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**Friday 8th
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2017**

NEWSLETTER 6

Dear Parents,

Christmas has well and truly arrived at High Down Schools! Christmas Fairs, performances, services and special visits are taking place across the school. It's a wonderful place to be at this time of year.



PSA Infant School Christmas Fair A huge success. Everybody had a great time and so many families came along raising a total of £2855! The following week we had the **Junior Friends Christmas Fair** again this was very well supported last Friday raising £ 2400. Thank you to all who came along with your families. A special thanks to our dedicated parents who organized these events and to those who helped run stalls on the day.

Everyone looks forward to our annual **Infant and Year 3 Class Performances** at Christmas time and there has been a performance for parents most days this week and again next week. It is wonderful to see the children standing on stage speaking, dancing and singing and is so good for developing their self-confidence and delightful for the proud audience too!

Year 5 and 6 performances On Tuesday afternoon the choir sang at the Memory Café which is held in the Jubilee Hall, Slade Road. Singing triggers lost memories for many of those suffering from memory loss who were moved by their singing and really appreciated their visit.

This week, some of our Year 5 and 6 children have also had the opportunity to sing in Bristol – Year 5 performing at the **Colston Hall Christmas Extravaganza** and this evening our upper school choir are singing at **Clifton College Chapel**.

On Monday afternoon, the Junior School will be holding two carol services for parents at St Peters Church.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sue Parker,
Associate Headteacher,
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Junior School Golden Book Children

24th November 2017

Years 3 and 4 – Elsie & Charlie 3R, Nia & Ollie 3W, Miles & Owen 3L, Ruby & Millie 4D, Immy & Sam 4F and Edward & Amelia 4S.

Years 5 and 6 – James & Sophie 5S, Rory & Hattie 5C, Isy & Charlie 5B, Femke & Amber 5W, Archie & Emma 6G, Conor & Beth 6HD and Frankie & Anthony 6HB.

Cross Country success



On Saturday 25th November 2017, Harry (5W), Elliot, Conor (6 HD) and Emily (6G) represented High Down School and Team North Somerset at the Inter Area Primary Cross Country Challenge at Ashton Park School. The race involved teams from B&NES, Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire. They all had great competitive races with very strong finishes from Harry, placed 20th, Elliot, 5th, Conor, 12th and Emily, 47th. In the team competition North Somerset Year 5 boys achieved 3rd place. The Year 6 girls achieved a really impressive 2nd place and Year 6 boys achieved first place. Well done to all of them.

Junior Environment Committee

The environment committee are trying to make your school an eco school, but we would really appreciate your help, if possible, please.

At the moment, we are making log piles, and bug houses however we have a shortage of gardening gloves, trowels and trugs to collect materials in. If you have any which you no longer need, please could you kindly donate them to us via the school office, and we will enjoy recycling them.

Thank you very much indeed.

Saskia and Angelica 5C



Year 3 Ancient Egypt

This term, our learning expedition has been Ancient Egypt. Over the past few weeks, the children have been very busy, practising for their end of topic performance. In the show, children in a Young Archaeologist Club travelled back to Ancient Egypt, to learn about the importance of the River Nile, mummification and the pharaohs. On Monday, they performed to children in Year 2 and the Juniors and on Wednesday evening, they performed to their families. We are so proud of every single child, for their effort in learning their lines, acting, singing and dancing - they were amazing!

The Year 3 teachers