



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
Flint Neville – RED ART APRON
Joseph Dunn – PE SHORTS AND SHIRT

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

BROWN PAPER FOR BREAD

We attach with this newsletter a copy of our petition called Brown Paper for Bread which was created by Naomi Peet and Poppy Elliot, both in Year 6. Please type your name, postcode and age (not compulsory !) if you would like to support their petition. Full details and an explanation of their campaign is included on the link.

Please send your completed form to the office and Mrs Eccles will, very kindly (!), collate all the names on to one document.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – March 9th 2018

MARCH

Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	GLOBAL AWARENESS WEEK
Tuesday 13 th	Swimming – Years Reception, 1, 2 and 4
Friday 16 th	Sports Relief – Pupil and Parent fitness
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

JULY

Tuesday 3 rd	Prize-giving ceremony – Stonehouse Court Hotel
Monday 9 th	Head's Tea Party
Thursday 11 th	LAST DAY OF TERM

CROSS-COUNTRY GLORY FOR HOPELANDS

Monday 5th March – Selection Qualifier for the Saturday County Match

So - we didn't have half a metre of snow for the children to run through, just pouring rain and mud up to their knees (and that includes our long-suffering supporters) Well done parents!

Fourteen Hopelands children from Years 4, 5 and 6 volunteered to run at Stratford Park today. This particular race was a selection race for the County match at St Edwards this coming Saturday. To qualify the runners had to finish in the top 10. Eight out of our fourteen runners received an invitation letter for the county match out of only 20 children selected in the *whole* of Stroud District.

What an achievement!! We have now beaten our previous record of 5 children being selected from Hopelands all in one year.

The children that ran showed such wonderful strength of character and I hope they, and you, are as proud of all those that competed as they are of those that were selected.

Year five boys race.

Year 4 - Francis Stuart-Menteth - 6th 🌸 selected - yet too young to honour selection, just wait till next year!

Year 4 - Joseph Dunn 31, Year 4 - Harry Miles 34, Year 4- Max Safizadeh 50

Year five girls race.

Year 4 - Amy 1st 🌸 selected yet too young to honour selection just wait till next year!

Year 5 - Phoebe 4th selected even after falling in the mud during the race. 🌸

Year 5- Neve 8th selected. 🌸, Year 5- Jasmin 12th selected . 🌸

Year 5- Madison 19th, Year 4- Natalie 25th, Year 5 - Fern 29th

Year six girls race.

All our three Year 6 girls were selected, Alice 3rd, Beatrice 4th and Jemima 7th 🌸 🌸 🌸

THURSDAY 8th MARCH - FUN RUN AND TROPHY TIME

Another successful afternoon and another soaking, these parents at Hopelands have jolly good staying power when I comes to supporting their children and our school !

For their theme in the Fun Run, the children had decided to be super woman with their homemade capes. The year six girls made the most of their support for each other around the fun spiral course by tying themselves together.

After the race came the presentation with Francis, Phoebe, Alice and Jemima all winning individual medals - meaning that throughout the five races, starting in Sept. 2017 with the last race in March 2018, they had been in the top ten places and with Amy getting an individual trophy as her combined results put her to be in the top three. This was a terrific achievement for her as she missed the first two races by not being a pupil here and could only run in the last three !!

Finally the Small Schools Girls' Trophy was handed out and YES we did it again due to the school having such a great depth in talent throughout the year groups.

The best surprise was that the combined score for both boys and girls meant we came **second** for the first time ever due to a great support from year four and five boys. Harry, Oscar, Joseph, Max Safizadeh and of course Francis. Oliver was the only year 6 boy to compete even though it is a year 6 event, so what an amazing result!

The unsung heroes of the day were Jasmin, Neve, Madison and Beatrice, always in the top 20 and new to this competitive environment. Jasmin has also been selected to run for the County 🌸. Massive thanks too for Fern and Natalie who supported every race by showing such wonderful strength of character - all are younger than Year.

FINALLY - I want to say a massive thank you to all the competitors and your parents for bringing home the trophies and medals to our school for another year. You should be so very, very proud of yourselves and I am exceptionally proud of you all.

Jacky McQuillan xx





We Shall Appeal

Year 6 put forward a robust case in defence of their clients during the Cyberbullying case at Ebley House Mock Trial Competition this morning. It was a salutary lesson that cyberbullies can be tracked, that their nasty practices are evidenced by their digital footprint, no matter how clever the perpetrators think they are being by setting up different email accounts. So, despite solicitors Alice and Poppy's best efforts at muddying the waters of 'identification beyond a reasonable doubt' the witness's pleas and the prosecution submitting some very dubious 'previously undisclosed' evidence, our defendants, Jemima and Katy, were found guilty and 'return' to hear their sentence in 14 days. The competition result will be learned in a few weeks.



Please could we ask all parents to be aware of our neighbours across the street in Regency Close when parking there in the mornings or afternoons. We had a message on the school answerphone this morning from a resident who (without giving their name) complained that they had been partially blocked in to their driveway recently by a parent whose children were wearing our uniform.

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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