



Friday 23rd
November 2018

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NEWSLETTER 6

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy start to Term 2 and we are in the full swing of a number of learning activities and topics across both schools. Over the next few weeks, we have a number of events taking place across both schools so please keep an eye out for these.

School Values

Our School Value this term is **Respect**, one of the school's five Core Values. We want the children to be happy and successful at school and have set high expectations for how we treat each other around the school and in class - being and trying our best!

Children in Need



We are thrilled to report that High Down Schools managed to raise a total of £735 for Children in Need. This is a fantastic amount raised and will really support a number of different causes across the country. Thank you!

Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 12th November High Down Schools launched Anti-Bullying to promote 'Choose Respect.' This included lots of us wearing ODD SOCKS to highlight the importance of being respectful about what makes us all different.

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Y5/6 football finals



On Monday 19th November, the Year 6 boys football team competed in the regional schools finals. This was after successfully topping the group of the Portishead schools division last month.

After a slow and shaky start on the Bristol Grammar School 3G pitch, the boys won 2 of their last group games to finish third. In a tense friendly final against the other 3rd place team, High Down pulled off a superb comeback to draw 2-2. This was an excellent effort, narrowly missing out on a bronze medal through goal difference.

Well Done High Down!
Mr Sage

Reception

Reception children absolutely loved their WOW visit to the Explorer Dome this week. They continued learning about light and dark and many other aspects of this, in particular how rainbows are made. One child was so excited as they stated, "I loved the rainbow and getting rained on!" We also welcomed the parents into the classroom for our first Stay and Play which was a huge success. The children love having the opportunity to share with their grown up's all of the wonderful learning they have been doing and also to play with all the resources. Thank you to everyone who came and continue to support your child with their learning.



Parliament Trip



The Junior School Council enjoyed its third consecutive annual visit to the Houses of Parliament last week, this time accompanied by the Year 6 House Captains. This time the trip was organised to coincide with the official Parliament Week celebrations in November. The group was treated to a tour of the Robing Room, the House of Lords and Westminster Hall - but unfortunately not the House of Commons as a rather important Prime Minister's Questions was taking place! Following the tour, we had a workshop on representation and voting at Parliament's education centre where a government was formed and a prime minister elected! We then had lunch beside the Thames followed by a riverboat tour from Westminster Pier to the Tower of London, where we got great views of Cleopatra's Needle, Shakespeare's Globe, the Shard and many other famous landmarks. Once again the children were a credit to the school throughout and a huge thank you to them all, plus Mrs Shayler, Miss Harsey and our parent helpers for their enthusiasm throughout during what was a very long but immensely rewarding day.

Mr Culverhouse

Message from the Friends

Preparations are underway for the Christmas Fair on 30 November (6:30-8pm), keep selling those raffle tickets! If you'd like to help on the evening please fill in the form on your fair letter and return it to the office.

Thank you to everyone who donated their preloved Fancy Dress for the children to enjoy at playtimes - there were lots of lovely costumes and they were very well received by staff from Nursery through to Year 6. Apparently Spider-Man, along with various police officers, princesses & witches, can now be seen in the playground on a regular basis!!

The Textiles/Clothing drop was a success - we used a new company so we weren't sure how it would go but we shouldn't have doubted! High Downers once again stepped up and what an easy way to raise a bit of money for the school so thank you.

You'll hopefully have received the Christmas cards, labels and mugs designed by your children. A mammoth task to ensure all deliveries made it to the classrooms correctly so we hope you enjoy the artistic efforts!

A big thank you to those of you who volunteer your time to help these events and occasions happen and of course to all of you that come along! We think you'll definitely make it on to Santa's NICE list!

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Parent Governor Vacancy

Applications are invited from parents and carers who'd like to become a parent governor, as we will have a vacancy from January 2019. Please visit the [Governor page](#) of the schools' website for more information. The application deadline is 3.30 pm on Wednesday 28 November 2018. Being a governor is both challenging and enjoyable. If you feel you can make a difference and contribute to our schools' ongoing success as a governor, we encourage you to step forward.

Cathryn Butler

Clerk to Governors for High Down Schools

Infant Christmas Fair – a plea from the PSA

Preparations for the Christmas Fair are now well underway, however we have just short of 20 slots to fill to be able to cover all the stalls. Whilst we were hoping not to have to allocate stalls to each class this seems the only way we may get these gaps filled. The only other alternative is to reduce the stall numbers, which will impact on the takings. Therefore could we kindly ask for two volunteers from each class - be it parents, grandparents, friends etc. to step forward. Time slots are either 10.30am to 12pm or 12pm to 1.30pm. Please email the PSA at highdowninfantpsa@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you.



Junior Golden Book Assembly:

Friday 16th November 2018

Years 3 and 4 – Aniya and William 3T, Poppy and Lily 3W, Callum and Sophia 3AB, Sienna and Alysee 3L, James and Elsie 4D, Amber and Emily 4M, Ben and Phoebe 4F.

Years 5 and 6 – Ben and Ella 5S, Jack and Derin 5W, Sammy and Alfie 5C, Emily and Reuben 6HW, Josh and Darcey 6G, Leah and Eva 6B, Olivia and Immy 6D

Friday 29th November 2018

Years 3 and 4- Delilah and Levi 3W, Samuel and Florence 3L, Sam and Ollie 3T, Eli and Bethan 3AB, Euan and Francesca 4D, Chase and William 4M, Libby and Nia 4F

Years 5 and 6- Marie and Jasper 5S, Jessica and Luke 5C, Richard and Daniel 5W, Erin and Blythe 6HW, Megan and Eva 6B, Harry and Aaron 6D, Ruby and Noah 6G

Infant Celebration Service:

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Jonah and Indie (Owls), Jack D and Alissia (Falcons), Finn and Leon (Pelicans), Xander and George C (Penguins), Sophia F and Albie (Ducks), Jack T and Isabel C (Swans)

Friday 29th November 2018

Erin and Jude (Owls), Daisy and Emily (Falcons), Lucy and Harry H (Pelicans), Elsie and Savannah (Ducks), Amber and Lola (Swans), Myles and Chloe G (Penguins)

Key Diary Dates

Term 2

Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th Y4 Star Trail at St Peters Church

Friday 30th November Junior Christmas Fayre (6.30-8pm)

Wednesday 5th December Christmas Gala Celebration at Clifton Cathedral 7.30pm

Friday 7th December Penny Brohn Concert- 6.30pm at Clifton College

Saturday 8th December Infant Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 12th December Junior Discos

Y3/Y4 5:30-6:30pm

Y5/Y6 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 17th December PM Junior Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's Church

Year 3 and Year 5 - Carol Service 1.30pm to 2:15pm

Year 4 and Year 6 - Carol Service 2:45pm to 3:30pm

Wednesday 19th December Infant School Christmas Dinner (Christmas Jumpers can be worn)

Thursday 20th December Junior School Christmas Dinner (Christmas jumpers can be worn)

Friday 21st December Last day of term

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely,

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High Down Schools