

# Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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**CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE**

1ST OCTOBER 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to all our pupils for settling so well into their new classes. I often get asked to describe a typical day at Highnam, this is hard as they are so varied! We do however have a snapshot on our website...it is a short video entitled 'A day in the life of a Highnam Pupil.'

## Our Cheltenham Half Marathon Experience

Yesterday, a few Highnam pupils supported the Gloucester Rugby Community Charity by running the school mile at the Cheltenham Half Marathon 2018. Well done to all who took part and those who supported the pupils by running the mile.



Well done Fin, William, Jacob, Noah, Eloise, Amelia, Henry and Bella.



## New Reception Pupils

It has been super to see how well the new Reception pupils have settled into the school. They are now into the routine of hot lunches and have been working very hard in class. Their portraits of the staff are now around the school. Thank you to Miss Cooney, Mrs Jones, Mrs Cresswell and Mrs Watts for helping them during this transition into school.



## New Reception Parents Meeting

This year the new Reception Parents meeting will be held on **Thursday 11th October at 7pm.**



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### Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to our annual harvest festival at Holy Innocent's Church in Highnam on Wednesday 17th October at 10am for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6.

This year we will be collecting tins of produce to be handed into the Gloucester Foodbank. If you would like to prepare a harvest box/basket for the harvest festival we will pick two per class to be displayed at the front of church.



### Term Dates

A quick reminder that Term 1 finishes on Thursday 18th October normal time. Term 2 begins on Monday 29th October.

### Family Support Worker

Mrs Rachel Thomas has been working with us as our new family support worker since the start of this academic year. If you would like to meet her she will be attending the Macmillan coffee afternoon on Monday 8th October between 2:15 and 3:15pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

A big thank you to Hattie in Year 6 for the flyer and preparation for this event. Any cake donations will be much appreciated.

### Before School Routines

Please can I also remind parents of the two bell system in the morning to enable the pupils to be in line and ready to enter school safely please can parents vacate the playground quickly. The first bell is for children to say goodbye and to get into line and the second bell is for staff to walk pupils into school.

Thank you for your help with this.

### Parking near the Academy

Please can I remind parents to be considerate when parking on the roads around the locality. Please park on the road to allow pushchairs and bikes past and be mindful of residents' driveways.

### Messy Church

It was wonderful to see so many families at our first Messy Church of this academic year. Thank you to the team who organised the session. The next one will be on November 28th after school.



### PTA News

Thank you to the PTA team last year and those who supported their work. £5896.27 was raised for the school and the funds were put towards the new sound system in the classrooms, new reading books and updating the class set of iPads.

Following the AGM last week I am pleased to announce the committee for this year:

Chair	Ms Fay Hopson
Vice Chair	Mrs Sarah Sewell
Secretary	Ms Carly Hopson
Treasurers	Mrs Elizabeth Slack
	Mrs Aimee Taylor

### Water bottles

Please can we request that the water bottles pupils use are a similar size to the school ones as the larger ones don't fit in the water coolers and cause floods.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the 48 readers who completed Miss Coldrick's Reading Challenge over the summer and entered the reading bingo draw. Congratulations to Ava and Harry who were picked out of the hat and received a book token each.

## Bench of Honour

A few years ago the Academy Council wanted to reward pupils who 'went the extra mile' - those who carried out deeds of kindness without being asked or prompted. We are always on the look out for pupils who display the school's values and put others before themselves. These pupils get to sit on a bench during our Collective Worship time.

## Pupil Voice

It is fantastic to see how many pupils want to contribute to the running of the school. This year can I extend my thanks to the Academy Council, House Captains, Sports Crew and our Worship Committee.

It is encouraging to also see the pupils so willing to help out around the academy at lunch time and playtime.

## Year 2 Allotment Visit

Our thanks to gardeners at Highnam allotment for helping Year 2 have a superb trip recently. They enjoyed learning about the fruit and vegetables being grown there but enjoyed eating them even more. Thank you to Mrs Duan for organising the visit.



We all tried the tasty roast vegetables

## Parent Helpers

Please can I pass on my thanks to the parents who have been working in school to support our classes - your support is much appreciated by staff.

If you are able to help for a morning or afternoon please let your class teacher know.



Well done Ava and Harry

## School Website and Twitter

The school website and our Twitter feed are both good ways of keeping up to date with the latest news from the Academy.

Currently there are 425 followers on twitter and the diary on the school website has an up to date sporting fixture list.

You can also download the mobile APP to keep up to date with the latest news. Guidance on how to do this is on the school website.

## House Cross Country

Well done Oakridge house who won the first house competition last week. All pupils in the school took part and it was lovely to see the support for all the runners.



Ready, steady race! Pupils from our Reception class prepared to start their lap of the field

Kind regards,

Stephen Dean, Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### October

3rd-5th	Year 4 Mini-Residential to the Wilderness Centre	
9th	Planetarium in school	All day
11th	Year 5 Theatre Trip - Ground Control	PM
	Reading Meeting for New Reception Parents	7pm
12th	Year 2 Class Collective Worship	9am
17th	Harvest Festival at Holy Innocents Church, Highnam	10am
	Books for Bugs Book Sale	After school
18th	End of Term 1 (Thursday)	3:20pm
29th	Term 2 begins	8:55am
31st	School Photographs	AM
	Light Party (flyer to follow soon)	5-6:30pm

### November

2nd	Year 6 Class Collective Worship	9am
7th	Academy Open Day for Prospective Parents and the Highnam Community	10-11:30am 1:30-3pm
15th (Thurs)	Parents' Evening	4-7pm
16th	Year 4 Class Collective Worship	9am
20th (Tues)	Parents' Evening	4-7pm
21st	Year 3/4 Into Film Trip (Early Man)	AM
23rd	Year 3 Class Collective Worship	9am
	Year 5 - A Beautiful Planet Trip	AM
	Year 6 - Click Theatre Show	AM
28th	Messy Church	
30th	Year 1 Class Collective Worship	9am
	Highnam Under Fives Christmas Fayre	PM

### December

6th Dec	Flu Vaccination Rec-Year 5	
7th Dec	Year 5 Class Collective Worship	9am
13th Dec	Year 6 to sing in the Cathedral	PM
14th Dec	Reception Class Collective Worship	9am
18th	KS1 Christmas Production	9:30am
	Experience Christmas (KS2 at Highnam Church)	
19th	KS1 Christmas Production	9:30am
	KS2 Christmas Church Services	2pm & 6pm
20th	Upper KS2 Christmas Party	AM
20th	Lower KS2 Party	PM
21st	Daylight Theatre	AM
	Key Stage 1 Party	PM
	End of Term 2	2:30pm

### January

7th	Term 3 begins for pupils	8:55am
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