

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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Dear Parents,

July has been a great 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. Finally, thank you to all the staff at Highnam for making the final few weeks so exciting. I haven't space to mention the Year 4 treasure hunt, the allotment visit, the butterfly release, cookery club, house rounders, Year 4 brass and Year 2 home learning projects.

Infant Sports Day

We were delighted to be able to hold our Key Stage 1 Sports Day last week. Thank you for bearing with us as we had the one wet day of the past month! There were a number of close finishes to the relay races and a memorable toddler race at the end.

Congratulations to Oakridge house for winning overall. A big thank you to the Year 5 pupils who helped and Key Stage 1 staff for preparing the pupils and organising the afternoon.

Summer Fayre

Our thanks to the PTA for hosting such an enjoyable Summer Fayre at the start of the month and the team of volunteers that helped to make it run so smoothly. An impressive £2000 was raised for the school.

A special mention to Mrs Fraser-Hook the chair who has worked so hard with her team to reach our £5,000 target. The team actually raised £6,000! - a wonderful achievement!



The Water Relay was very entertaining!

Reception Collective Worship

It is great to see how much our Reception pupils have enjoyed their first year at Highnam Academy. This term they had a fabulous final topic all about growing and performed superbly during their Collective Worship last week.



The PTA Summer Fayre 2017



Great Singing Reception!

Brilliant Summer Concert

On Thursday 6th July pupils involved in music across the school came together to perform in the Summer Concert. We had a lovely mixture of solos, duets and groups sharing their amazing talents. Our thanks to Gloucester Brass who have been working with a group of pupils all this year and it was fantastic to hear them perform. Thank you to Mrs Ruxton for working with the recorder groups this year. Thank you to Mrs Smith for working with the choir this year and finally, thank you to Mrs House for organising the evening.



Gloucester Brass and the pupils during the Summer Concert.



Macauley Wins Competition

Congratulations to Macauley in Year 4 who has won the Three Counties Western Power Art Competition. Early this month he was presented with a cheque for £200 for the school and his work has been framed and put on the Wall of Fame. Well done Macauley.

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, sought sponsorship from local businesses and run the successful Highnam Quays. My thanks to Miss Read and Mrs Harris 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 three charities: I Reach Africa, Cancer Research and Winston's Wish. Thank you to all who visited Highnam Quays and supported the businesses.



William, Fran and Evan hard at work!

Choir Sing At Chestnut Club

My thanks to the school choir who sang at the Chestnut Club at the start of the month. The group meets once a month and we were invited to sing at the Parish Rooms. Mrs Smith and Miss Coldrick supported the choir. The singing was superb...well done to all involved.



Well done to Zoe, Isabelle M, Joe, Jessica, Julia, Talia, Isabelle S, Alice, Grace, Ilsa, Eilidh and Martha.

Key Stage Two Sports Day

Pupils in Years 3-6 took part in our annual sports day earlier in the month. The weather was good and there was a super atmosphere as the runners took part to try and win the coveted trophy. The house captains and sports crew had set up the program and supported the younger runners.

Well done to all the pupils who took part and it was lovely to see the friendly competition unfold. My thanks to the Key Stage Two staff who helped to run the afternoon and to Mrs Honan for scoring the event.

At the end of the sprints, relays, field and long distance events the scores were announced. Lassington topped the leaderboard with 112 points, Oakridge house was in second place with 106. Maidenhall was in 3rd place and Wetherleigh was 4th. Thank you to our great team of supporters and to those who helped during the afternoon.



Lassington House captains - Joseph and Megan



Thank You for supporting Miss Read this term.

PTA News

Congratulations to Reception who won the class cake sale challenge this year. A big thank you to Mrs Benning who has kindly volunteered to lead the PTA next year. We are looking forward to working with her and the team.

Church administrator

From the Autumn, our Benefice of four churches will be looking for a new administrator to assist the vicar and local teams. The job is for 10 hours per week, and includes a variety of church based administrative tasks, and much communicating with people. There is some flexibility of working time and place of work. If you might be interested please email the churchwarden Pete Sargent: pete-sargent@tiscali.co.uk, to arrange an initial informal conversation.

Church Collective Worship Team

My thanks to the group of volunteers who come in week by week to lead our Collective Worship on a Thursday morning. This year we have looked at heroes and heroines from the Bible and the parables Jesus told. The team are looking for a few more people to join them...if you could help please speak to Mrs Honan.

I would also like to thank Reverend Helen for her support this academic year. Messy Church has been a great addition to the after school activities. There will be one held every term next year. The first will be held on Monday 25th September straight after school.



On Tuesday afternoon we enjoyed a visit from Danny Butler and the Extreme Mountain Bike Show. The show was funded by ThinkTravel for our 2nd place in the Big Pedal. Let's keep up the good work in the new academic year and try to walk, scoot and bike to school.

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 5th September for the start of Term 1.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher