



Hopelands Preparatory School

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP – Bristol Hippodrome to see ‘Awful Auntie’ – Thursday 3rd 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

Flint Neville – SCHOOL COAT, labelled

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

In the office there are two Royal Academy of Dance badges

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – March 2nd 2018

MARCH

Monday 5 th	Head's Tea Party Cross-Country at Stratford Park – years 5 and 6
Tuesday 6 th	Swimming – Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Thursday 8 th March -	Cross Country Fun Run and Presentation
Friday 9 th	Year 6 Mock Trial competition – am: Year 6 girls – Netball, Cheltenham college – pm:
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	GLOBAL AWARENESS WEEK
Tuesday 13 th	Swimming – Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Tuesday 20 th	Swimming – Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 Reception, years 1 and 2 – to Forest School Years 5 and 6 – Netball, Tewkesbury – pm:
Tuesday 27 th	Swimming – Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 Football Tournament- Tewkesbury, pm:
Wednesday 28 th	World Book Day LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

APRIL

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

MAY

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

JUNE

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



Mary Ham
Virtuoso Piano Teacher and Secret Swimmer

Mrs Ham first started teaching here in 2006 when she offered her services as a Chess Club coach to any budding Bobby Fishers (showing my age here) while her own daughters were pupils at Hopelands. Following on from her success (!) Mary then coached the choir before becoming our almost permanent, peripatetic piano teacher.

When not sitting with her fingers glued to the piano Mrs Ham likes to exercise by walking and swimming. So much so that this year she has taken on the challenge of walking 1,000 miles (measured, but not all at once) and swimming a 3km Open Water course (but not this week presumably...)

WORLD
BOOK DAY

WEDNESDAY 28th MARCH

Moved from Thursday 1st March – We are asking the children to bring in only one item that is associated with their favourite book character. This item could be an object their character owns or replace an item of school uniform e.g. red sparkly shoes instead of school shoes to represent Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz or a broken pair of glasses for Harry Potter etc. Each class will then hold their own 'Guess Who' game wherein they have to work out who each other is through the item and a series of clues. There will be House competitions and a 'Character Hunt' around the school during morning and afternoon breaks. There may also be a literature themed cake sale on this day during morning and afternoon break. All the money raised will be donated to our school charity

OUR FUTURE PARLIAMENT DEBATES

On Wednesday morning, children in KS2 welcomed a visit by Rosamonde Birch of the Parliament Outreach Programme as part of their Citizenship curriculum.

Years 3 & 5 looked at the history of voting through a timeline activity and debated on what the future of voting could be in the UK before discussing the efficacy and democratic merits of their ideas.

Years 4 & 6 debated in groups on the topic of 'Campaign for Change'. They discussed the advantages and disadvantages of different campaign methods. Using examples of successful campaigns, they designed their own around a current issue, using stories in the media to make links with what is happening in our country and the world.



Rosamunde Birch, a former secondary Citizenship teacher who is passionate about engaging children with the democratic process and using their voice to initiate change, was impressed with the children's interest and ability to debate their views.

Mrs Sands





Spring into Action!

16th March 2018 4:00pm-4:30pm

Play With Parents!

£1 each for parents and children

30 minutes of playing with parents with PE Equipment

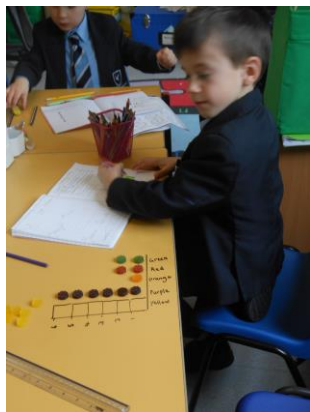
All proceeds to Sport Relief!



Note:

- Children must be dismissed by tutors BEFORE taking part in the event.
- In the event of bad weather, the event will go ahead with alternative activities in the hall.
- Money to be handed to Mrs McQuillan at the beginning of event

Yum, Yum, Fruit Gum



The Fruit Gum Enquiry is always a popular Data Handling lesson in Y2. The children drew tally charts and pictograms to depict the frequency a flavour appear in a tube of fruit gums, then translated this information into a block graph. Having combined their results, the children were disappointed that, while Mrs Sands was wrong to assume that green is the mode (it is, in fact yellow), the most common colour is definitely not red, their favourite. It seems a perfect opportunity to practise our letter-writing learning from earlier in the year - to write to the manufacturers and point out that they should include more red fruit gums if they wish to keep our custom! Also, that 95p is excessive for a packet of sweets!



Friends of Hopelands

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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