

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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18TH JULY 2019

Dear Parents,

July has been an action packed month! Thank you to all of our parent helpers who have helped on the recent trips, at the Yr6 BBQ and at the PTA Summer Fayre. Thank you also to all the staff at Highnam for making the final few weeks so exciting - the highlight being the Key Stage Two production of Joseph. It was such a wonderful experience and we are very proud of the pupils' achievements.

Primary QuEST Swimming Gala

A group of pupils from Key Stage One headed over to Redmarley for the first Primary QuEST swimming gala. It was super to be able to share these great facilities and thank you to Redmarley for hosting the event. The swimmers were a real credit to the school and the Highnam team was the overall winner. Thank you to the parents who helped to transport the pupils to the event.



The Highnam Swimming Gala team

Beat the Tomb

To supplement the exciting history topic learning about Ancient Egypt, we had a special themed day for the pupils in Years 3 and 4. They got to take on the Egyptian themed escape rooms and make some great clay models.

Thank you for supporting this memorable learning experience.



Well done to the pupils in Years 3 and 4

Parking Outside the School Gates

Please could parents park considerably at drop off and pick up times on Wetherleigh Drive and respect the disabled bay and white lines in front of the houses. There is the 5 minute walk to school zone which is a healthy option to consider as we start a new academic year in September.

Reception and Year 1 have had a magical few weeks watching the eggs hatch in their classrooms. At lunchtime, a number of pupils from the older classes also popped in for an update.



Brilliant Brass Concert

On Thursday 4th July, we enjoyed a special celebration from our Year 4 pupils when they shared their music skills from the term. Through the summer term, they have been learning to play brass instruments and parents and pupils enjoyed the performance. Well done to all the pupils and remember, if you would like to carry on playing a brass instrument, the Gloucester Brass Band work with pupils in Years 5 and 6 on a Monday after school. Thank you to Gloucester Brass who shared their work with our current pupils earlier this week.



Church Collective Worship Team

My thanks to the group of volunteers who come in week by week to lead our Collective Worships on a Thursday morning. This term we have looked at the genealogy of Jesus.

I would also like to thank Reverend Helen for her support this academic year. The after school Messy Church clubs have been superb and we thoroughly enjoyed the Pulse Games. A reminder that Little Church is now up and running and is held in Homelodge on a Tuesday morning after school drop off.

Summer Reading Challenge

There are two Summer Reading Challenges for pupils to take part in. One is run by our local libraries and the other has been organised by Mrs Trotman. Supporting your child during the Summer holiday will help ensure progress is made. Thank you for your support.



The new Summer Reading Challenge

Year 6 Enterprise Topic

Over the past few weeks our Year 6 pupils have been working extremely hard during their enterprise topic. They have pitched business ideas, run advertising campaigns and run the successful Highnam Quays.

My thanks to Miss Owen and Mrs Wilson for facilitating the groups and to the pupils for sharing their reflections on their business ventures. The Year 6 pupils have decided to send 50% of their profits to Mozambique to support Miss Read and the work of I Reach Africa. Thank you to all who visited Highnam Quays and supported the businesses on Tuesday.



Highnam Academy Open for Business

Thank You Mrs Slack

A massive thank you to Mrs Slack for your support as a midday supervisor over the past few years, it has been much appreciated. We are delighted to announce we will have three new midday supervisors starting in September to support the pupils whilst eating and outside on the playground.

Joseph

We are so proud of the achievements of all the pupils involved in the end of year Joseph production. We have had so many lovely emails and tweets, we are thrilled everyone enjoyed the performances so much.

A big thank you to the Key Stage Two team for all their hard work; it is much appreciated. Thank you for your support of IReachAfrica and Gloucester Foodbank we raised £328.41



Reception Allotment Visit

As part of our topic on growth, the children from reception visited the allotments in Highnam. Several allotment owners welcomed us and showed us around their plots, allowing the children to sample a range of delicious fruit and veg. The children particularly enjoyed digging up potatoes, onions and beetroot and then tasting carrots, peas and strawberries. We went around the allotment in groups and had an i-spy challenge to complete. It was great fun looking out for the various scarecrows, different types of butterflies and the bug hotel.

Many thanks to Bob and others from the allotments who were so welcoming and to our parent helpers for joining us.

A big well done to Sophie in our Reception class who bravely went on national radio to share about her allotment visit. Hear the interview with Chris Evans on the school website.



Ayaan and Seren on their allotment adventure



Reception Collective Worship

Continuing the Reception theme — well done to the EYFS team and all the pupils for an excellent class Collective Worship earlier this month. The pupils shared their learning with such enthusiasm and spoke so clearly for all to hear. The pupils have had an excellent first year with us at Highnam.

Thank You to the PTA

Thank you to the PTA team for all their support and fundraising efforts this year. In total over £6,200 was raised to support Highnam Academy — thank you to all involved.

Izzy on stage at the Everyman Theatre

Well done to Izzy from Year 6 who confidently shared her beautiful writing at the Everyman Theatre recently. The year 6 pupils even bumped into the authors afterwards for a quick photo opportunity. The Reading teachers = Reading pupils programme has been a super project to be part of—thank you Miss Coldrick for representing the school.



Well done to the Year 4 Cricket Team who represented Highnam at the Primary QuEST cricket festival at Redmarley CC.



Finally, best wishes to Year 6 as they embark on the next chapter in their lives. I trust you'll have a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd September for the start of Term 1.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher