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**Friday 27th
November
2020**

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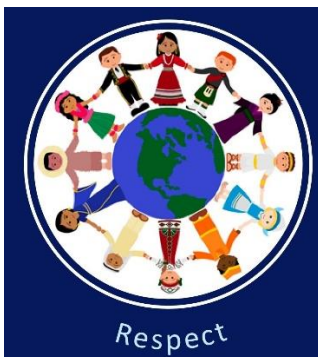
Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all the efforts you are making to support us, to stay safe and therefore to keep children in school. It's tough when children can't see friends and family or have sleepovers or playdates. However, the sacrifices we are all having to make are making a difference, and if we can persevere through the coming weeks, it will bring forward the time when we can begin returning to a more normal life.

As we move towards the end of Term 2, our children continue to work incredibly hard. We would particularly like to mention 6H. They moved to remote learning incredibly well during this time and we would like to say a big thank you to the children, staff and parents/carers of 6H for your efforts and support. We were so impressed with the attitudes of the children, their engagement and the quality of work they produced. It is lovely to have you back in school!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Hopkins
Executive Deputy Headteacher



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!

Christmas Cards

This year, children will be able to give out Christmas cards but only within their class bubbles.

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Gifts for staff

A few parents/carers have asked the school if we are allowing gifts to be given to members of staff. If you would like to give a gift to a member of staff, we politely ask that **your child** hands these over to the staff within their class bubble.

Message from the Friends of High Down Junior School

In the absence of a Christmas Fair this year, the FHDJS have been thinking long and hard about how to have some festive fun and keep funds stocked up to support the Junior School.

We didn't want to get too deflated so we came up with...

Drum roll please... a "Virtual Balloon Race"!

A virtual race works in the same way as a helium balloon race, but the balloons fly around their own webpage rather than in the atmosphere – eco friendly and fun.

Each balloon costs £3 (or 5 for £10) and we would love you to buy and sell as many as possible.

Balloons are available to purchase on **ParentPay Tues 24 Nov until Tues 8 Dec.**

On **Friday 11 December at midday** all the balloons will be 'released' and left to fly around a virtual London. Every hour each balloon travels between 1km and 20km. At the end of the race, on Friday 18 December at midday, the balloon that has travelled the furthest wins a **£50 Amazon Voucher**, with additional voucher prizes for 2nd and 3rd place.

Once the race has started you can track your balloons on our own race page! Swell idea huh?! www.balloonrace.com/HighDown

Please don't worry if you don't see your balloon straight away – it will be there in time for the start of the race on Friday 11 December.

To buy your balloons pop over to ParentPay from tomorrow – the ladies in the office have set up the relevant links – give your balloons a nickname and a colour. Don't forget what you call your balloons!

Thank you for your support towards this fundraiser, let's make it go with a bang - good luck!
Any queries please email friendshdjs@gmail.com

Free Entry by post is available.

Children in Need



We have raised a total of £513 for Children in Need. Thank you for your support!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Today, we celebrated the birthdays for those children who have had a birthday in September, October or November.

Year One – Visit from Freshwater theatre



This term, Year One are learning about old toys in their History work. As part of this the children enjoyed a visit from Freshwater Theatre and were able to experience a wider range of old toys and games in a covid-secure environment. They have also loved seeing photographs of parents', grandparents' and teachers' toys from their childhoods and learning about similarities and differences between old and new toys.

Junior Golden Book Service:

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Year 3 & 4 - Rhian & Oliver 3AB, George & John 3T, Nadia & Isobel 3W, George & Jocelyn 4D, Ella & Bella 4F and Sam & Toby 4W.

Years 5 & 6 - Arthur & Max 5CH, Simeon & Oli 5D, Jordan & Samuel 5S, Roxana & Anna 5W, Owen & Sophie 6B and Kristiyan & Layla 6G.

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Year 3 & 4 - Chloe & Hugo 3AB, Gabriel & Zac 3T, Jacob & Edith 3W, Oliver & Erin 4D, Nate & Laraya 4F and Jonah & Erin-Ashleigh 4W.

Years 5 & 6 - Henry & Poppy 5CH, Annabel & Emily 5D, Olwyn & Evelyn 5S, Lucy and Jacob 5W, Will & Emily 6B, Roxanne & Zoe 6G and all of 6H.

Infant Celebration Service:

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Freddie & Max: Ducks, Charlie & Rose: Swans, Elliott G & Emily: Penguins, Teo & Isla: Owls, Ally & Sophia: Falcons, Elena & Enzo: Pelicans.

Key Diary Dates-

Infant school Junior school Both schools

Updated events highlighted in red

Term 2

Friday 11th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunches

Thursday 17th December Christingle Service

Friday 18th December Last day of Term 2