

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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7TH JANUARY 2019

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I do hope you had a lovely Christmas break. On behalf of the staff, can I thank you for your generosity at the end of last term: the cards and gifts were very thoughtful and we very much appreciated the comments and emails regarding the Christmas productions. Your generous donations at the end of the shows raised £606 which will support the work of Gloucester City Mission working with homeless people in our city. The reverse calendar which was well supported during December provided Gloucester Foodbank with 121kg of produce - a great effort.

Fantastic Christmas Productions

My thanks to all staff and pupils involved in the Christmas Productions at the end of last term. The singing in Highnam Church was superb, well done to all readers and to all involved in the super singing.

The Key Stage 1 production 'Lights, Camel Action' were a real highlight at the end of last term. The pupils looked amazing in their costumes and performed so well under the lights. It is always a very special time of year and the pupils' enthusiasm and enjoyment shone through.



Produce taken to Gloucester Foodbank



Pupils on stage during the Christmas Production of Lights Camel Action



Home School Values

This term's Value for Life is:

Thankfulness. There are family activities available under the links section of the website.

PTA Update

Thank you for your support last term. The School Christmas Disco raised over £1200 for the school. The PTA Raffle raised over £250.

It was great to see the PTA members and staff providing the pupils with such an exciting and varied disco this year. My thanks to Ms Hopson and her team for all their hard work.

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Extra Curricular Clubs

All after school clubs will begin Monday 14th January 2019. My thanks to all staff who provide these clubs for the pupils. Young Voices starts this week along with guitar lessons.

Swimming

Year 3 and 4 begin their swimming lessons on Friday, 25th January 2019.

Reindeer Food

Thank you for supporting the Cystic Fibrosis Trust by purchasing Reindeer food. We raised over £22.

Choir bring Christmas Cheer

Last term Year 6 pupils visited Gloucester Farmers Club to sing some carols at the Alzheimer's Society Christmas meal. The pupils were a real credit to the school and we look forward to visiting again soon.

My thanks to Miss Coldrick and Mrs Smith for running the school choir and organising the trip. This was good preparation before our exciting trip to Young Voices in a couple of weeks.



Year 6 pupils visiting the Alzheimer's Society Christmas meal

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the House Art competition at the end of last term. The Penguin themed competition was won by Wetherleigh House overall. There were some amazing entries - well done everyone!

Community Coffee Afternoon

On Tuesday 18th December we welcomed members of the local Highnam Community and beyond into school for a festive coffee morning. Pupils shared songs from the recent Christmas shows and we were treated to a performance from the school choir and the Gloucester Brass Band team. Friends from Highnam church joined with us to help with the teas and coffees. Thank you to all who attended and shared during the afternoon.



Gloucester Brass Band and Highnam Pupils



Reception Class Collective Worship

Thank you to all involved in the Class Collective Worship last term it was lovely to see the variety of learning opportunities and the confidence displayed by the pupils.



2nd in Sportshall Athletics Festival

Congratulations to the Sportshall Athletics Team who finished 2nd in the small schools event at Dene Magna School.

The team took part in a number of track and field events and out of the twelve teams who entered they finished a very close 2nd place. Well done team.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who supported on the day.



The Sportshall Athletics Team - super effort!

Experience Christmas

A big thank you to Reverend Helen and her team of volunteers who held a special morning called 'Experience Christmas' for our Key Stage 2 pupils. They visited various stations around the church where they learned about the true meaning of Christmas.



Experience Christmas with Reverend Helen

And finally - A big thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and friends of the school who support pupils during the school week. If any parents are able to support reading in Year 3 there is an opportunity to help out - please see Mrs Hazelden or Miss Coldrick if you can spare a hour a week.

League Winners

Congratulations to the girls' football team who had a great league season winning the Gloucester Super Cup. The boys' team are likely to finish 2nd in their league and the netball team have had some pleasing performances. Thank you to all involved in training and supporting the teams.



The Girls' Football Team - great result!

Snow Queen Visit

Reception enjoy a special Christmas theatre trip hosted by Strike-A-Light. The class were taken on a magical adventure in search of the Snow Queen. Thank you to all who supported the pupils on their trip.

Year 6 Sing at Gloucester Cathedral

My thanks to Mrs Smith, Mr Smith and Miss Coldrick for supporting the Year 6 pupils as they prepared to sing at Gloucester Cathedral for the Meningitis Now Carol Concert. It was a very special evening, the pupils sang beautifully and were super ambassadors for the school.



Well done Year 6

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher

Dates for your diary — Spring Term**January**

Monday	7th	Start of Term 3 Internet Safety talk for Year 6
Monday	14th	Football v Castle Hill School (Away)
Tuesday	15th	Girls' Football Festival at Newent School
Friday	18th	Young Voices Concert in Birmingham
Monday	21st	Year 6 K'Nex Challenge
Thursday	24th	Cross Country Competition at Newent School
Tuesday	29th	Years 5 and 6 to see Beauty and the Beast at Newent

February

Wednesday	6th	Messy Church
Wednesday	13th	Open Classrooms
Friday	15th	End of Term 3
Monday	25th	Start of Term 4
	25th	Life Bus Visit
Tuesday	26th	Life Bus Visit
Thursday	28th	Gloucestershire Dance Festival

March

Thursday	21st	Parents Evening 1
Friday	22nd	Year 5 Collective Worship
Tuesday	26th	Parents Evening 2
Friday	29th	Year 2 Collective Worship

April

Friday	5th	Year 1 Collective Worship
	5th	End of Term 4 (normal finish time)
Saturday	6th	Girls' South-West Football finals

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