



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
January 2022**

## **High Down Schools**

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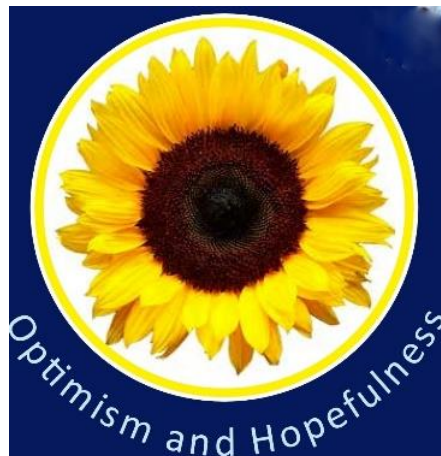
### **NEWSLETTER 8**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year to you all and welcome back. The children have come back ready to learn and enthusiastic and we're looking forward to a great Spring term ahead. Details will be shared with you shortly regarding Parent/Carers evenings later this term. As always, please keep an eye out for any updates and useful information shared in our weekly updates.

Thank you for supporting the school and each other in helping to keep everyone safe. We are working incredibly hard to ensure that any disruption to the children's education is kept to a minimum together with trying to keep everyone safe.

Our Term 3 value is all about 'Optimism and Hopefulness'. Optimism and Hopefulness are important because they are all about believing that we can make things better in our own lives and for others. Believing that we can make ourselves, our relationships, our learning, and in the wider sense, our world, a better place through our personal efforts and commitment. Our assemblies will be discussing this in more detail with the children. This will also run alongside the Jigsaw theme for this term 'Dreams and Goals'.



Rhodri Hopkins  
Executive Deputy Headteacher

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## Home Learning

If your child is isolating due to covid and feels well enough, the remote home learning planners can be found on your child's Microsoft Teams account, along with additional resources. Assignments will also be set on Teams. If you have any problems logging in then please contact Lisa on [office@highdownschools.org](mailto:office@highdownschools.org).

Chromebooks and laptops are also available from School if you do not have the technology at home and again please contact the office on [office@highdownschools.org](mailto:office@highdownschools.org).

## Reception Forest Schools



Reception children have an exciting opportunity this term to take part in Forest School sessions on a Friday with a trained leader from Pride in Play (who already run a variety of opportunities for Junior children). Each class will take part in a rotation over three weeks. In the spirit of Forest Schools, the sessions will take place in all kinds of weather, but today, Puffins were the lucky class to have the first session in glorious sunshine! We are very



fortunate to have such fabulous school grounds where the children can experience and enjoy the outside environment.

## Infant School Celebration Service:

We are delighted to start welcoming Reception children to our celebration/ 'Star of the Week' services, albeit virtually on teams for the moment.

During the year we usually have weekly services where two (or more) children per class are chosen to have a certificate. During the service we also acknowledge the hard work of the rest of the class as it is important that the whole class is aware that we value all of their efforts. The children chosen are acknowledged for the extra effort they have shown with their work or for demonstrating our school values or our learning powers including perseverance and belief in themselves. Each class attends on a fortnightly rotation and names are noted in the newsletter.

We are very much looking forward to returning these services to the hall, hopefully quite soon.



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**Robins:** Rufus, Isla-Mai, Jemima; **Parrots:** Beau, Ashton, Phoebe; **Ducks:** Eve & Raffy; **Owls:** Rory & Fern; **Falcons:** Jay & Ella B

## Junior Golden Book Assembly:

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**Years 3 & 4** – Scarlett and Dan 3AB, Nelly and Martha M K 3T, Elsi and Cali 3W, Finn and Sam 4F, George T and George B 4W, Brooke and Haiyue 4D

**Years 5 & 6** – Oliver G and Jocelyn L 5W, Daisy and Will M 5S, Toby and Bettie 5CH, Olwyn and William 6H, Jacob M and Bruhan 6G, William T and Paige 6D

## Key Diary Dates-

Updated dates will be highlighted in red within each newsletter

Infant school Junior school Both schools

### Term 3

Week commencing Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January Parliament Week

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Junior School Council Trip to Parliament

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February Parent/Carers evening 3.30-6.50pm (further details to follow shortly)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February Parent/Carers evening 3.40-5.20pm (further details to follow shortly)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February Parent/Carers evening 3.40-5.20pm (further details to follow shortly)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February Last day of Term 3