



Friday 7<sup>th</sup>  
December 2018

## High Down Schools

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### NEWSLETTER 7

Dear Parents,

This term is passing us by in a flash and all classes are continuing to work incredibly hard. We have had lots going on in recent weeks and the last two weeks of term are packed full of Christmas performances, carol services just to name a few. The children continue to remain focussed in their learning and have had some wonderful opportunities right across the curriculum.

#### 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!

#### Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

On **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (Infants)** and **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December (Juniors)** the children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers to school and bring a £1 donation for



this very good cause. We have chosen these dates rather than the official date of 14<sup>th</sup> December to tie in with the festive fun of the school Christmas dinners! Jumpers don't have to be expensive – an ordinary jumper can get the tinsel treatment, or there are lots of ideas on the Save the Children website: <https://christmasjumperday.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Bundle-templates.pdf> Santa hats and silly headgear also welcome!



**Save the Children**  
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

#### Infant Christmas Parties

These will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Children can wear party clothes/ non-uniform, but will still need suitable footwear and coats for outside play. Look out for more information from class teachers in the next week or so!

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## A message for Year 2 Parents

Parents of children in Year 2 at High Down Infant School need to apply for a Y3 space at the Junior School by 11.59pm on Tuesday 15 January. Please click on the following hyperlink to access the North Somerset Admissions website. Children at the Infant School have priority to the spaces but only if the admissions form is completed on time.

<http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/admissions/reception-junior-and-secondary-transfer/secondary>

## Junior Christmas Fair



The Christmas Fair on Friday was a huge success! Thank you for coming along, we hope you had fun?!

Thank you to everyone who gave their time and efforts to make it happen. Those of you who helped on the evening, on the stalls, served food, looked after Santa and those that helped clear up are all essential to the smooth running of the event.

All your donations were well received and very generous. The cake stall was heaving under the delicious sweet treats that came in on Fair day!

We are pleased to announce that over **£2500** was raised! **THANK YOU** & a very happy festive season to you all!

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## Penny Brohn Concert

This evening, our school choir will be taking part in the Penny Brohn Concert at the Clifton College. We are sure that they will be absolutely fantastic! This year we will be joined by the Bristol Male Voice Choir, Penny Brohn Community Choir, Voice of Hope Wellbeing and UWE Gospel Choirs and Soprano Rachael Cooper! Good luck High Down Schools!

## Junior Christmas Carol Service



You would have received a letter inviting you to join us for our annual Carol Services at St Peter's Church on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

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

12:40pm Y3/5 classes will be taken by coach to St Peter's Church. At the end of the service, parents can

collect their children from the church and take them home. If you also have a Y4/6 child, your Y3/4 child may of course stay with you for the Y4/6 service. Remaining children will return to school and finish at 3.20 as usual.

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

2.15pm Y4/6 classes will be taken by coach to the Church. Parents can either collect from the church or the children can go back to High Down with staff. We should be back at school approx 3.50pm.

The children are asked to bring a Christmas gift for the Women's Refuge in Bristol. Please can the presents be labelled - young boy/girl, baby, toddler or mum to help with the distribution of the gifts. Upper school choir and school orchestra members will join us for both services to sing and play.

### **Year 4 – Star Trail at St Peters Church**

Last week, kindly driven by Mrs. Battlebury and supported by staff and parents, Year 4 were able to visit St. Peter's church where they enjoyed the Star Trail. During this wonderful experience, the children (and adults) journeyed through the church, pausing at points to reflect upon the story of the kings following a star and giving gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In awe and wonder, the children gazed at the inspirational scenes, explored artefacts and decorated their own star cookies which were excitedly taken home to share. Reflecting upon this experience, many children mentioned feeling "calm", "mesmerized" and "fascinated" by the things they had learned and observed. A truly memorable experience and a lovely lead into Advent in preparation for Christmas.

The Year 4 Team

### **Bristol Old Vic – A Donkeys Tail – The Nativity**



The Junior School were treated to a wonderful performance of 'A Donkeys Tail' from the Bristol Old Vic. Our children were in awe throughout and were amazed with the high quality singing and acting. This certainly put us into the Christmas spirit!

### **Year 6 Dodgeball Tournament**

*Kodi, Rose, Harry, Millie, Frankie and Thomas took part in a dodgeball tournament in Weston Super Mare, North Somerset competing against eight other schools.*

*There were three games per match and 2 minutes per game. We won the majority of our games but unfortunately we didn't get a medal. However, we will get certificates for taking part.*

*Rules: There were four people per team on the court and one boy and one girl grabbing the balls when they went out of play who had to put them back in the corner of the court. There were three whistles: two to get ready and then the referee would say "321" and blow the third whistle to start. Then we would all run from behind the line to get to the three balls. If you got hit you would get taken out but if another team member caught the ball that player will be able to get back on the court. The winner, after the 2 minutes was up, was the team with the most players left or if all of the other players are out. If you stepped out of the court (which a few of us did once or twice) you had to sit out onto the mat.*

*We all showed great respect to the other players by shaking their hands by the end of the game and*

*enjoyed the overall experience.*

*Written by Kodi and Rose*

## **Junior Golden Book Assembly:**

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Years 3 and 4** – 3L Victoria and Sophie, 3W Matthew and Emelia, 3T Teddie and Harry, 3AB Amelia and Oliver, 4M Ava and Oliver, 4D Olivia and George, 4F Mia and Reuben

**Years 5 and 6** – 5W Liam and Sofia, 5C Charlie and Polly, 5S Erin and Ryan, 6B Charlotte and Eva, 6G Phoebe and Zak, 6HW Amber and Neve, 6D Sophie and Morgan

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**Years 3 and 4**- 3W Sophie and Alex, 3L Lottie and Leo, 3AB Simeon and Meghan, 3T Leia and Leila, 4D Matthew S and Matthew M, 4M Miles and Dylan, 4F Laura and Nia

**Years 5 and 6**- 5W Erin and Gabe, 5S Jessica and Oscar, 5C Bonnie and Rome, 6HW Louisa and Harry, 6G Shannon and Tom, 6D Frankie-Jo and Hannah, 6B Joshua and Jacob

## **Key Diary Dates**

### **Term 2**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December Infant Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Puffins/ Ducks performance

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Y3 Shows (3W and 3T)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Parrots/ Penguins performance

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Junior Discos

Y3/Y4 5:30-6:30pm

Y5/Y6 6:45-7:45pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Owls performance

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December Y3 Shows (3L and 3AB)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Falcons performance

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 11am Nursery sing-song with parents\*

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2pm Pelicans performance

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Infant School Christmas Dinner (Christmas Jumpers can be worn)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm Nursery sing-song with parents\*

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December Junior School Christmas Dinner (Christmas jumpers can be worn)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December Infant School class parties (see above)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December Last day of term

\* alternative days/ times

Please use the pedestrian gate from Down Road onto the Infant front playground when arriving for performances.  
Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely,

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High Down Schools