



**Friday 20th
October 2017**

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Dear Parents,

How quickly this first term has gone by! As always, High Down has been very busy. This week the **Year 2 children** had a fantastic trip to **Bristol Museum** where they had the opportunity to find out how the huge Pliosaur Dinosaur lived. They also had the chance to handle real fossils and imagine what it is like to be a palaeontologist!

Harvest

Donations from the junior school and sale of harvest produce at the infant harvest fair raised £131.95 for Caring in Bristol. Thank you for your kind donations.

Message from Mr Hopkins, Deputy Headteacher Junior School

I would like say a BIG thank you to the High Down community for making be feel very much part of this fantastic school. It is hard to believe that Term 1 has been and gone. I have been so impressed with the attitude and passion for learning your children have and the commitment and dedication of the staff. I wish you all a restful half term break and look forward to seeing you again in Term 2.

*Regards,
Mr Hopkins*

Thank you for attending our **Parent /Teacher meetings** over the last few weeks. Almost every parent and carer came along to meet with the class teachers and to have a look at the children's work in the classrooms. We hope you found the sessions helpful, we certainly did. We know that the children enjoyed sharing all their work with you and are sure that they make you very proud.

We start next term with a bang. Our fabulous **Fireworks Night** is on **Saturday 4th November** and is always a wonderful spectacular family and community event. It takes a great deal of organising so if you are able to help on the night or on the Sunday morning please contact Jo Shayler or any of the Friends committee.

Mrs Cowan and I would like to take this opportunity **to thank all the staff** for their hard work and care for the children at our school this term. We are so fortunate to be blessed with such a great team.

Thank you to all our families for your support, the school community continues to be a real strength here at High Down Schools.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sue Parker,
Associate Headteacher,
High Down Schools



Junior School Golden Book Children

6th October 2017

Years 3 and 4 – Francesca & James 3R, Willow & Sophie 3L, Caroleen & Sarah 4F, Elliot & Lily 4D and Richard & Seb 4S.

Years 5 and 6 – Darcey & Jamie 5B, Georgina & Ty 5C, Abi & Emily 5W, Alfie & Milly 6HB, Hannah & Joshua 5S and Rachel & Elliot 6HD.

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Years 3 and 4 – Archie & Molly 3L, Dexter & Ava 3R, Phoebe & Leon 3W, Erin & Alfie 4D, Daniel & Jack 4S and Charlie & Polly 4F.

Years 5 and 6 – Abi & Fin 5B, Alec & Sophie 5W, Rose & Mohamed 5S, Will & Mya 6G, Esmee & Oscar 6HB and Jake & Halima 6HD.

Bottle Top Art – please help!

Following on from the success of last year's bottle top art, Portishead in Bloom is organising another art project. This year they will be commemorating 100 years since World War One by making hundreds of poppies to be made and put up around town.

The Poppies will be made by using a wooden back that will be painted and then glue bottle tops on (this will be done in school). Portishead in bloom will supply the wood, the paint and the glue but we will need to collect red and black bottle tops.

So to that end ... **Please save and bring into the school office any RED or BLACK bottle tops.**



Reception Breadmaking

Reception children were given the opportunity to make different shaped bread rolls as an experience provided by Caterlink, the company who provide our hot school dinners. They had to knead the bread and mould their rolls into different shapes. All the children absolutely loved this chance to use their arm muscles and press firmly down into the dough and use their fine motor skills to shape into unique designs.



Year 1 Shark WoW Day

In Year 1 we have been busy learning about 'Under the Sea'. The children had a fantastic *Shark Day* where they made Shark passports, boarded the *Yellow submarine* where we met a *deep sea diver* who ran a Shark V Killer whale quiz! The children then took part in Shark crafts and they even measured the size of real sharks and compared them to the size of children.



Cross Country

Yesterday, thirty children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the North Somerset Schools Cross Country Competition at Bristol Grammar School. There were the best runners from schools across the county and the weather was wet and cold! High Down children, as ever, behaved impeccably and tried their hardest to complete the course as fast as they could. We had several top ten finishers and great personal efforts from everyone. In the team competition, the Y6 girls took bronze medals and the Y6 boys silver. Everyone should be very proud of themselves for their efforts.

Friends of High Down Junior School

Firework Display

Saturday 4th November 2017

Tickets are now available to purchase.

These can be bought at Morgan Wesley, Heaven on the Hill and School Reception.

Tickets in advance £4.00

On the gate: £6

Under 5s Free.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Calling all Quiz 'n' Chippers!

The posters are up - the booking forms are out and if you try hard enough you can even smell the Fish 'n' Chips!!

The FHDJS & Infant PSA host an evening of entertainment to raise money for the school.

Teams of 4 @ £12 per person (includes food)

Date:- Friday 17 November

Venue:- Junior School Hall
Doors open at 7pm

You've got to be in it to win it!

Always a popular event - so be quick to enter - booking forms in the school office and the old Infant office or available from FHDJS and PSA committee members.