



Hopelands Preparatory School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – September 8th 2017

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

Friends of Hopelands

PANTOMINE – Thursday 15th December,
Cheltenham

LOST PROPERTY

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

Nothing to Report (yet....)

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

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 6 th	School Term Starts
Tuesday 12 th	Swimming Years 3, 5 and 6
Monday 18 th	School Council Elections
Tuesday 19 th	Swimming Years 3, 5 and 6
Thursday 21 st	Year 5 to Westonbirt Space Workshop
Friday 22 nd	Year 6 to Rendcomb Body Percussion
Tuesday 26 th	Swimming Years 3, 5 and 6
Thursday 28 th	Cross-Country at Tewkesbury

OCTOBER

Tuesday 3 rd	Swimming Years 3, 5 and 6
Wednesday 4 th	NO PENS DAY
Thursday 5 th	Cross-Country at Tewkesbury
Tuesday 10 th	Swimming Years 3,5 and 6 Netball at Tewkesbury
Thursday 12 th October	Cross-Country at Tewkesbury
Friday 13 th October	School Open Morning
Monday 16 th	Year 6 Cycle Proficiency Week
Tuesday 17 th	Swimming Years 3 and 5 only Years 2 and 6 on WW2 Evacuation
Thursday 19 th	Cross-Country at Tewkesbury
Friday 19 th	Harvest Festival Service
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th Half Term	



**MRS SHEILA BRADBURN
HEADTEACHER**

Sheila joined Hopelands in 1846 and has been propped up in the corner ever since.

She is our Headteacher as well Head of Year 4 and a teacher of maths and English to Years 4 and 5.

Sheila likes to spend her holidays laying around on a sunlounger and relaxing. When at home she reads The Sporting Life (all the better to place her bets) and runs like a maniac on her running-machine.

Her ambition is to climb Mount Everest without clothes or oxygen and read all Dostoevsky's works in the original Russian – by Christmas.

SPORTS BOARD

Welcome back everyone. We have plenty of sporting fixtures already lined up this term, including Netball, Football, Cross-Country - and we have a Lacrosse coach coming in. I hope the summer holiday hasn't left you all too sluggish!

Please can I remind ALL pupils to have a complete PE kit with them on days when it's PE for your form. That includes a spare set of socks and pants (it does rain a bit here in Autumn) and a towel - and a hockey gum-shield and shin-pads for years 4, 5 and 6.

Mrs McQuillan

Friends of Hopelands

Welcome back everyone! Lots of things to tell you...

Pantomime

Dick Whittington and His Cat
Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham
Thursday 14 December, 2pm

(They are working towards a running time of 2 hours 15 minutes - which includes a 15 minute interval)

Tickets are £13 each for both adults and children alike. The whole of the Dress Circle has been reserved since March, so there are plenty of seats for everyone who wants to come! It's a lovely opportunity for the children to enjoy a show with their friends and families, and the tickets are half the price you'd pay if you booked independently.

If you'd like to come, **the deadline for payment is 5.30pm on Monday 18 September**. There is absolutely no leeway on that - I need to pay the theatre on Tuesday morning and once the payment has been made, all remaining seats will be released for general sale. So if you'd like tickets, please ensure you pay by the deadline.

In November you will have the opportunity to pre-order ice creams for the interval.

Payments to FOH

There are two ways to make payments to FOH - cash or cheque.

Can I please ask you to put cash payments into envelopes (labelled with your child's name and what you're paying for) and not give me loose change in the playground! Cheques should be made payable to Friends of Hopelands and please write on the back what you are paying for. It's fine to pay for multiple things all on one cheque - and you don't need to use an envelope!

All payments should be posted into the red mailbox, located on the wall to the right of the main double doors. Please don't hand money for FOH to the office or form teachers.

Several of you owe money for uniform - could you please pay ASAP so that we can keep our records up to date.

Christmas cards

I know we've just come back to school, but it's only 107 days until Christmas! I'm expecting the templates on Monday for the children to design their own Christmas cards, and these will be distributed on Tuesday. As in previous years, you will have the opportunity to purchase cards, gift tags, mugs and tea towels with your child's design and name on them if you'd like to do so - there is no obligation whatsoever though. Further details to follow next week.

Dance club T shirts

These are like gold dust second-hand as orders for new ones are only placed by Mrs Coles every 3 years! As so many of you would like to buy them, and the rare ones that come in to second-hand are now often looking rather tired and faded, I have a plan! I spoke to Mrs Coles over the summer and proposed that FOH places an order for new T shirts and then parents buy directly from us (in the same way that you do rucksacks). She has agreed to this and I'm just waiting for her to send me the artwork etc. Once I have this I will get some sizing info together and you can then order your preferred sizes. I will order a few extras in each size so that there is some stock available for the future. I have absolutely no idea about prices at the moment as I haven't yet had any info from Mrs Coles. I will let you know as soon as I can though!

If you have any queries about any of the above, please don't hesitate to get in touch using

icaniwillido@hotmail.co.uk Please don't click 'Reply' on this email as it will go to Mrs Eccles in the school office, not me!

Thanks

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