



**Friday 13th
July 2018**

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NEWSLETTER 17

Dear Parents

Our Final End of Key Stage Results 2018

I am delighted to share with you our excellent results at Expected standard or Above Expected:

Infant School Y2

Reading 86%

Writing 84%

Maths 86%

Junior School Y6

Reading: 80% (National 75%)

Writing: 79% (National 78%)

Maths: 83% (National 76%)

All the children (and staff!) have worked incredibly hard and given of their best.

Safe Driving and Parking

Please take care when you are parking and driving close to school. One of our Year 5 children was nearly knocked over today crossing by Tower Road. She was shocked and quite angry that people had parked so carelessly making it difficult for children and adults to see.

Inter schools swimming gala

Despite persistent rain for the first hour or so, we had a great day at the Portishead swimming gala. All the Portishead schools took part and High Down came a very impressive FIRST with nearly double the points of the second place school retaining the Arthur Grannan Trophy for the 7th year in succession! Well done to all the children who represented the school and to all the parents and grandparents who came along to support us.

Our Annual School Picnic

To our great relief, the weather stayed dry for our High Down Picnic this afternoon. We have had a wonderful afternoon eating, dancing and singing with our live band - Mr Fullan on guitar and Mr Sage on drums. There was a surprise visit from Mr Hollis who left High Down last summer to become a headteacher in Bristol. He sang with us and gave a very kind retirement thank you to me. Big thank you to all who made the afternoon so special and to the PA and Friends who supplied the greatly appreciated ice lollies!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sue Parker

Associate Headteacher, High Down Schools

Junior School Environment Club

Environment Club would like to encourage you to help us to recycle and reuse please since we'd like to make some creations for the developing nature area using these resources. We would really like you to collect bottle caps metal and plastic), corks and plastic bottles. If we could just ask that you rinse them clean and place them in separate containers for us please and we'll put labelled boxes at the office entrance for you to place them in.-thank you. Hopefully, you've had a chance to look at the developing nature area. We hope to organise another weekend morning to take it on the next step of its journey in September so please watch the newsletter for dates. In the meantime please peer in and enjoy.

Waitrose backing for Environment Club – We are AUGUST!

"Over the course of a month selected by us, we will display your organisation name, your Registered Charity Number and a short description of what you do on one of the "Community Matters" boxes in our shop. At the end of the month, we will donate a proportion of £1,000 (or, in Little Waitrose branches, £500) to your organisation, based on the proportion of votes our customers cast for your organisation and two other good causes."

Infant Summer Fair

The PSA raised a huge £3024 from the fantastic Ye Olde Summer Fayre, which has been quoted as "the best fair ever!" by excited children! Everyone was enthralled by the Knights in shining armour bravely battling, and the children were incredibly excited to be able to get involved at the end of the show! All around there were happy faces & the weather was gorgeous. The Food Court was full of song, provided by local choir the Me Time Singers, made up of a number of High Down mums and parents in the wider community. All in all it was a fantastic day out and we cannot thank parents enough for supporting this event so well - despite donations & raffle ticket sales being drastically down on previous years we still managed to match previous fundraising totals from spending on the day!



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We've also been busy selling Ice Lollies after school on Fridays - selling out in 15 minutes most days. This simple event has raised an additional couple of hundred pounds for the school, and with lollies at only 50p each this is an amazing effort!

The PSA are also on the look out for new Committee members for the next school year, so please let them know if you are interested in getting involved with such rewarding & fun work.

Saundersfoot Year 6 Residential Visit 2018



High Down Juniors Arts Week 2018

Big thank you to Mrs Bjergfelt for organizing a fabulous week of special activities and to the Friends for helping us fund it!



Portishead in Bloom Painting Competition 2018

Thank-you to all who entered the Portishead head in Bloom competition: It's a Bug's Life.

Well done to our winners:

- 4 - 6 category: 1st Florence White
 2nd Hannah White
- 7 – 11 category: 1st Bonnie Lee,
 2nd Lucy Clark
 Highly Commended Phoebe Harvey



Bonnie's entry has now gone into the South West in Bloom competition and all entries will be on display in the windows of HSBC bank on the High Street, for a few days before and after judging, which takes place on the morning of 24th July.



Penny the Penguin

Thank you for all the coins brought in for our 'Feathers McGraw' It is now completed and is on show at the Wallace and Gromit shop at the Mall. Do go and have a look. We have named ours 'Penny the Penguin' and think it looks great. It will come back to school at the end of the Summer.