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**Friday 25th
September
2020**

NEWSLETTER 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children are continuing to show superb learning attitudes and we could not be more proud of the way they have settled back into school. Hopefully you will have received a letter regarding the upcoming Parent/Carer evenings scheduled in a few weeks time that include the booking links. I have placed the information below also so you are aware of what you need to do from next Tuesday 29th September.



School Values

Our School Value this term is **Care and Kindness** 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!

Lunches

Please ensure that lunch boxes are kept nut free as we have a number of children and staff with severe nut allergies. Lunch boxes should also not contain any fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or sweets.

Technology at home

Next week, we will be sharing with you our contingency plan explaining how we will be providing our remote learning offer in the case of any form of class or school closure. Please could you inform the school office if you are unable to access any online resources.

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Harvest



The Junior School will be holding their annual Harvest Service on Friday 9th October. We will be joined again this year by the Rev Chris Judson from St Peter's Church who will be leading us for this special celebration. We will be holding this virtually where the children will watch the service from their classrooms.

From both the **infant and junior schools**, we would be very grateful for donations of **non-perishable food** e.g. tinned food (vegetables, soups, beans, etc), dried food (pasta, rice, tea bags, coffee, biscuits), jars (jam, marmalade, sauces, chutney, etc). To ensure safety, we ask that these are dropped into containers by the infant gates, Y3/4 and Y5/6 gates in the morning. These will then be stored for several days before distributing to the local food bank.

Thank you in anticipation for your support with this event.

Parent/Carer Evenings

This term, we will be completing our Parent/Carers meetings remotely using Microsoft Teams. Each meeting will last a maximum of 10 minutes and you will need to use the link below to sign up for your session.

We would like all parents and carers to sign up for a meeting. For children who have SEND or who receive Pupil premium funding, you will be able to have an additional 10 minutes on a separate day. Teachers will be in touch with you regarding this.

Meetings will have to begin and finish promptly so please ensure you are ready to begin at your start time.

To book an appointment, go to: <https://highdowninf.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> (Infants) or <https://highdownjun.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> (Juniors) and enter your details (only one parent/carers has been matched to each child on the system – the highest priority contact who has parental responsibility) and your child's details as requested on the log in page.

You will then be taken through to the available appointments and can select and book a 10 minute slot with the Class Teacher.

The booking facility will open at **6pm Tuesday 29th September and will close at 12pm Tuesday 13th October**. Once the bookings are closed the Class Teachers will set up the appointments on Teams which will be completed by 16th October.

Please check with your child's login on Teams when the meeting has been scheduled for. We will not be able to share any of your child's work during this meeting but we are looking at ways in which we can do this at a later time this year.

If you experience any issues please contact the school office.

Junior House/Vice Captains 2020-2021



I am pleased to announce that our Junior School House and Vice Captains are as follows. The children were asked to write a letter of application to the school explaining why they should be chosen. I received many strong letters from across Y6 so well done to all who put themselves forward.

SS Great Britain:

House Captains- Caitlyn and Dylan

Vice Captains- Francesca and Emily

Waverley:

House Captains- Joe and Emily

Vice Captains- Ellie and Amelia

Balmoral

House Captains- Euan and Charlotte

Vice Captains- Archie and Ava

Matthew

House Captains- Amber and Matthew

Vice Captains- Elizabeth and Bethany

Junior Library Books

We are pleased to announce that our Junior library will be open very soon. Mrs Mansell has been working very hard getting our new systems in place and we can't wait to share our wonderful books with the children again! **Could we now ask that all school**

books to be returned to school. The books will be stored for several days in your child's classroom before being put back into our library.



Infant 100 Reads

We will shortly be relaunching this exciting initiative, which was so generously supported by the PSA in 2019 – 20. We currently have a special reading service (streamed into classrooms via Teams) every Thursday and the children may have talked to you about some of the wonderful books we have shared so far from the 100 Reads list. In the meantime, for new parents and anyone else who wants more information, please visit the school website on <https://highdownschools.co.uk/infants/curriculum/> and scroll down to see the lists of books and much more.

Infant School Celebration Service:

18th September 2020

Year One – Meadow and Harry (Ducks), Kody and Tayla (Swans), Rowan and Kaylee (Penguins)

Year Two – Joshua and Cali (Owls), Noah N and Amelia (Falcons), Istas and Nelly (Pelicans)

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Year One – George and Hannah (Ducks), Matthew and John (Swans), Isaac and Freya (Penguins)

Year Two – Maci and Louie (Owls), Jesse and Edith (Falcons), Josh C and Nissy (Pelicans)

Junior Golden Book Service:

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Years 3 & 4 – Caleb and Ava 3AB, George and Xander 3T, Riley and Ivy 3W, Benjamin and Harry 4D, Aaron and Anabelle 4F, Jack and Callista 4W

Years 5 & 6 – Tom G and Cecily 5CH, Rowan and Olivia 5D, Rocky and Poppy 5S, Aniya and Joshua 5W, Thaliya and Alfie 6B, Lizzie and Mia 6H, Holly and Matteh M 6G

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Years 3 & 4 – Ivy and Samuel 3AB, Logan and Poppy 3T, Louise and Daniel 3W, Richard and Leon 4D, Amelia and Archie 4F, Isla and Albert 4W

Years 5 & 6 – Thomas and Eryn 5CH, Ludo and Cathryn 5D, Alysee and Sean 5S, Sam and Nevaeh 5W, Amber and Caity 6B, Beatrice and Frank 6H, Finley F and Emily 6G

Key Diary Dates-

Updated dates will be highlighted in red within each newsletter

Infant school Junior school Both schools

Term 1

Tuesday 13th October Y5/6 Assembly with Kooth

Tuesday 20th October 3.40-6.20pm Parent/Carers Evening

Thursday 22nd October 3.40-6.20pm Parent/Carers Evening

Thursday 22nd October Last day of Term 1 for children

Friday 23rd October INSET day

Term 2

Monday 2nd November INSET day

Tuesday 3rd November Children back in school to begin Term 2

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Hopkins
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