corgi dog keyring dressed as a King with a Buckingham Palace coin around its neck

items of lost property are kept in the plastic box on the verandah of the outside classroom

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – October 20th 2017

### OCTOBER

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Half Term

Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6 Year 2 visit to SkillZone
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### NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Great Hopelands Bake Off (watch this space)
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Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Head's Tea Party
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Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
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Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parliament Week David Drew MP to visit school
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Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
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Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Individual School Photos
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Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6 Recep:/year 1 and 2 to the Forest School Football at Tewkesbury
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Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
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Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair in school
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### DECEMBER

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Years 3, 5 and 6
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Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Concert – 1.30pm
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Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair – 3pm – 6pm
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Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service – 2pm, St Cyr's LAST DAY OF TERM
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**MRS LIZZIE O'DELL  
HEAD OF MUSIC, RECORDER TEACHER  
EXTRORDINAIRE**

Mrs O'Dell joined the school so long ago that even she can't remember not working here. On the few days when she is not in school Mrs O'Dell likes to spend time on the golf course at Minchinhampton (not the one with the cows and the roaming donkeys as she doesn't like large bovines unless on a plate – nor fishing around for lost golf balls up there!). She can also be found sitting in local tea shops catching up with friends and trying not to eat a second slice of cake.

She loves, walking, listening to music, gardening and singing with her local village community choir, which she says is good for her soul.

A little known fact about Mrs O'Dell is that she is a renowned local hamster whisperer.



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



Secret message written on the inside of a cigarette packet .... shhhh

On Tuesday, Years 2 and 6 spent an absorbing day at the GWR Steam Railway Museum at Winchcombe Station. In full WW2 dress, they enjoyed a full day experiencing something of what it was like to be an evacuee in 1940. The day included handling artefacts, singing WW2 songs outside the station accompanied by a banjo and accordion. The children listened and chatted to 80 year old evacuees who shared their experiences, put out incendiary bombs using a stirrup pump, were summoned to an air raid shelter to sit out a bombing raid by German planes and a doodlebug. They ate their lunch on a steam train and caught a German spy. The weather was warm and sunny and the experience was memorable.

## SPORTS PAGE

The results of this half terms cross country races have been issued and Hopelands' girls are equal top of the leader board. What a great result! This includes small and large schools....

More important is that so many children from Hopelands have volunteered to run, just in the hope of getting round the course and joining in the fun. As one young man from the school said, "as long as I don't come last and I enjoy myself that is all that matters". What great sentiments and what a fabulous attitude – that's how it all starts!

I would like to thank all of those that work so very hard to either..... want to win, have fun, or just be part of a team, you are ALL wonderful and make Hopelands (and me) so very proud of you all.

Mrs McQuillan

## THE GREAT HOPELANDS BAKE OFF

You may have heard the whispers from your child/children about an event about to happen at Hopelands. Well, the whispers are true! Hopelands School will be holding the 'Great Hopelands Halloween Bake Off.' This super event will take place on **Wednesday 1st November** and cakes will be judged by, hopefully, a member of celebrity status. Letters have been written by several of the children and will be forwarded to a certain culinary celebrity. Fingers crossed! All your genius, mini chefs will need to do is to make a cake to fit a certain criteria, a classic Victoria sponge filled with butter cream and jam, and decorate it with the theme of Halloween.

We would like to ask that parents help with this as little as possible, and allow their child to create their own show stopper. We would like to charge a small entrance fee of one pound to raise money for the school's chosen charity and this will also enable you to have the recipe for the Victoria sponge (attached with this newsletter). At the end of this event we would like to hold a cake sale and sell off slices of the master pieces but strictly only with your consent.

I hope your child/children will be inspired and that your budding geniuses will jump on board with this idea.

Let's get baking!

Mrs Lord

## Friends of Hopelands

### 30 Club

We are still looking for more people to take part please! If you'd like to join this year's 30 (or however many it turns out to be!) Club, please let me know. Cost is £10 for the year (10 draws) and you can buy as many numbers as you wish. Staff, parents, grandparents and other family members over the age of 18 are all very welcome to purchase numbers. Half of the money goes to FOH, the other half is used as prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd each month (October to July). This means the more people who join, the bigger the cash prizes! Cash in labelled envelopes or cheques payable to Friends of Hopelands please.

### Spooktacular

**Friday 10 November, 3.30 - 5.30pm**

Thank you to all those who have paid already - Spooktacular looks like it's going to be a popular event! If your child would like to come along and join in the fun, cost is **£6 per child, payable by Friday 3 November** please.

Children will not need any money on the day, as the £6 price includes: a packet of crisps on arrival, hotdogs cooked on the barbecue, drinks, glowstick bracelets, face painting, apple bobbing, yucky dips, disco dancing and much more! Fancy dress is optional, but we hope that lots of children will dress up.

Thanks

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