



Hopelands Preparatory School

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP – Bristol Hippodrome to see 'Awful Auntie' – Thursday 3rd May 2018

**Tuesday 22nd May – School Concert
 Friday 29th June – Sports Day**

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 – Tracksuit top (labelled, possible as Max Beacham)

Flint Neville – SCHOOL COAT – PARENTS, PLEASE CHECK YOU DON'T HAVE IT!!

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

ANY OLD BOOTS

Does anyone have any old football boots for KS 2 sized feet that they are willing to donate to the school please.

Thank you

Jacky McQuillan
 Head of PE

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – March 23rd 2018

MARCH

Tuesday 27 th	Swimming – Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 Football Tournament- Tewkesbury, pm:
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Wednesday 28 th	World Book Day LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
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APRIL

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

Tuesday 1 st	Swimming – Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4 - GALA
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Thursday 3 rd	Whole School Trip to Bristol Hippodrome
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Monday 7 th	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
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Tuesday 8 th	Cheltenham Festival
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Wednesday 9 th	School Photos – Form Groups Head's Tea Party
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Tuesday 22 nd	School Concert – 4pm – 5.30pm Sophie Hall
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Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st June	HALF-TERM
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JUNE

Wednesday 6 th	Head's Tea Party
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Tuesday 19 th	Athletics Evening at Tewkesbury
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Tuesday 26 th	Reception, years 1 and 2 – to Forest School
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Friday 29 th	Sports Day
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JULY

Tuesday 3 rd	Prize-giving ceremony – Stonehouse Court Hotel
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Monday 9 th	Head's Tea Party
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Thursday 12 th	LAST DAY OF TERM
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MORE FROM JAPAN AND GLOBAL AWARENESS



In the gorgeous spring sunshine, Year 2 completed their Japanese activities by scribing their Tanabata wishes on coloured paper decorations and hung them from the bamboo in the school playground. They were encouraged to write wishes for themselves, for others and for the world.



Tanabata, or the star festival, is observed on July 7th. Long, narrow strips of colourful paper known as tanzaku are hung from bamboo branches. These are inscribed with a wish, such as a child's dream of becoming a famous football player or a parent's hope for career success.



According to folklore, Orihime a gifted weaver and Hikoboshi a hard-working cow herder began to neglect their duties after they married. The bride's father Tentei, the emperor of heaven, exiled them to separate ends of the Milky Way. If they are diligent in their celestial obligations, they may meet each July 7th.

HAIKU HAPPINESS

Taking inspiration from the traditional Japanese tale 'Issunboshi's Sword', about a Tom Thumb sized figure, Year 2 re-imagined everyday items for Issunboshi's use. They referred to a thesaurus and practised their simile skills to create the following pieces of shared writing:

No bigger than a mouse,
As small as an ant,
Issunboshi sails on a voyage in a teacup
Across the crashing ocean waves.

No bigger than a blade of grass,
As wee as a wiggly worm,
Issunboshi uses lolly sticks
To ski down Mount Everest.

No bigger than a ladybird,
As tiny as a pin,
Issunboshi sleeps in a matchbox
With a cotton ball for a pillow
And a feather for a cover.

Mount Fuji Haiku

White snowy icing
Cherry blossom candy floos
Tooth-like Mount Fuji.

In the dark night sky
Reflected in the river
Mount Fuji sleeps here.

Japan's high mountain
Mount Fuji rises skyward
Snow like white frosting.



WAKE UP AND SHAKE UP IN YEAR 2



SPORTS RELIEF DAY

Wow..... what a turn out, so many parents and children that i was so overwhelmed with the support for 'Playing with parents'.

One minute the playground was divided into sections as a free space to do as you please, a small netball court, velcro target practice and the astrograss for games for anyone to create.

Then within minutes there was a highly competitive netball match at the front of the school, next to it a football match (with Mr Steiger in his suit straight from work) then on the astrograss, a tag rugby match. All the matches taking place were of parents and children mixed teams.

And how competitive they all were as Ms Turner (Sam Evans' mum) dived to the floor to score a try! Mrs Simpson and Mr Peet showed great talent for shooting at netball despite no-one getting past Mr Flaxman's octopus arms in defence.

The younger children tried to out-aim their parents on the target practice and there was a race between Mrs Safizadeh and Mrs Benson on the agility ladders.

Then men took to the skipping ropes! With Mrs and Mr Stuart-Menteth trying their skills at the hula hoops as a warm up for the tag rugby.

£71.50 was raised for Sports Relief and a wonderful afternoon was had by all. Well done Hopelands parents and children yet again.



Friends of Hopelands

Second-hand uniform

The children will be returning to school after Easter in their summer uniforms. I have a lot on over the holidays and will not be available to distribute uniform during this time, so if you wish to buy anything could you please do so **before the end of term**. We currently have the following summer items in stock:

Summer dresses:

4x age 4

1x age 5

5x age 6

1x age 7

Light blue polos:

3x age 5-6

2x S (32-34 inch)

1x M (34-36 inch)

John Lewis grey shorts:

1x age 6

2x age 7

1x age 8

If you currently owe money to FOH for uniform, could you please pay before we break up next week.

Thanks

Charlie Coles

Chair, Friends of Hopelands

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And it's Goodbye from me

Dear Parents and Friends. I would like to thank you all for making this such a wonderfully happy 7 (or so) years. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to work here, not least because of the support and goodwill I have received from you all. I will miss you all dreadfully.

With my love and Best Wishes

Michele xx