



**Friday 13th
April 2018**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope that everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break with your families and friends. Thank you to all who contributed to Sports Relief last term – we raised £665!

Retirement announcement

I would like to take this opportunity to share the news with you that this is going to be my last term at High Down. I will be retiring from my post as Associate Headteacher at the end of the summer after 31 very happy years at the school. High Down is so dear to my heart and it has been a privilege to be a parent, teacher and leader of this wonderful school.

Year 4, 5 and 6 Colston Hall Concert

As Chair of the Music Association of Woodspring Schools, I was so proud of all the children who took part in our annual concert at the end of term at the Colston Hall especially the 70+ from High Down! Twenty local schools took part this year and the packed hall of some two thousand had a wonderful evening to treasure. Thank you to Mr Hopkins and Mr Pearce who were stage managers for the evening and to all the colleagues and parents who helped during the day and in the evening. Well done to all!



Year 3 dancers at Weston Playhouse

What a brilliant start to term this week, with sixteen dancers from Year 3 delighting the audience when they performed at the Weston Playhouse as part of the North Somerset Dance Festival. A very special evening for both children and audience! Many thanks to Miss Lane and Mrs Adamson for their work preparing the children to dance so well and to all who helped on the night.

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“Over the past two months the children have been working tremendously hard giving up lunch times and break times in order to choreograph and rehearse their routine. They performed an awesome routine to the Shrek theme tune which the crowd loved! Throughout the festival the children’s behaviour, attitude and effort have been incredible. The children were a real credit to themselves and our school.” Miss Lane

Farewell to Mrs Tanner and Mr Smith

At the end of last term, we were sad to say goodbye to much-loved colleague **Annabel Tanner**, our school administrator. Annabel had worked at the school for 25 years. Annabel was also a High Down mum –



their children Jemima and Thomas both attended the school and her husband, Steve, for many year’s helped with the parents association. Annabel has made an incredible contribution to the school over the years. Before working in the school office, she was a learning support assistant helping children with special needs and was also highly valued as Clerk to the junior school governing body. She will be greatly missed by all.

Geoff Smith has been a wonderful Caretaker and Site Manager who really does Care about the school. Here at High Down, to adults and children alike he is known with great affection as Mr Geoff! He is highly regarded for his contribution to the local community particularly the Christmas Lights and here at High Down Geoff has

kept our large school site running smoothly for 15 years and has always worked above and beyond his required role e.g. Making time to help the child who’s ball has been stranded on the roof, the mum who’s car won’t start, build a Joseph’s chariot, a Greek ship, etc. etc. etc. Thank you Geoff.

We wish them both a long and happy retirement!

A warm welcome to...

Nichola Harris-Evans, is our new administrator and joins High Down having worked for the Lighthouse Schools Partnership HR department and having previously worked in the school office at St Mary's.

Kevin Burgess, is our new site manager. He has carried out several jobs for us as an independent contractor including the superb recent improvements to the Infant and Junior quiet areas. Many of you will already know Kevin as his children attend High Down.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sue Parker,
Associate Headteacher,
High Down Schools

Oliver! @ Tickenham Village Hall 24th to 28th April



High Down pupils, parents and staff, past and present, are performing in Tickenham Drama Group's forthcoming production of Oliver. Sue Parker is musical director and Mr Mark Mitchell, last year's Year 6 teacher, is playing Fagin. Our choir members Seb and Jay are in his talented gang!

This is a great family musical of Dickens' story. Friday and Saturday evening are sold out but there is good availability for the remaining performances including a Saturday matinee. Tickets £12 and £8 for children.

Box Office 01275 852663 or <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tickenhamdramagroup>

3rd Redcliffe Bay Brownie Fundraiser for IMPACT 12th May Bristol Homeless Charity and the Bristol Children's Hospital

IMPACT

Will you come to our fundraiser?
Together we can make a difference.

3rd Redcliffe Bay Brownies are doing an 'IMPACT awareness' term. We are seeing what impact we can have on our community. We are fundraising for Bristol Homeless Charity and The Bristol Children's Hospital.

- Tea, coffee and soft drinks
- Bake sale
- Raffle
- Football shoot out
- Coconut shy
- Other classic stalls
- Face painting
- Sweet stall
- Henna tattoo booth
- Hair braiding

Where: Somerset Hall

Date: 12th May 2018

Time: 10am-2pm

50p entry fee or a donation for our chosen charities.

Please email us on 3rdredcliffebaybrownies@gmail.com if you can offer us any help or donations

