



Hopelands Preparatory School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – September 29th 2017

OCTOBER

Tuesday 3rd	Swimming Years 3, 5 and 6
Wednesday 4th	NO PENS DAY
Thursday 5th	Cross-Country at Tewkesbury Flu Vaccination for Yrs R - 4
Monday 9 th October	Parents Evening – Years r, 1, 5 and 6
Tuesday 10th	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6 Reception/Year 1 to the Forest School Netball at Tewkesbury Parents Evening – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 11th	Parent's Evening – Years 2, 5 and 6
Thursday 12 th October	Cross-Country at Tewkesbury Parents Evening – Years R, 1
Friday 13 th October	School Open Morning Parents Evening – Years 5 and 6
Monday 16 th	Year 6 Cycle Proficiency Week Parents Evening – Years 4, 5, and 6
Tuesday 17th	Swimming Years 3 and 5 only Years 2 and 6 on WW2 Evacuation Parents Evening – Year 3
Wednesday 18th	Parents Evening – Years 3 and 4
Thursday 19 th	Cross-Country at Tewkesbury
Friday 20th	Harvest Festival Service

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th Half Term

Tuesday 31 st	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6 Year 2 visit to SkillZone
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NOVEMBER

Tuesday 7 th	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
Monday 13th	Parliament Week David Drew MP to visit school
Tuesday 14th	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
Tuesday 21st	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6 Reception/year 1 to the Forest School Football at Tewkesbury
Tuesday 28th	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6
Thursday 30th	Book Fair in school

DATES FOR THE DIARY

HARVEST FESTIVAL – Friday 20th October, 2pm, St Joseph's Church

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Wednesday 6th December, 1.30pm, Stonehouse Court Hotel

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Friday 8th December, 2pm, Hopelands

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – Wednesday 13th December, 2pm St Cyr's Church

Friends of Hopelands

HALLOWEEN – Friday 10th November, Hopelands

PANTOMINE – Thursday 14th December, Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham

LOST PROPERTY

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

Oliver Preece – School Coat – labelled 'Rosie Preece'
Flint Neville – PE Tracksuit Top, labelled
Finch Neville – PE Top, labelled

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



**MRS JO PREECE
HEAD of YEAR 3,
DEPUTY SAFE-GUARDING OFFICER**

Jo hides her Aussie background well. Usually.

She teaches all Year 3 subjects and is a craft-making genius (we remember her spoon puppets..) Jo likes to relax by walking her dog in the local woods – dressed in her pyjamas and frightening the other walkers. She has also appeared in school dressed as Moaning Myrtle with a toilet seat around her neck – no accounting for taste. Her knowledge of the highways and byways of Cheltenham and Gloucester is second to none due to the unreliability of the local bus and train services that ferry her older children to school.

Jo's ambition is to visit all the vineyards in Australia, preferably in the company of Hugh Jackman.

HOPELANDS BOPS TO THE BEAT

Last week the year 6 children were invited to Rendcomb College for the day for a body percussion workshop. This was led by Ollie Tunmer who runs the company 'Beat Goes On' and is a former cast member of the hit show STOMP. He welcomed around 100 children from various local schools onto the stage and quickly gained the children's attention by getting them to copy quite tricky sequences of patterns using their bodies! It was certainly a fun and high-energy workshop. Ollie then invited the children to create their own body sounds, which were both creative, noisy and some were rather disgusting - much to the children's delight!

The patterns were improvised, refined and then built up into a series of sequences which were set against, and alongside, each other. We then learned and polished them up to performance level for a concert at the end of the day for family and friends. The sequences were the best brain training activities I have come across for a while!

Hopelands were also delighted to win the crossword challenge, an activity at lunchtime which involved the children running around the beautiful terraces of Rendcomb College, solving riddles that were attached to the various trees, and filling in a crossword with their answers! First prize of three big bags of Haribo sweets were the perfect ending to a fun day (and made the coach trip back great fun!). The children really enjoyed the whole experience.

Mrs O'Dell



SIGNING IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL

I am afraid that I must, again, remind parent of the protocols when bringing children to school and collecting them at the end of the day.

Pupils must be brought in to school by the adult delivering them who must then either wait in the playground with them until lining-up time or deliver them to morning school care. This morning one of our staff watched as a pupil was allowed to get out of a car, parked on the opposite side of the road, and then cross the road unaccompanied to walk into school on her own. We have sent out a Disclaimer form to be signed by those of you who are happy to allow your children to remain unaccompanied (or not in supervised care) on the school premises in the morning but not many have been returned.

At the end of the day ALL pupils must be signed out of school.

If you are collecting a child (or children) at 3.30pm be advised that Years Reception, 1, 2 4 and 5 will be dismissed from the front of the school and Years 3 and 6 will be dismissed from the back. Younger siblings should be collected first, if possible, but ALL children must shake their teachers hand and will not be allowed to go until that teacher has seen the adult who is collecting them. Pupils should not run off to be with their brothers or sisters without being formally dismissed.

If you are collecting a child from an after-school club or care session please make sure that you always sign the register which is held by the Supervisors. Several times this week we have had reports from the after-school supervisors that children have been registered with them at 3.30pm but have not been signed out after leaving the club (activity or homework) which they then attended. This means our records show they are still on the premises at 5.30pm. Our main concern here is that, should the fire alarm ring it after a child has left, it is this record that will be used to determine who we believe is still on the school premises and we would not wish our staff to spend time searching the school for a child who is not here.

Mrs Bradburn

Friends of Hopelands

We would like to welcome Gemma Smith-Lyons and Melissa Alway to the FOH committee. We are delighted that Gemma has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer, and we'd like to thank our outgoing Treasurer, Colin Hall-Tomkin, for all his hard work over the years.

Christmas cards

The samples are all printed and should be with us early next week. Details on how to order cards, mugs etc will follow by email.

Date for your diary

We will be holding a late Halloween event on Friday 10 November. Further details to follow next week.

Pantomime ice creams

I've just had the order form through for interval ice creams! I will email choices to those attending the pantomime, along with the cost and payment deadline. Ordering in advance saves both money and time - the advance price is cheaper and we get the ice creams delivered, instead of standing in a queue for the entire interval!

30 Club

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.

Thanks
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