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**Friday 5th
November
2021**

NEWSLETTER 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 2! It certainly feels like we are heading into winter now with the colder weather. Please remember to send your child in with plenty of warm clothing, particularly as we will continue to provide well-ventilated classrooms.

To help us to keep everyone safe:

- We would strongly advise that you wear a mask while on our site.
- Once you have dropped off/collected your children please leave the site promptly.
- If you urgently need to speak with your child's class teacher, please do this after school where possible and wear a mask. Otherwise, send a message into the school via the office.
- Please remember to keep routes clear and to not block steps or exits.
- If your child has any symptoms at all they must not come into school and must get a PCR test.



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!

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Hopkins
Executive Deputy Headteacher

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Anti-Bullying week (15th- 19th November)



This term, we are taking part in Anti-Bullying Week between Monday 15th- Friday 19th November 2021.

Anti-Bullying Week is an event which helps our school to raise awareness of bullying, highlighting ways to respond to and prevent it. It aims to encourage all children, staff and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme this year is 'One Kind Word'.

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week this year.

To promote the week, we will be asking children to wear odd socks on **Monday 15th November 2021**.

Please read the attached leaflet and share with your child. Please also visit our school website to read further information about bullying and how we have no place for bullying at High Down Schools.

We would like to invite you to attend a parent/carer information meeting (via Teams) on **Wednesday 17th November at 5pm**. This is to find out more about our anti-bullying work and behaviour strategies at the school. If you would like to attend this session then please contact the office and provide an email address where you will then receive an invitation. The meeting should not last any longer than 30 minutes.

Regards,
The Anti-Bullying Team

401 Challenge



On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Ben Smith into both schools to speak to the children about his 401 mission. The children (and staff) found this incredibly inspirational. It was wonderful to hear the work that Ben is doing to support his two mental health charities and update the children on how his own training is going for his epic challenge next year. Ben was thrilled to hear how well the children have started their own challenges. At the end of Term 1, we calculated the number of miles each year group have completed collectively so far. We will provide an update at the end of Term 2 when we next collect the passports in.



Junior House Point Totals- Term 1:

Matthew: 1434
Waverley: 1344
Balmoral: 1283
SS Great Britain: 1327

Infant School Celebration Service:

22nd October 2021

Year Two – Josh &, Pelicans; Mayah & Ella, Falcons; Tilly & Noah, Owls.
Year One – Ashton & Imogen, Ducks; Leo & Una, Swans; Tommy & Dominik, Penguins.

5th November 2021

Year Two- Scarlett & Rowan, Pelicans; Vinnie & Imogen, Falcons; Elliott & Rose, Owls.
Year One- Oliver & Max, Ducks; Eli & Holli, Swans; Zachary & Natasha, Penguins.

Junior Golden Book Service:

22nd October 2021

Years 3 & 4 – Sophia and Harrison 3AB, Istas and Arthur 3T, Louie and Thea 3W, Oscar and Savannah 4F, Daniel B and Mollie 4D, Xander and Myles 4W
Years 5 & 6 – Aisla C and Flo M 5W, Gus and Amelia 5S, Jack B and Kuzey, Matt and Max P 6D, Callum and Sophie 6B, Beau and Samuel W 6H, Teddie and Leila 6G

5th November 2021

Years 3 & 4 – Megan and Ally 3AB, Edward and Josh 3T, Aoife and Oliver 3W, Gabriel and Oliver 4F, Liv and Lola 4D, Belle and Archer 4W
Years 5 & 6 –Elaina and Toby 5CH, Abbie-Mae and Aiden 5W, Nate and Emily 5S, Lily and Lexi 6D, Alysee and Sonny 6H, Daria and Lydia 6G

Key Diary Dates-

Updated dates will be highlighted in red within each newsletter

Infant school Junior school Both schools

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