



**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
January 2022**

## **High Down Schools**

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### **NEWSLETTER 9**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful few weeks at school, where the children have been working incredibly hard. This weekend looks again to be a cold but dry one so why not take part in the RSPB Birdwatch challenge. Further details can be found below:

**Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend is here! There's still time to sign-up and take part. Just spend one hour between Friday 28 and Sunday 30 January counting the birds, and help monitor how birds are faring. It's free, fun, and a great way to keep an eye on your local wildlife. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!**

**<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>**

As mentioned yesterday, Plan B restrictions have now been lifted in England. We are still following our risk assessment which will be updated and shared on our website shortly. We will share key messages with you next week.

#### **Parent/Carer meetings w/c 7.2.22**

The booking system for all parents/carers will be open from **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6pm** to make appointments. Please note that 5S and 6D meetings will take place at a later date in Term 4. We have been considering ways in which we can share your child's work as we have done previously. We have decided that in Term 4, books will be shared. The format and dates are yet to be confirmed with this.

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'.



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Rhodri Hopkins  
Executive Deputy Headteacher

### 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).

### Year 1 Houses and Homes

Mrs Cook who is a Construction Manager came in to talk to Year One all about her job. The children thought of some great questions to ask and they listened very carefully. She explained the process that is involved in building a house and all the things that need to be thought of. The children thoroughly enjoyed it, thank you.

This week we have all been on a walk around the local area to look at different types of homes. It was great to be able to take the children out of school to experience this. Many thanks to all the parents that were able to make this possible.



### Infant School Celebration Service:

#### 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

**Puffins:** Riley, Leo D, Gracie; **Swans:** Phoebe K & Eddie; **Penguins:** Max & Joseph; **Pelicans:** Aiden & Logan

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**Puffins:** Sophie, Theo, Bellatrix; **Parrots:** Eli, Noah L, Indy; **Ducks:** Sophie & Beau; **Owls:** Finley & Theo; **Falcons:** Isaac & Finnley

Because of Forest School, we have changed the rotation for the Reception classes, but rest assured, all classes and children will get the chance to shine!



### Junior Golden Book Assembly:

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**Years 3 & 4** – Jesse and Louisa 3AB, Harper and Elena 3T, Arthur and Frankie 3W, Tyggie and

Elenor 4F, John and Ayah 4W, Zeke and Jack 4D

Years 5 & 6 – George and Aurora 5W, Nate and Emily 5S, Elaina and Kuzey 5CH, Alysee and Sonny 6H, Connor and Leo 6G, Pepper and Arthur 6D

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Years 3 & 4 – Josh and Dexter 3AB, Eddie and Amy 3T, Aebbe and Maci 3W, Emme and Hugo 4F, Bella and Zac 4W, Macie and Rio 4D

Years 5 & 6 – Mia and Freddie 5W, Ella and Archie 5S, Sam and Bella 5CH, Alfie and Lottie 6H, Lenia and Josh 6G,

### **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