



# Hopelands Preparatory School

38/40 Regent Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2AD

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

November	
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming – Years 1/2/3/4 Lifesaving skills
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school visit to the Community Centre
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Tag Rugby Festival (22 children)
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Stonehouse Goodwill Festival
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming Gala – 12 children from Y5 and Y6
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming Gala – Years 1/2/3/4
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle 2pm

## In this week:

- Police Visit
- Sporting Success
- Christingle
- Stonehouse Goodwill Festival
- The Queen's Guard
- Rock Walk
- Head Pupils
- Hopelands Visitor

## Lost Property

Can you please keep an eye out for the following lost items:

- Yellow pencil case with pens/pencils inside
- PE polo top and black & white Nike trainers
- Tabitha Smith-Lyons school shoes – labelled
- 3 sets of boy's navy tracksuit bottoms, age 9-10

## Stamps!

Please remember to keep any used stamps and post them in the letter box on the table in the entrance foyer – these will raise vital funds for the Pied Piper Appeal. Thank you.

## Swimming

The session next Tuesday is on lifesaving skills. Can all children who go swimming please remember to bring a t-shirt, a pair of shorts, 1 extra towel and a waterproof bag. Thank you.



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## Police Visit by Miss White

On Friday the 15th of November we welcomed PC Mark Weedon, our local 'Schoolbeat' Police Officer to Hopelands. During an interactive and very interesting assembly pupils learnt about the many different career opportunities in the police force and were given a chance to investigate a crime scene and find the culprit! Many thanks to Miss Porter for being such a good sport and for volunteering to be the criminal guilty of theft - nobody suspected!

Pupils were also reminded of important phone numbers, who to call in an emergency and non-emergency and learnt the facts surrounding what the police force do for us all as a community. It was a truly enjoyable 30 minutes, with role play and lots of questions and answers - including when the assembly was over! So, a huge thank you to PC Weedon.



## Well Done Oscar & Harry!

Last weekend Oscar and Harry attended a rugby festival in Thornbury. They had a great time scoring tries and making some huge tackles! Well done boys we are very proud of you.



## Christingle by Miss White

The end of term and the Christmas festivities are rapidly approaching, and we would like to invite you all to join us at St Cyr's in Stonehouse for our annual Christingle Service. We will celebrate with words and music the qualities that bring our community together, as we highlight hope, charity and love at this special time of year.

The service will start at 2pm and will end at approximately 2.45pm.



## Stonehouse Goodwill Festival

This year's Goodwill Festival takes place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. It is always a lovely occasion with lots going on for both the children and adults.

All children from the choir are invited along with any younger siblings who would like to join in too. The children will also be able to take part in the lantern procession. Please note that parents will be in charge of their children, apart from when they are on stage performing.

If you would like your children to attend this festival please let the office know (unless you have already done so), this is so we know how many lanterns we need to make.



## The Queen's Guard

On Monday we were extremely fortunate to be visited by one of the Queen's Guards. Ava from Year 3 was very proud of her Dad who kindly came in to show the children the uniform (the bearskin hat was incredibly impressive!) and provided a fascinating insight into the life of guarding the official royal residences in the United Kingdom. Numerous questions were asked by super excited children and many facts were learnt. These ranged from the washing regime of the hat (shampoo & conditioner!) the real reason behind the name given to wellington boots and the immense amount of time and effort that goes into looking impeccably smart.

Thank you, Mr McDougall, for your time and overview of what life is like in the Queen's Guard. Both the children and staff found it thoroughly enjoyable and very informative.



## Rock Walk by Mr Rousell

Year 3 were tasked by a leading Petrologist, Dr Sarah Stone, to explore the area and uncover the bedrock of Stonehouse. The children applied their observational skills to assess the types of rock and stone used in the local architecture. There are many clues around us; the building materials (of older properties) being a good way to identify the most readily available resource. We believe the bedrock of Stonehouse is a hard, sedimentary rock, composed mainly of calcium carbonate or dolomite – also known as...

Fingers crossed this will be a question in the FoH quiz!



## Head Pupils

Congratulations to Samuel Kennedy and Hannah Luff who are the Head Pupils for this half term! Each half term pupils are selected by the teaching staff. When prospective pupils and their parents come to visit Hopelands, the head pupils will take them on a tour of the school answering any questions, providing information about the school and explaining what it is like to attend here.

Well done Sam and Hannah we know you will both be fantastic ambassadors for the school!



## Hopelands Visitor

It's always lovely when someone new visits Hopelands and the children are especially excited when it's an animal. We have had Police horses and Guide Dogs for the Blind, but I think the most excitement was for the little bundle of spikes we had this week! A beautiful and rather friendly hedgehog who came to join the children at playtime.

