



**Friday 15th
February 2019**

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Dear Parents,

As another term draws to a close, we have been able to celebrate and appreciate a number of fantastic opportunities for your children. From the number of sporting events in the junior school to an Indian puppet show in Year 2, all of our children have been able to really engage in our wonderful curriculum and have shown a superb attitude throughout.

We hope that our whole school community at High Down Schools have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 25th February.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Hopkins
Executive Deputy Headteacher
High Down Schools

Reception

What a fantastic week we have had this week. Starting off with Chinese dragon dancing to celebrate Chinese New Year.



Then we finished off our topic on 'Once upon a time' with a fairytale ball. The children had to listen to and follow instructions, work with a partner and had an opportunity to express themselves through dance. Thank you to all of the Reception parents for helping to turn your little ones into fairytale characters for the day.

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**From September 2019 -
places available at
High Down Nursery!**



High Down Nursery School

**Please share this information with family, friends or
neighbours who may be interested**

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016
s/he is eligible to start in the School Nursery from this September.

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free education/ child care
per week, whilst for the children of most working parents, 30 hour free
places are available.

Your child will be able to participate in morning or afternoon sessions, or
stay all day!

It would be lovely to meet you and your children. Please contact the
main school office on 01275 843969 for more information.

<http://highdownschools.co.uk/nursery/>

Email: office@highdownschools.org

Nursery children enjoying small world play in both inside and outside areas.



Year 3 and 4 Gymnasts Success!

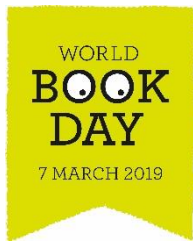
On Monday 11th February 9 amazing gymnasts from Years 3 and 4 travelled to Gemini Gymnasium in Nailsea to compete against 12 other schools from all over North Somerset in a Gymnastic competition. The 9 children were absolutely amazing showing all of High Downs core values and beliefs. As part of the competition the gymnasts had to perform a floor routine and compete in the vault. The morning proved to be very successful with both the Level 1 and 2 teams winning GOLD in the team events!!! Elsie won gold for individual (Level 2), Emily won bronze for individual (Level 1), Sophia won silver (Level 1) and Roxy won gold (Level 1).

We are extremely proud of what the girls and boys achieved at this event and they have made their way through to the next round of the competition which will be in coming summer! Well don't Gymnast you were simply awesome!



Phoebe, Laura, Elsie, Ruby and Samuel, Sophia, Emily, Roxy and Olivia.

World Book Day 7th March 2019



Children across both schools are invited to dress as book characters for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Outfits don't have to be complicated – see <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/> for some ideas, but there are lots of others that can be put together simply from items you already have at home. If your child has the book that their character is from, then please send that in as well. Look out for information from year groups about other activities happening that week, to celebrate all things book related and help your children's love of reading!

Coffee Morning- Wednesday 6th March

Following on from the last Parents Coffee and Chat we are holding the next one in Term 4 on Wednesday 6th March. Thank you to all those who attended and enjoyed Andy Baker's discussion and support around children's friendships and Playground strategies.

The next one will be about Dyslexic tendencies and how we support in class for literacy and spelling. There will be opportunity to discuss other aspects of caring for our children and enjoy a cuppa, chat and make new friends.



Everyone welcome both Junior and Infant Parents/Carers ! Look forward to seeing you in the Staffroom on Wednesday 6th March @ 9.00am

Martina Jones Kate Gore

BBC Radio 2 500 Word Challenge



Radio 2 ,as you may already be aware, is once again inviting children aged 7 to 11 to take part in this exciting competition. Every child is being invited to enter the competition by writing a short story of their choice, no longer than 500 words, via the [BBC website](#) by the Friday 8th March(19:00hrs). The story needs to be submitted online. Please let your child's class teacher know if they have entered so they receive a certificate from school.

A team of teachers and librarians will mark the entries before the Reading Agency draws up a shortlist of 50 finalists. The top 50 shortlisted entrants (25 in each age category 7-9 and 10-13) will be invited to attend the 500 Words final at a location in London on Friday 14th June 2019 for the live broadcast of the BBC Radio 2 Zoe Ball Breakfast Show. The full names of the 6 finalists and the overall winners will be announced during this live broadcast, subject to parental consent.

The winner of the best story will receive a "gold prize" of Chris Evans' height in books, plus 500 books for their school. Gold winners will also be invited to the set of a CBBC production. The silver prize winner will be rewarded with a stack of books as tall as the honorary Judge HRH the Duchess of Cornwall's height in books, and the bronze prize winner will get their own height in books.

Further details, including rules and conditions, can be found on the BBC website.

Happy Writing!

Literacy Team

Junior School Term 3 House Points Result- hot off the press!

Below are the Junior House Point Results from Term 3. The children have been receiving house points for a variety of reasons this term for demonstrating our school values, to working incredibly hard in their lessons. As part of the house reward for Term 3, children in **Balmoral** house will be able to wear their house colours **on Wednesday 27th February**. Congratulations to all in Balmoral house!

Waverley- 1002	Matthew- 978
Balmoral- 1176	SS Great Britain- 1110



Weekly class winners

25th January 3AB
1st February 4F
8th February 6G
15th February 4D

Junior Golden Book Assembly:

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Years 3 and 4 – Jacob & Zach 3L, Lexie & Jasmine 6B, Clio & Lydia 3T, Rowan & Will 3AB, Ava & Holly 4D, Lucas & Chase 4M and Finley & Oliver 4F.

Years 5 and 6 – Josh & Chloe 5C, Alfie & Maya 5W, Ruby & Rio 5S, Lottie & Masie 6G, Femke & Will 6HW Sami & Thomas 6D and Jasmine & Myah 6B.

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Years 3 and 4 – Jacob & Roxana 3T, Rocky & Beau 3L, Theo & Isla 3W, Seren & Fin 3AB, Rhys & Harry 4D, Manny & Charlotte 4M and Leon & Piers 4F.

Years 5 and 6 – Imogen & Rafe 5C, Will & Aidan 5W, Violet & Elliot 5S, Sammy & Alfie 6B, Grace & Millie 6D, Christopher & Florence 6HW and Ellie-Mai & Jayden 6G.

Infant Celebration Service:

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Thea & Lilly (Parrots), Nelly & Aidan (Robins), Jacob & Brooke (Swans), Teddie & Ailsa (Pelicans) and Alice & Jonny (Falcons).

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Dexter & Sophia (Puffins), Rupert & Chloe (Ducks), Belle & Sophie (Penguins) and Kuzey & Thorley (Owls).

Message from the 'Friends'-Reminder of Dates

Book Drop

In line with World Book Day

Whole School Event

4-8th March

Donate Children's books you and your children have enjoyed but no longer want or need. See leaflet sent home with your children for further info.

Quiz 'n' Chips

Friday 15th March

Fun evening - fundraising for the school

Whole School Event

Gotta be in it to win it!

£12pp

Teams of 4

Clothes Recycling

Wednesday 20th March

Whole School Event

See ParentMail for full information

Happy Half Term!

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Key Diary Dates

Term 4

Tuesday 26th February Infants Parents Evening

Thursday 28th February Infants Parents Evening

Friday 1st March Y1 Circus Skills Workshop

Junior Eisteddfod Concert

Week commencing Monday 4th March World Book Week (details to be confirmed shortly)

Thursday 7th March World Book Day

Week commencing Monday 11th March Junior Family Learning Conferences

Tuesday 12th March Y1 Trip to St Fagan's Museum

Friday 15th March Comic Relief Non-uniform day

Wednesday 20th March Y3 Dancefest

Friday 22nd March Y1 Igloo Challenge

Week commencing Monday 25th March Junior Science Week

Tuesday 26th March MAWS performance at The Winter Gardens

Wednesday 27th March Y6 Lifeskills Trip

Thursday 28th March Y4 Caerleon Trip

Wednesday 3rd April Junior Discos

Friday 5th April Last day of term