



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

**Friends of Hopelands**

Christmas Pantomime at The Everyman -  
**10am** on Friday 14 December

## LOST PROPERTY

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

Daniel How – zipped PE top – labelled (possibly also as Max Beacham)

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

There is a blue watch in the office

## SUMMER TERM SCHOOL LUNCHES

The new menu for the summer term is attached with this newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE:

We start our Summer Term on what is WEEK 2 on the menu sheet. Also, as this is a new menu, **no** orders will be carried over from the Spring Term, lunches must be booked from new.

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – March 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

### MARCH

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 Reception, years 1 and 2 – to Forest School Years 5 and 6 – Netball, Tewkesbury – pm:
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 Football Tournament- Tewkesbury, pm:
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

### APRIL

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	FIRST DAY OF TERM
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4

### MAY

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming – Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 - GALA
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whole School Trip to Bristol Hippodrome
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham Festival
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos – Form Groups Head's Tea Party
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	HALF-TERM

### JUNE

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Head's Tea Party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics Evening at Tewkesbury
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reception, years 1 and 2 – to Forest School

### JULY

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Prize-giving ceremony – Stonehouse Court Hotel
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Head's Tea Party
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	LAST DAY OF TERM

## DISCLAIMER

Could all those who have yet to sign the Unattended Child Disclaimer form please sign and return the form - which is attached with this newsletter – to the office as soon as possible. If you cannot remember if you have already signed the form, please just sign it again and your new form will be filed.



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## 創造性を通じた学びと幸福

Every year Hopelands engages in a Global Awareness Week, focusing on a particular country and using this to theme throughout the week in all lessons. This year our theme has been Japan and the pupils have been studying earthquakes and volcanoes in geography, building stable homes in DT, and creating their own performance production using Japanese dance and drama. Pupils also learned about a typical school day in Japan, respecting others and even how students clean their own floors in the whole school at lunchtimes !

The children really enjoyed watching and taking part in a Judo demonstration led by a professional teacher, Richard Neale from the Stroud Judo Club, and heard a fascinating talk from by Masano Hedges on life in Japan. On Wednesday the pupils went 'off-curriculum' to enjoy a day of workshops where they learned a variety of skills, all associated with Japan. These included calligraphy, kirigami, origami, sudoku puzzles, making sushi, learning some basic Japanese phrases and climbing into inflatable 'sumo suits' !

Finally, Friday was 'Dress up' day. A variety of 'kimonos' and judo suits were worn but the majority of the pupils (and staff) chose to pay homage to the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, by dressing in spots. Each pupil paid £1 which all went towards this year's nominated charity – Wateraid.



Making sushi



Bonsai Boy



Calligraphy



Judo vs Sumo



Cherry Blossom



Dressing up



\*Learning and Happiness through Creativity

## NETBALL – NERVES, NIGHTMARES AND VICTORY

### NETBALL NUMBER 1

More success for the Hopelands netball team, although it stretched their imagination having to play rotation netball. (Rotation netball is when each player could only play each position once, then they had to play a different position in the next match).

All nine team members are deserving of mention. Oliver Preece, although not normally chosen for goal keeper, did a sterling job. Nothing got past him or over him. As one teacher next to me stated 'Has he got springs in his shoes!' Grace, Dann-Pastor never let anything pass her by, Eleanor's shot from a distance never touched the sides of the rim – what a cheer that brought out!

When it came to shooting Faith and Jemima were totally consistent. Naomi, when it was her turn to play centre stated 'I really enjoyed that' Beatrice, Daniel and Alice were lightning quick and great team players.

And in case you're wondering about the result of this year's You might be wondering the result of the eight schools District Netball League.....Hopelands are the Silver Medallists. WELL DONE HOPELANDS. ✨



### NETBALL NUMBER 2

The saying 'Best laid plans' springs to mind when reporting on this match! One of our reserves was ill before we left and three pupils managed to injure themselves during the matches. Poor Mrs McQuillan wasn't sure whether she was a nurse or a teacher (just a multi-tasking genius as always... Mrs Bradburn)

The year fives had never played on a normal netball court before, or against any other school, so the first match proved to be a steep learning curve for them. But once they started then nothing stopped them from displaying their amazing skills and confidence. And what a gasp and cheer arose from everyone watching, when Erin's shot from a distance didn't even touch the rim – just straight through the hoop. Coming off court she said 'I don't believe I did that'. This tournament was really meant for year 6 children and Hopelands were the only year 5's present (having been allowed to take part, at my request, for experience. They only lost two matches out of five so a great start to their netball careers. Well done all year 5's.

Year 6's showed some wonderful individual play from Jacob, who seemed to have x-ray vision, and Naomi who showed excellent strength and confidence in defence. Eleanor and Faith between them were outstanding shooters whose skill won us many of the five matches.

At least on this occasion, all our wonderful supporters kept dry, well fed and watered. Thank you once again to all those parents, our unsung heroes who seem to have spent most of their life with their children and me this week at recent sporting fixtures.

Finally - a massive thank you to Charlie Coles for rescuing the parents from the Stonehouse traffic delays and plying them with tea, coffee and biscuits in the Sophie Hall until we got back from Cheltenham.





## Tag Rugby

No rain and warm weather yeh! The conditions were perfect as were our Hopelands players, they only lost one match (and drew another) out of seven matches played.

We had three types of players that evening 1) The snakes that wriggled their way through the gaps- Alice, Ralph, Daniel and Oliver. 2) The speed merchants who put their foot down and off they went - Jemima, Eleanor, Naomi and Beatrice. and 3) The calm, quiet, lethal support mechanisms- Hetty, William, Erin and Adele.

They played so very well together, not only exhibiting outstanding individual performances but, more importantly, as a team.

### JOKES FROM THE 'TELL A FUNNY TUESDAY' BOARD

What do you get if you cross a cow with a guitar?  
A Moosician

What do you call a dirty Fairy?  
Stinkerbell

Why did the cow go to the cinema?  
Because she wanted to see a movie

Why should you never give Elsa a balloon?  
Because she'll #Let it Go#

Which Superhero wears jeans?  
#Denim, denim, denim, denim Batman#

Most children managed to score a try, Eleanor's had to be the longest, even though the lines were a dark blue against the grass and they were difficult to see. In fact, Eleanor kept running past the try line and kept going and going and going- almost it seemed as if she were trying to reach the town centre!

As this was a tag rugby festival there were no trophies - just plenty of doughnuts.

J McQuillan

## Friends of Hopelands

### 34 Club

The somewhat belated February draw took place at lunchtime today and the results were as follows:

- 1st - **23** Andrea Morley, drawn by Head Girl Sophie Luff, yr6
- 2nd - **11** Suzanne Elmore, drawn by Head Girl Eleanor Harbottle, yr6
- 3rd - **5** Felicity Jones, drawn by Birthday Girl Calico Kill, yr1

The March draw will take place before we break up, and the April one when we come back.

### Save the date

Looking (a long) way ahead! This year's pantomime at The Everyman will be Aladdin at **10am** on Friday 14 December, the first day of the Christmas holidays. As this is always a very popular event, I have reserved the whole of the Dress Circle (163 seats) in anticipation! You don't need to do anything yet, other than write the date in your diaries if you think you'll be interested in going. Please note the early time! We usually go at 2pm, but there are no 2pm performances on Fridays.

Thanks  
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