

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

1ST MAY 2019

Dear Parents,

During my visits to each class this term, I have been impressed by the pupils' motivation and eagerness to share their learning with me. A big thank you to all staff who plan such exciting learning opportunities and the dedication of the teaching assistant team in supporting pupils on a 1 to 1 or in a small group basis. Finally, thank you to our team of volunteers and parent helpers who support the school by giving freely their time - it is much appreciated. If you would like to help in school please see Mrs Honan in the office or your child's class teacher.

Mountain Biking at Newent School

Two Highnam teams took part in the Forest of Dean north section of the mountain biking challenge a week ago. The conditions were windy but the team performed well finishing in third place during the afternoon. Well done to all involved.



Our Mountain Biking at Newent

Thank you Mrs Ruxton

On Thursday 4th April, we said an emotional goodbye to Mrs Ruxton who was retiring after teaching at Highnam for over 25 years. More than 800 pupils have been taught by Mrs Ruxton and it was good to read messages from past pupils to her.

We were joined by many of Mrs Ruxton's previous colleagues for a special Collective Worship and an afternoon tea.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the lovely leaving presents and we wish Mrs Ruxton an enjoyable retirement from all at Highnam Academy.



Thank you to the pupils who shared their recorder playing with us.

Pupils in Year 2-5 enjoyed Experience Easter at Highnam Church. Thank you to all the volunteers who supported the pupils during the morning.



Big Pedal House Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Pedal in Term 4. Highnam finished in 32nd place in the south-west with over two-thirds of the school community walking, scooting, cycling or roller-blading to school!

The bike shed is available all year round so feel free to continue to bring your bikes or to walk to school over the summer months.



Freddie and Henry ready to go in the Big Pedal

Curriculum Overviews

The curriculum overviews were sent home this week and it has been great to see the pupils immersing themselves in their new topic learning. On the first day of term, pupils in Reception came to school in their pyjamas to start off their Night topic and enjoyed a tasty hot chocolate and cookie during story time at the end of the day.

Thank You Mrs Nelmes

Sadly yesterday we said goodbye to Mrs Helmes who has been a midday supervisor for the past three years. A big thank you to her for supporting the pupils so well during this time.



Highnam Tag Rugby Festival

Yesterday, Highnam hosted the Annual Tag Rugby Festival for pupils in Years 3 and 4. This year five other schools joined us: Churchdown, Hartpury, Hempsted, Redmarley and Staunton and Corse. The festival was played in a great spirit. Congratulations to the Highnam team who played so well and to the joint winners Redmarley and Hempsted.



The Highnam Tag Rugby A Team



Go Electric

A big thank you to Ms Helme and the electric car owners who gave up their time to visit Highnam Academy last week. Pupils in Reception had been learning about transport and were given a tour of some amazing vehicles. Although the weather wasn't great, the pupils were able to see each car close up and even an electric motorbike.



Highnam App

A number of people have been regularly using the Highnam App which is great to hear. It is a quick and easy way to see the latest newsletter, view photo galleries and keep an eye on important dates.

Download from the App store today searching for Webanywhere and Highnam Academy.



Highnam PTA Summer Fair

The PTA Summer Fair will be on Friday 21st June. If you are able to help out during the afternoon, please pass on your name to the PTA team or Mrs Honan.



Year 4 Brass Lessons

A big thank you to the William Andrews Foundation who every year kindly cover the cost of the whole school brass lessons at Highnam Academy.

Excitingly, some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils have continued playing brass instruments with Gloucester Brass after school which is great to see. A couple of ex-pupils are also playing with the band in a few events this year which is fantastic to hear about.



And finally... introducing Joseph and His Technicolour Dream Coat

This year, the pupils in Key Stage Two will be part of a special show. This year it will be a Year 6 led production with vocal support from Years 3-5.

The show dates are:

9th July at 6pm

10th July at 2pm

10th July at 6pm

More information to follow soon.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher

Cracking Eggs

Well done to all the pupils who made an European themed egg and to Mrs Trotman for organising and judging the competition. There were some terrific entries - thank you for all your support.



Congratulations to our eggcellent egg winners!



Dates for your diary - Term 5**May**

Wednesday	1st	Year 1 trip to Lassington Woods
Thursday	2nd	Reception visit to Highnam Church
	2nd	Large Schools Swimming Gala
Saturday	4th	Girls' National Football Finals
Monday	13th	SATs Week Year 6
Wednesday	15th	Year 3/4 Football Festival at Oxstalls (3-5pm)
Mon-Fri	20th-24th	Erasmus+ Trip to Poland
Tuesday	21st	Knex Challenge (County Competition)
	21st	Year 6 Golf Event at Hartpury College
Wednesday	22nd	Primary QuEST TRAC day - Years 3 and 4
		Open Classrooms
Thursday	23rd	Books for Bugs Book Fair
Friday	24th	Ledbury Tag Rugby Festival
		End of Term 5

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We are looking for an enthusiastic **Midday Supervisor** to join our team as soon as possible, for 1.25 hours/day up to 5 days a week – Grade C – pro-rata £17,364 - £18,065, term time only. We are willing to consider applicants who may only be available for 1, 2 or 3 days a week to provide a job-share opportunity.

Duties will include:

- Assisting with lunch supervision in the dining hall, including serving food. There is no food preparation or cooking involved in this position.
- Interacting with the children in the playground or if 'wet play' in their classrooms whilst maintaining the school's behaviour policy
- Administering first aid (if trained)
- Preparing the dining hall for lunch and clearing away afterwards

If you think you may be the right person, and would like to be part of our school community, we would love to hear from you.

To apply, please contact Mrs Honan on 01452 525872 or email admin@highnam.gloucs.sch.uk

Highnam C of E Primary Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff, and volunteers, to share the same commitment. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Dates for your diary - Term 6**June**

Monday	3rd	Inset Day
Tuesday	4th	Start of Term 6 for pupils
Tuesday	4th	Year 6 Leavers' Service (pupils only) at Gloucester Cathedral
Wednesday	5th	Year 6 + Class Photographs
		Key Stage 2 Sports Day at 1:30pm
Thursday	6th	Swimming Gala Finals
Friday	7th	Primary QuEST Year 6 Maths 24 Challenge
Wednesday	12th	Girls Cricket Festival
Thursday	13th	PQ B team Netball Festival at Staunton and Corse
Monday	17th	PQ Masterpiece Workshop with iSingPop (Years 5 and 6)
Friday	21st	Year 3 Collective Worship at 9am
	21st	PTA Summer Fayre
Saturday	22nd	Prince of Wales Athletics Festival
Mon—Fri	24th-28th	Year 6 Residential
Thursday	27th	Year 5 Regatta
	27th	Year 4 Cricket Festival
Friday	28th	Year 4 Collective Worship at 9am

July

Monday	1st	PQ Lego challenge at Redmarley Academy
Tuesday	2nd	Pulse Games (Highnam Key Stage 2 Pupils)
Wednesday	3rd	Year 6 to Chestnut Club in the village
Thursday	4th	Key Stage 1 Sports Day at 1:30pm
Thursday		PQ Year 3/4 Cricket Festival at Redmarley CC
Friday	5th	Reception Class Collective Worship at 9am
Tuesday	9th	Dress rehearsal for KS2 show
	9th	Evening Performance for KS2 show at 6pm
Wednesday	10th	Afternoon Performance for KS2 show at 2pm
	10th	Evening Performance for KS2 show at 6pm
Friday	12th	PQ KS1 Swimming Gala at Redmarley
Monday	15th	Year 6 Leavers BBQ (after school)
Wednesday	16th	Collect school work after school
Thursday	18th	Year 6 Leavers Service at 2pm
Friday	19th	End of Year at 2:30pm