



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – February 9th 2018

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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 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 February

### LOST PROPERTY

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

**Flint Neville –school coat (still) –  
 labelled**

**Please could everyone check that  
 they have not brought home the  
 wrong coat**

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

### FEBRUARY

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

### MARCH

Thursday 1st	Cross-Country, Tewkesbury, 3pm
Friday 2nd	Open Morning 9am – 12 noon
Monday 5th	Head's Tea Party Cross-Country at Stratford Park – Years 5 and 6
Tuesday 6th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Mock Trial competition – am; Year 6 girls – Netball, Cheltenham College – pm:
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16th	GLOBAL AWARENESS WEEK
Tuesday 13th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Tuesday 20th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 Reception, Years 1 and 2 to Forest School
Tuesday 27th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Wednesday 28th	Last Day of Term

### APRIL

Monday 23rd	First Day of Term
Tuesday 24th	Swimming Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4



MISS DONNA ROBERTS  
LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR, COMFORTER OF  
LITTLE CHILDREN, ACCIDENT FORM AUTHOR  
PAR EXCELLENCE

Donna has been encouraging Hopelands pupils to eat up their greens for at least the past 9 years. She is a social butterfly who loves shopping - especially shoes and handbags (all the better to swing at things) – and hitting the town with her friends. Donna is young,,,,,

Miss Roberts is a big fan of Eastenders. In her own words (only slightly prompted by Mrs Eccles) she is the Pat Butcher of Hopelands, presumably hiding her chandelier earrings under all her hair!

Donna also loves to watch 'Death in Paradise'. It's not clear which one she feels reminds her most of school – the sun, sea and palm trees or the unrelenting levels of crime and mayhem.

## CROSS-COUNTRY AT TEWKESBURY

A good day - windy, eye watering (for the parents not the children who didn't notice the cold, bone-chilling but fun.

Hopelands pupils turned in their usual brilliant performances with the girls being placed 3,5,8,9,11,34,35,37,56.

And the boys at 13,21,82.

This tournament is meant for Year 6 only runners yet out of our runners only two are in Year 6 , the others are all younger – so you can see what a great result this is for us! But we will have to wait and see if we are still leading this series of events for the overall trophy when the official results are announced. The last official Cross Country of the series is on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. I wonder if it will have warmed up by then.?

And finally, can I just say a MASSIVE 'thank you' to all the wonderful parents that came to the rescue yesterday – driving the children to Tewkesbury at such short notice. I really can't thank you enough for your support.

Mrs McQuillan

## Here's Mud in Your Eye....

What a lovely way to spend a birthday! Another happy day spent at the Forest School on Tuesday for Reception class and Years 1 and 2; made extra special by celebrating Lily Williams's birthday. With a cake to share, mud to play in and dens to build – who could ask for more.

This should make a big enough candle



And just check out Toby's drum kit built from logs and branches.



Our thanks to Mrs Ganderton and Mrs Geliamassi for joining in.  
Mrs Sands

## "Hopelands Calling"

Year 2's topic on the History of Communication came to an end using their home-made telephones, which worked surprisingly well!

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

There's no need to shout



# Little Princess Trust<sup>®</sup>

Providing real hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss

During the summer holidays Neve Field, year 5, will be cutting her hair and donating it to the Little Princess Trust to be made into a wig to help children with hair loss.

Should anyone wish to sponsor her, there are forms in the office – please ask Mrs Eccles or Mrs Jones.

We are very proud of her, it is a lovely, brave thing to do for people – well done Neve.

## Friends of Hopelands

### Exciting news!

This week Friends of Hopelands have given **£2,500** towards buying new laptops for the children to use. This is a joint venture between FOH and the school, and the laptops will be bought in two stages. The first stage will see 9 shiny new laptops being introduced within the next few weeks.

We are delighted that we've been able to use funds to help the school update its IT provision for the children, and we'd like to thank everyone who has supported FOH at our various events to enable us to raise this large sum of money.

### 34 Club

The January draw took place last Friday afternoon and the results were as follows:

- 1st **7** Matt Coles, drawn by Libby Hughes, yr4
- 2nd **26** Jacky McQuillan, drawn by Katy Hughes, yr6
- 3rd **10** Colin Hall-Tomkin, drawn by Libby Hughes, yr4

### Second-hand uniform

Our uniform sale last week was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who supported us - we made a massive **£262!** If anyone needs uniform in the bigger sizes, we have just had the following in:

- 1x 26 inch tracksuit bottoms (this is age 9-10 equivalent) - £5
- 1x 28 inch boy's blazer - £15
- 1x 30 inch boy's blazer - £15
- 2x age 10 summer dress - £4 each
- 1x 24 inch waist, 24 inch length kilt - £15

Please email if you'd like to buy any of the above. First come, first served!

Have a lovely half term.

Charlie Coles  
Chair, Friends of Hopelands  
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