



**Friday 1st
October 2021**

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NEWSLETTER 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

During a busy few weeks, there have been many activities and events taking place across both schools. Our Reception children are now attending full time and have settled into their classes incredibly well. Our Year 5 have been attending Earthkeepers (5CH next week) and despite the wet weather at times, have thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful experience. We launched the 401 challenge this week (please see details sent earlier this week). Our Y1-Y6 children were incredibly excited when we spoke to them about this during our assemblies and we are thrilled to be getting involved in a worthwhile 'mission' to support Ben Smith who is from Portishead. Our work around mental health and well-being together with the importance of demonstrating our values as a school make this an extra special challenge to be getting involved in.



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!

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Hopkins
Executive Deputy Headteacher

A message from FHDJS and PSA:

We're back to school and fundraising and to kick this year's planned activities off we are holding a whole school Non Uniform Day on **Friday 22nd October**.

Now you know we love a theme, so we've taken inspiration from our most popular non uniform day of last year and are going with 'Feel Fab Friday'! Please head onto ParentPay nearer the time, to make a donation, suggested minimum is £1 per child. If your child is an infant then the PSA get the cash, if your child is a junior then the FHDJS get the cash - simples!

Wear the clothes that make you smile, that make you happy - that make you feel Fab!
Just remember to team with sensible footwear and appropriate outdoor clothing depending on the weather. Remember the windows are open in the classrooms so your outfit may need to be a warm one!

Thanks for your support as always.
FHDJS & the Infant PSA

Black History Month

October marks Black History Month. Some of our assemblies will be discussing this where we will also feature prominent figures, past and present, who have made a significant impact on our lives. As a school, we celebrate diversity and promote this across our curriculum throughout the year and within our values.

Harvest



Both schools will be holding harvest assemblies on **Wednesday 13th October**. We will be joined this year by the Rev Mark Fuller. 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). We will be donating to a local Foodbank in Clevedon. Further details about how and where to drop off items will be sent out next week.

Thank you in anticipation for your support with this event.

Junior House/Vice Captains 2021-2022



We are 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. We

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received so many applications from our Year 6 children. Well done to all of the children who took part. You certainly made it a difficult decision for us!

SS Great Britain:

House Captains- Annabel and Jacob L

Vice Captains- Sophie E and William

Waverley:

House Captains- Cathryn and Jack P

Vice Captains- Sophie M and Eli

Balmoral

House Captains- Eva and Louis

Vice Captains- Dexter and Eliza

Matthew

House Captains- Daria and Samuel C

Vice Captains- Eryn and Matthew

Infant School Celebration Service:

24th September 2021

Year Two – Alice & Zac, Pelicans; Olivia & Theo, Falcons; Primrose & Tobias, Owls.

Year One – Reagan & Mia, Ducks; Olivia & Marko, Swans; Isabel & Jack, Penguins.

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Year Two- Elliott & Deon, Pelicans; Lillie & Henry, Falcons; Tilly & Alfie, Owls.

Year One- Rowan & Oscar, Ducks; Summer & Isobel, Swans; Lucas & Shyla, Penguins.

Junior Golden Book Service:

24th September 2021

Years 3 & 4 – Dexter and Kye 3AB, Eddie and Elena 3T, Isaac and Elsie 3W, Ava and Elsie 4F, Louise and Jacob H 4D, Alfie and Archer 4W

Years 5 & 6 – Finn and Tessa 5CH, Freddie and Ben 5W, Emily H 5S, Tom C and Flo 6D, Rowan and Annabel 6B, James and Alysee 6H, Jacob and Nevaeh 6G

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Years 3 & 4 – Barnaby and Isabella 3AB, Sophie and Martha M 3T, Cali and Emmy 3W, Lottie and Rupert 4F, Riley and Jacob S 4D, Joe and Aiden 4W

Years 5 & 6 –Emily S and Oscar 5CH, The whole of 5W, Bliss and Henry 5S, Joel and Lily 6D, Zach and Evelyn 6H, Aniya and Alfie 6G

Key Diary Dates-

Updated dates will be highlighted in red within each newsletter

Infant school Junior school Both schools

Term 1

1st, 4th & 5th October – SS Earthkeepers

6-8th Oct – 5CH Earthkeepers

Tuesday 12th October Parents/Carers evening 3.40-6.50pm

Wednesday 13th October Harvest

Parents/Carers evening 3.40-5.20pm

Thursday 14th October Parents/Carers evening 3.40-5.20pm

Monday 4th October 3AB trip to Windmill Farm

Wednesday 6th October 3W trip to Windmill Farm

Thursday 7th October 3T trip to Windmill Farm

Friday 22nd October Last day of Term 1

PSA and FHDJS Non-uniform day 'Feel Fab Friday' (£1 donation)

Term 2

Monday 1st November INSET day

Tuesday 2nd November Children back in school to begin Term 2

Friday 17th December Last day of Term 2