



**Friday 17th
May 2019**

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Dear Parents,

The last few weeks have been incredibly busy across the schools and the children have shown superb learning attitudes throughout. OFSTED visited the junior school last week where the report will be available to share in the coming weeks.

A particular mention to our Y2 and Y6 children who have recently completed their end of key stage assessments- we have been so proud of you all!

Just a reminder that next Friday 24th May is an INSET Day so school will be closed. We will mark the last day of term on Thursday with a non-uniform day. We ask for a £1 donation which will go to NSPCC, who will be completing some work with us over the next few weeks- thank you!

Term 5 Value: Trust and Honesty

This term's school value is Trust and Honesty. There is so much to explore in this value and you may wish to talk about their importance at home. Friendship and love are based on trust and honesty. TRUST: It is important that our children know who they can trust and how to be someone others can trust. For their safety, they also need to be aware that if someone tells you to keep a secret which worries you or makes you feel unsafe, ALWAYS tell a trusted adult.

HONESTY: The famous story of "The boy who cried Wolf" is a useful example. When we tell lies too much, people don't trust us anymore. It is always better to tell the truth even when a lie seems the easy way out of trouble.



Yours sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Hopkins
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High Down Schools

Year 1



Zoo Lab

In Year 1 we had an exciting visit from the Zoo Lab. The children got to handle a variety of minibeasts as well as ask lots of questions.



Wave Collage

Thank you parents for all your plastic packaging. We have created a wonderful wave collage in each Year 1 class. The collages have now gone to Clevedon as part of the North Somerset Arts Week schools competition. We will keep you updated as to how we get on.

Weston Big Wood

Year 1 had a wonderful walk to the local woods. They carried out lots of activities such as minibeast hunts, creating colour palletes and rubbings in the environment.



Year 4 celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 93rd Birthday

Last week, Year 4 decided to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 93rd birthday in a style we're sure he would love...by making Eco Bricks! As an activity provided to us, we collected lots (and lots!) of crinkly plastic that would have otherwise been sent to landfill. With these plastics, we cut them up and collected

them in bottles which will be used as part of another project to build something fantastic that would have otherwise been binned. The children all really enjoyed their challenge, working in house groups to see if they could fill their plastic bottles (even when we all realised just how much plastic was needed!) Any more donations of crinkly plastic to the box located outside the office would be greatly appreciated so we can continue this work.

Continuing on with the environment theme...

High Down is doing so well with its recycling and we would like to do more but we've reached a point that this cannot be done without the help of more people. Please don't let this put you off reading any further. The help we are hoping for is so small – 10 minutes or less each week. The children in year 4 had this photo taken to try to get this important message across.



At the moment “the Green Team” is made up of the following people doing the following things:

Kevin & Chris (the school’s caretakers) – Creating imaginative recycling collection points.

Laura Fairhurst (parent) – Collecting and recycling used writing instruments.

Louise Haunton (parent) – Delivering tatty and unwanted reading books (from classrooms and the school libraries) to the Book Barn.

Mrs Fackrell (Year 4 teacher) – Running the school’s environmental club.

Roberta George (parent and SMSA) – Recycling stretchy plastic, crinkly plastic and crisp packets, organising the BTR clothes & textile collections, writing green updates in newsletters and setting up various recycling initiatives.

We would like to start recycling plastic fruit bags in the infants and the children’s milk cartons throughout the school but, before we can set up the necessary systems, we need people who would be willing to spend 10 minutes (maybe even less) each week taking whatever is collected to a recycling point.

(For example, if you have a child in the infants, their class will be collecting their plastic fruit bags each day. In a week this would fill up a bag for life. The class teacher would pass this to you once a week and when you do your food shopping, you would take it with you and empty its contents into the carrier bag recycling point. You would then pass the bag for life back to the class so that it can be refilled. If you could commit to doing this for term or school year that would be absolutely marvellous).

Sincere thanks for taking the time to read this. I really hope to hear from lots of you soon because if many little people in many little places do many little things we can change the face of the Earth.

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Class Winners

Friday 10th May 3L

Friday 17th May 5C

Message from FHDJS:

Hopefully you've received your junior summer fair packs?!

Your climbing wall forms?!

Your perfectly formed ParentMail?!

Please, please, please make sure your child's climbing wall forms and money are back to school by 7 June!
No form = No climb.

High Down Fest II is on Friday 14 June and starts at 6:30pm. Live music - Take That asked to come but we said No!, we've got The Mallards - maybe next year?!

There's a great competition to enter - as a family or individual - #hulahoopchallenge, design a dream catcher, chandelier, crazy piece of art - whatever takes your fancy. We have the hula hoops but need your imagination. All entries will be used to decorate the Fest.£1 to register - see us in the junior playground after school on Monday 20 or Wednesday 22 to sign up and collect your hula hoop!!

To all our fabulous Year 6's the Friends say "go you" - we look forward to celebrating your awesomeness on the 14th. Well done this week.

Thank you

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Junior Golden Book Assembly:

10th May 2019

Years 3 and 4 – Asia & Aniya 3T, Kye & Levi 3W, Evelyn & Sienna 3L, Meghan & Callum 3AB, Maia & Ruby 4D, Oliver & Freddie 4M an Roxy & Oliver 4F

Years 5 and 6 – Amelia & Alife 5W, Harrison & Lily 5S, Cara & Sam 5C, Meadow & Liam 6B, Milan & Harry 6HW, Isla & Ellie 6B and Immy & Esme 6D.

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Years 3 and 4 – Teddie & Alfie 3T, Thomas & Paige 3W, Maggie & Victoria 3L, Mia & Jack 3AB, Dexter & Charlie 4D, Louis & Owen 4M and Lizzy & Nia 4F

Years 5 and 6 – Imogen & Thomas 5C, Marley & Grace 5W, Samuel & Evie 5S and the whole of Year 6

Infant Celebration Service:

10th May 2019

Sophie & Arthur Parrots, Sophie & Didi Robins, Isabel & Pippa Swans, Oliver & Freddie Pelicans.

Key Diary Dates

Term 5

Tuesday 21st May – Y1 ‘Grins and Growls’ workshop

Thursday 23rd May NSPCC non-uniform fundraising day (£1 donation)

Last day of term for children

Friday 24th May INSET Day

Term 6

Monday 3rd June Term 6 begins

Wednesday 5th June Y6 NSPCC Workshops during the morning

Infant class photos

Thursday 6th June New YR parent meeting 7pm

Friday 7th June Junior Non-uniform Day for Summer Fair

Monday 10th June Phonics Assessment week

Tuesday 11th June Junior class photos

Friday 14th June Junior Summer Fair

Climbing Wall in the Junior School all day

Y5 NSPCC Workshops during the morning

Tuesday 18th June Year 6 health checks

Y1 trip to Folly Farm

Y2 Scooter Safety Training

Wednesday 19th June Y6 health checks

Monday 24th June New YR parents meeting at 1.30pm

Tuesday 25th June New YR parents meeting at 1.30pm

Wednesday 26th June Y6 Group 1 Visit Saundersfoot

New YR parents meeting at 1.30pm

Friday 28th June Infant non-uniform day

Saturday 29th June Infant Summer Fair

Week commencing Monday 1st July – Junior Arts Week

Monday 1st July Y6 Group 2 visit Saundersfoot

Wednesday 3rd July Group 3 visit Saundersfoot

Tuesday 9th July Moving up morning

Y6 induction day at Gordano School

Wednesday 10th July Y2 concert at 2pm

Friends/PSA textiles collection

Y3/4 countryside day

Thursday 11th July Tea Party in infant hall 2pm

RNLI Lifeboat puppet show for Y2

Week commencing Monday 15th July Infant and Junior Sports week (details to follow)

Monday 15th July RNLI Junior Assembly

Wednesday 17th July Y3 fun swim

Y6 Productions (details to follow)

Monday 22nd July Picnic

Tuesday 23rd July Last day of term