



**Friday 15th
October 2021**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attend the meetings with teachers this week. We are sure you found them useful. If you were unable to make an appointment, then please do get in touch with the office who will pass this onto your child's class teacher.

As we move into the last week of Term 1, please do remember to update the 401 Mission Passports. **Please could you send the 401 passport in with your child next Thursday 21st October**, as we will be uploading the latest information to share with Ben Smith. We will then return these to the children in time for half term and Term 2.

Finally, a BIG thank you for your very kind donations to support our harvest assemblies this week. Please see a message below from the Portishead Branch of Clevedon and District Foodbank. This generosity will go a long way and will support many families in our community.



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

Harvest

To everyone at High Down Schools - teachers, staff, pupils, parents and carers.

On behalf of the Portishead Branch of Clevedon and District Foodbank I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the overwhelming generosity shown today at your Harvest assemblies.

It took us almost an hour to load our two cars to the brim with the bags of goods and the same to empty them at the Clevedon Warehouse. They have come there for storage and sorting as our premises at No 4 Combe Road wouldn't have had room to do it.

We also loved taking part in the assemblies and the children were so well behaved and engaged it was just a pleasure to be there.

The kindness you have shown will be much appreciated in the coming weeks and months by those who find themselves struggling.



Earthkeepers

This year saw the return of the Juniors' exclusive *Earthkeepers* programme and Year 5 spent a thoroughly enjoyable time learning about how to look after and engage with the natural world over at the Tyntesfield estate over the past fortnight. The weather was kinder to some classes than others but that didn't detract from a magical and long-awaited experience which we are delighted to see return to the Year 5 curriculum. The team are excited to hear about what activities the children will have been practising at home over the coming weeks in order to earn their 'Y' and 'S' keys and learn the final two secret meanings of 'E.M.'

Year Two Dinosaur Workshop

Year Two had a fabulous day learning more about fossils and prehistoric creatures. The highlights were definitely meeting a baby Velociraptor and Sophie the baby T-Rex! We have some amazing photos, but sadly cannot use them because a number of parents have not updated their photo permissions as requested in the weekly office updates. We completely understand if there is a specific reason why your child's photo cannot be included in external publications (including the school website and newsletter) but **if you need to update your preferences, please do so**. Thank you.



Infant School Celebration Service:

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Year Two – Ellen & Harry D, Pelicans; Rex D & George, Falcons; Owen & Lizzie, Owls.
Year One – Abodi & Isaac, Ducks; Fletcher & Holli, Swans; Nicky & Jasper, Penguins.

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Year Two- Iris & Aiden, Pelicans; Maya & Charlie B, Falcons; Rhys & Neave, Owls
Year One- Richie & Jack, Ducks; Jesse & Stanley, Swans; Juno & Mia, Penguins.

Junior Golden Book Service:

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Years 3 & 4 – Rosie and Arlo 3AB, Flick and Amy 3T, Josh and Isla 3W, Caleb and Samuel E 4F, Edith and Ivy 4D, the whole of 4W
Years 5 & 6 – George and Aiden 5W, Nia and Aiden 5S, the whole of 6D, Immy and Emily 6B, Jessica and Alice 6H, Anna and Louis 6G

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Years 3 & 4 – Noah B and Noah N 3AB, Orla and Stan 3T, Jasmine and Elijah 3W, Sophia and Rhian 4F, Orla and Charlie 4D, Alicia and Sophie N 4W
Years 5 & 6 – Erin and Thorley 5CH, Gracie G and Fin B 5W, Lucy and Aaron 5S, Eliza and Cecily 6D, James and Sophie 6H, William and Poppy 6G

Key Diary Dates-

Updated dates will be highlighted in red within each newsletter

Infant school Junior school Both schools

Term 1

Friday 22nd October Last day of Term 1
PSA and FHDJS Non-uniform day 'Feel Fabulous Friday' (£1 donation)

Term 2

Monday 1st November INSET day
Tuesday 3rd November Children back in school to begin Term 2
Week commencing Monday 15th November Anti-bullying week
Monday 15th November Junior School individual photos
Tuesday 16th November Infant School individual photos
Friday 19th November Children in Need- Non uniform (£1 donation)
Wednesday 15th December Infant Christmas lunch
Thursday 16th December Junior Christmas lunch
Friday 17th December Last day of Term 2