



# Hopelands Preparatory School

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

## Newsletter 14<sup>th</sup> January

### Dates for your Diary

**January 17th** Head's Tea Party

**January 26th** Year 5 netball at Rendcomb

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### Reminder

Please remember we are a nut free school so please do not send your child into school with any nut-based product for a snack or packed lunch. Potential allergens could include spreads, e.g., chocolate spread, cereal bars, biscuit containing nuts, condiments, e.g., satay sauce, cakes containing nuts, snack pots containing nuts and pesto. Thank you for your support with this.

### Lost Property

Please look out for the following lost property items, thank you.

Pink/purple glasses – Florence Hasinski

PE Polo Top & School Tie – Anthony Tiptaft

School Jumper – Arthur Lloyd

PE Coat – Juniper Cook

Navy cardigan (from disco) – Megan How

### Thank You!

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Blandford who have very kindly purchased and donated a range of nativity costumes for the younger children, we look forward to trying them out next December!

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Etherington who have donated some craft items and costumes, the children are delighted!

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## Message from Mrs Bradburn

Welcome back and happy new year!

We have been back at school for a week now and it is amazing how quickly we re-establish routines. Hopefully, we will get through the term with few disruptions, and all remain healthy. Teachers will be in contact shortly about the second parents' meetings. Once again you can choose whether to meet in person or on Teams.

### Sunday Times League Table

#### It's official – Hopelands ranked top independent prep school in Gloucestershire (Sunday Times Schools Guide 2022)

Just before the end of last year we were thrilled to receive the news that Hopelands have been ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> in the top Independent Preparatory Schools in England, in the Sunday Times Schools Guide 2022. Their table 'Top Independent Preparatory Schools' positions Hopelands as the highest independent preparatory school in Gloucestershire, a position which we are very proud to have achieved.

Parent Power is a group of parents and educators, who have identified the 2,000 highest-achieving schools in the UK. Schools are normally ranked by their recent standard assessment tests (SATs). However, as these tests did not take place last year due to the pandemic, Parent Power took a three-year average of the schools' previous academic outcomes. They focused on Reading, GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling), and Maths. A score of 100 represents the expected standard children should achieve by the end of year 6, we are delighted that we scored well above this with 110, 108 and 108.

A huge well done to all our dedicated staff, our always supportive families and most importantly, our wonderful children.



## Message from Mrs Bradburn

### Music Mark

Before Christmas Hopelands School was nominated by Gloucestershire Music/Make Music Gloucestershire to become a Music Mark School for the 2021/22 academic year.

Music Mark is the UK Association for Music Education, championing and supporting access to music for all children and young people. Music Mark membership gives us access to free member-only resources, training, events, and webinars to support our commitment to providing high quality Music Education at Hopelands.

Our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum and the value that we place on music was recognised, and as a result, our school was nominated to become part of the Music Mark community. This is a fantastic achievement, and I would like to give special thanks to Mrs Powell who has been the driving force behind our application.



### Chilli Challenges – How spicy can you dare?

We have now introduced our chilli challenges, both in homework and daily lessons. As you will have read in the letter accompanying the ISI report, this is an action to raise standards and show the clear differentiation set for the children. We teach the children to take responsibility for their own learning and hopefully by including differentiated tasks, from mild to sizzling, they will challenge themselves. The children have reacted very positively to this initiative so far and I would be interested to hear any feedback from parents also.



## Science by Mrs Stevenson

Year 5 had a 'deliciously educational' science lesson this week when we learnt about the phases of the Moon and thought about why we see the variety of different shapes during the lunar cycle.

Using our newly acquired vocabulary (including crescent moon and gibbous moon, waxing and waning) we nibbled and described our way through numerous mini-Oreos to recreate the lunar cycle. It was a fun way to commit the knowledge to memory!



## Circus Club by Mrs Holloway

It was a fun start to circus club this week. The children tried juggling, tumbling, hula hooping, plate spinning, stick balancing and walking along a beam! There will be stilts, magic and more to come in the next few of weeks.



## PE by Mr Kirby

### Beaudesert 'C' Team 2-5 Hopelands

What a way to kick off the football season! On Wednesday 12th January, we took an U11 team to play Beaudesert and came away with a thoroughly deserved 5-2 victory.

We started the first half brightly, putting pressure on our opposition which resulted in Noah finding the net, giving us an early lead. The hosts came back strongly, and it was only through Toby's positioning and tackling at the heart of the defence which stopped them getting through on more than one occasion. He was supported by William who helped link the play in the middle of the park which created chances for the ever-dangerous Matilda. Our second goal came from Matilda with a long-range effort with the help of a small deflection, giving the 'keeper no chance! Beaudesert managed to slot one just before the break as we went in 2-1 up.

Noah very kindly swapped with Vandamai in goal for the second half as everyone took their turn on the side-line. Harry calmly found the net for a third before Eoghan hammered in a fourth. Vandamai created numerous problems in attack, and in midfield, and it was from one of these attacks Beaudesert handled the ball in their penalty area, giving us a penalty. Daniel stepped up and confidently found the bottom corner as we ran out 5-2 winners with 5 different goal scorers.

The team celebrated with smiles and cheers after the final whistle which could only be silenced by the taste of hot chocolate and a hot dog as their pre match tea! Well done to all 8 players,



# PE by Mr Kirby



## Year 2 by Miss Cook

In Year 2 we have been making dioramas to show the story of Guy Fawkes. The children considered how they could show Guy Fawkes in the cellar with the gunpowder barrels and selected the colours of paint that they would use to make the dioramas historically accurate. They then added extra details like spiders and cobwebs and used their imagination about who Guy Fawkes could be sharing the cellar with.



## Music by Mrs Powell

We have immediate places available for children to learn the following instruments at Hopelands:

- Drums
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Piano
- Guitar

Children should be able to focus and concentrate on forming the notes and reading the music for their instrument and in some cases being able to hold their instrument. Therefore, lessons during school time are more suitable for those children aged 7 and over.

Learning an instrument can have so many benefits for young children including developing concentration, strengthening memory, and reading skills, developing the ability to process multiple things at once and enhancing co- ordination. Not only is learning an instrument fun but it will help to develop a child's self-esteem and confidence enabling them to take responsibility and express themselves through music therefore connecting with others.

If you are interested, please contact the office.



## Mrs J's Yoga challenge for all!

The children can learn a range of yoga poses in Mrs J's Yoga club, every Tuesday afterschool.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the office.

# Cobra Pose

## Bhujangasana



**Benefits**  
Strengthens spine, backs of arms and legs; stretches shoulders, chest and belly, improves posture, helps relieve stress.

- 1 Begin by lying on your tummy.
- 2 While exhaling, lift your head and upper torso off the floor.
- 3 Gaze forward or slightly upward.
- 4 Hold this position, then release.

## A Reminder of the Rocket Competition by Mrs Stevenson

After Christmas, we will be hoping to get the children involved in a national competition to design a logo for rockets launching from UK spaceports next year. The competition is called **LogoLiftOff** and the entry date is early March.

We would like to create a school version of the competition at the same time and have winners in each year group.

All the information that you need for your child to enter the national competition is on the website: <https://www.logoliftoff.org.uk/>

For the school competition please make sure that you email your child's entry to me (either a scan or a good photo) at [jstevenson@hopelands.org.uk](mailto:jstevenson@hopelands.org.uk) Thank you.

