



**Friday 6th
October 2017**

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NEWSLETTER 2

Dear Parents,
What a great start to our Care and Kindness term!



Harvest Festivals Last Friday, we held our junior school Harvest Festival and this year we were joined by Rev Rob Eastwood Dewing. After the service, the house captains visited the Golden Oldies at the Jubilee Centre and sang their harvest songs. Food was distributed locally, to the Food Bank and harvest loaves shared with the children.

Today it is infant school harvest services and the produce will be sold at the Harvest Fair tomorrow morning. All money raised from junior donations and the infant sale will be given to Caring in Bristol.

<http://caringinbristol.co.uk/>

Walk the World We had a fantastic afternoon for Walk the World where all of the year groups got together to walk as far as they could for charity and school. As a team, we managed to walk 886 miles which would take us to the south of France or Germany. It was a fantastic effort by everybody and raised almost £2000 which will be shared between Action Aid and outdoor play equipment. Well done to everyone who tried their best. Thank you to Mr Shayler for organising this special event and to you and your families for your generosity.



MacMillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning On Friday 29th September the staff took part in MacMillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning and raised just over £197!! There were so many cakes on offer and we all enjoyed raising money for this amazing charity and enjoying a slice or two during our morning break. Last year the MacMillan coffee morning raised over £29.5 million!

Junior School Maths Evening for Parents Last night, we held a maths evening to explain current nationally agreed calculation methods for the primary curriculum. Mrs Wright, our maths leader, did an excellent presentation which parents found most helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sue Parker, Associate Headteacher, High Down Schools

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Junior School Golden Book Children

22nd September 2017

Years 3 and 4 – Charlotte & Heidi 3L, Frank & Megan 3R, Piers & Mia 3W, Jessica & Libby 4D, Vinnie & Ben 4S and Harvey & Bonnie 4F

Years 5 and 6 – Igor & Ruby 5B, Flo & Neve 5W, Ella & Riley 5S, Saskia & Josh 5C, Charlie & Joshua 6G, Bethan & Karl 6BH and Stephen & Anya 6HD.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

A huge 'Thank you' to everyone who posted their Sainsbury's vouchers last term. The infant school collected an impressive 38,138 vouchers which has been used to replace and update the P.E and P.E.P equipment.

Some of the new equipment has arrived and Ducks class thoroughly enjoyed helping to unpack it and deliver it.

Active Kids
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Sainsbury's



Our amazing Reception children



We are so proud of how well our Reception children have settled into school-life. They have been enjoying getting to know new friends and exploring our resources inside the classroom and outside. We thank the Parents for encouraging independence in the mornings and hope you are all thrilled at seeing your child's learning evidenced on their Interactive Learning Diaries (ILD).

Y3 Windmill Farm Visit

Year 3 had a wonderful time at Windmill City Farm. Activities included picking vegetables, preparing and cooking them to make Chinese pancakes which they loved eating!



Cross Country

Thirty of our pupils from Y4-6 took part in the Gordano School Cross Country races yesterday. It was a long course with the Y5/6s taking on 2000m of tough running. All of the children did really well and should be very proud of themselves for representing their school so well. We came overall second in the competition. Well done to each and every runner for trying their best.



Year 6 Girls' Football Club

The year 6 girls' football club has got off to a flying start this year with help from two girls from Portishead Junior Football Club: Katherine, a former Highdown pupil, and Phoebe are volunteering with our club as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. We are a friendly and enthusiastic club and welcome new people. You do not have to have played football before as we are developing our skills through fun games and matches.

If you would like to join in, collect a form from me in 6HD
Mrs Davies

Message from Friends of High Down Junior School and the Infant PSA

We are delighted to announce that the school is once again holding a textile collection for the Happy School Bag Fundraising Scheme. This is a simple and easy way to boost the fundraising for the school.

A bag has now gone out to all children. To take part you simply need to fill the Happy School bag with unwanted but clean clothing. We accept both children's and adult clothes including paired shoes, accessories (hats, belts, handbags, etc), soft toys and bed linen.

Remember that the more you fill up the bag the more the school can raise; we receive a competitive rate of up to 65p per kilo; you can also use additional black bin bags if required.

This is a fantastic opportunity to raise eco-friendly awareness amongst children. Everyone can take part so spread the word and let's get fundraising!

The Happy School Bag van will be collecting from our school on Friday 13th October. Please bring all your bags to the Infant School Front Playground by the Big Tree at drop off and help us have an amazing collection. Please do not bring any bags in before the above date.

Many thanks for taking part!