



**Friday 15th  
June 2018**

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### NEWSLETTER 15

Dear Parents



I hope you and your family had a good half term break. We ended last term with the junior school Summer Fest which was a wonderful evening superbly organised by the Friends. I hear that our Year 6 children's stalls raised some £800! Well-deserved as they put considerable time and effort into Dragon's Den business plans.

It was also great to see The Mallards perform through the evening. The group of talented youngsters includes quite a few of our past pupils – brilliant to see them still loving making music! Thank you to all who helped in any way or came along to support.

Last week ended with Del's funeral on the Friday afternoon and the Family Sports Day at High Down on the Saturday which raised nearly £1000 for charities and the school. It was heart warming to see how the school and local community came together to show their love and support for Del and his family.

With the sun shining for us - well off and on - this week, we are having a very exciting last summer term. Sporting events, Arts Week, rehearsals, concerts and educational visits fill our school calendar providing a wealth of opportunities for our children. It is the inspiring and challenging enrichment activities which makes the High Down experience so special and provides so many good memories of school days.

## **Wrong Trousers Day/ Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal**

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Many thanks for your continued support  
Yours sincerely

Mrs Sue Parker  
Associate Headteacher

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## Junior School Golden Book Children

**8<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Years 3 and 4** – Layla & Oliver 3W, Euan & Isaac 3R, Owen & Thaliya 3L, Harrison & James 4D, Harrison & Caroleen 4F and Daniel & Alfie 4S.

**Years 5 and 6** – Thomas & Lani 5S, Grace & Tom 5C, Blythe, Sophie & Erin 5W, Amelia & Jamie 5B, Dan & Milly 6HB, Sam & Max 6G and Tom & Lily 6HD.

**25<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Years 3 and 4** – Olivia & Reuben 3W, Ava & Ruby 3R, William & Willow 3L, Marie & Millie 4D, Gabe & Amelia 4S and Alfie & Rome 4F.

**Years 5 and 6** – Darcy & Olivia 5B, Jessica & Alec 5W, Josh & Meadow 5C, Harry & Grace 5S, Riyn & Daisy 6G, Alfie & Sam 6HB and Gaby & Conor 6HD.

## Junior School May Fest!



What an amazing evening we had at High Down Fest - a great atmosphere & the sun shone!

Year 6 were astounding with their very successful stalls - they raised lots of money towards their end of year treat.

The Mallards kept everyone entertained throughout the evening with their awesome music and all the positive feedback we have received has made the Fest set up in the pouring Portishead rain all the more worth it!!

Thank you to all the volunteer helpers on the evening and in the run up to the Fest - these events don't happen overnight - a lot of hard work and planning gets them off the ground!

The Friends would also like to thank everyone who has helped at fundraising events throughout this school year - you are all very much appreciated.

We had our last committee meeting of the year this week and set two important dates for the diary for next year:-

**FHDJS Meeting - Wednesday 12 September '18 7:30pm**

**FHDJS AGM - Wednesday 26 September '18 7:30pm**

**Please come along - every bit helps and we have some fun as well!**

The FHDJS are looking forward to seeing the children at the school picnic to give out ice lollies.

See you on the High Street for Portishead carnival, enjoy the rest of the summer term & thanks once again!

**FHDJS More photos on website**

## Back by popular demand... Parent Coffee Morning FRIDAY 22nd June 9.00am in Staff Room

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will be having another of our popular Parent Coffee mornings. Come along and share ideas, questions and informative chat about all sorts of topics relating to caring for our children.

Enjoy a well-deserved cuppa and meet new friends!!



Look forward to seeing you there ...

Mrs. Martina Jones (SENCo) Mrs. Kate Gore (SENCo)  
Mrs. Battlebury and Mrs Parkinson (Learning Mentors)

## Year One miniature gardens

The children had great fun designing and making their miniature gardens – a great end to Arts Week! Thank you to all the parents who sent in such wonderful resources for the children to use.



## Portishead in Bloom Poppies



Year 2 have started making poppies from recycled bottle tops for the Portishead in Bloom project. Portishead in Bloom will be using these around Portishead to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the First World War. We desperately need more bottle tops please for all year groups, particularly red ones please so keep sending them in.

Also if you can offer any help in making them please let us know.

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## **AN EXCITING NEW TRAIL COMING 2018**

The Infant PSA have also funded our very own Feathers McGraw as part of the Gromit Unleashed 2 trail running in Bristol this summer. Year One and Two had a special service about this on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. We are decorating him with penny coins (these can be sent in at any time to class teachers). When completed, he will form part of the schools' display at the Wallace and Gromit shop at The Mall over the summer period, before coming home to High Down. More details of the Grand Appeal can be found at <https://www.grandappeal.org.uk/>