

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

4TH JANUARY 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

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 £458 which will support the creation of a fresh water supply at the school Miss Read will be working at in Mozambique.

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 soloists and to all involved in the super singing.

The Reception and Key Stage 1 production 'Behind the Stable Door' was great. 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.



Away In A Manger - In Highnam Church

Home School Values

This term's Values for Life are:

Compassion and *Service*. 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 £1000 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 Benning and her team for all their hard work.

Extra Curricular Clubs

All after school clubs will begin Monday 15th January 2018. My thanks to all staff who provide these clubs for the pupils. Young Voices starts next week.

Swimming

Year 3 and 4 begin their swimming lessons next Friday, 12th January 2018.

Bench of Honour — December

Congratulations to all the pupils who appeared on the Bench of Honour last month.

Reindeer Food

Thank you for supporting the Cystic Fibrosis Trust by purchasing Reindeer food. We raised over £26.

School of the Week

It was lovely to welcome Nicky Price from BBC Radio Gloucestershire in school before Christmas to record various aspects of the school for her afternoon show. If you missed them you can listen to them on the school website.

VE Day Celebrations

A big thank you to the Year 5 and 6 team for all the preparation that went into recreating the VE celebration to mark the official end of WW2. The pupils' outfits were extremely good - thank you parents for helping with these.

Class Collective Worships

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

Christmas Tales with Grandad

Years 1, 2 and 3 visited the Guildhall before Christmas to enjoy a theatre trip hosted by Strike-A-Light. The puppetry on show was very impressive. Thank you to all who helped on this trip.

Christmas at Highnam Church and 2018...

It was lovely to have so many people at church for our Christmas services, especially the Christingle and the Crib Service. Thanks to all our angels, shepherds and kings, and everyone who came and joined in. I hope you enjoyed it all as much as I did!

It would be great to keep the fun of these services going through the year – SO - on the second Sunday of every month, in 2018, there will be special family services, planned with our children in mind – with a story, activities, fun songs, and plenty to join in and think about as we worship God together (lasting 40 minutes).

The first one will be on **January 14th. 9.30am** in Highnam Church called '**Celebrating the New Year**'. Please bring along a favourite Christmas present to show others.

Do come as families, or if you'd like to ask more, or – even better – get involved in any way in planning and running these services – be in touch with me. 'Revd Helen' – 306433. vicar@highnamchurch.org.

Choir bring Christmas Cheer

Last term 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 at the end of this month!



Pupils visiting the Alzheimer's Society Christmas meal

Community Coffee Morning

On Monday 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, a famous winter poem recited by pupils in Year 2 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 morning.



Gloucester Brass Band and Highnam Pupils

Staff News

A big welcome to Mrs Wood who will be working in Year 2 and Mrs Duan who will be working mainly in Year 4. We look forward to working with them this year.

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 1st or 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 Sportshall Athletics Team - super effort!

And finally - A quick reminder that we are holding an important Parent Information Evening on **Wednesday 14th March**. The evening will be led by leading educational specialist Dr Tom Robson. Please put the date on the next page on your 2018 calendars.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher

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

Thursday	4th	Start of Term 3
Monday	8th	K'Nex Challenge for Year 6
Tuesday	16th	Girls' Football Tournament at GL1
Monday	22nd	Miss Cooney's Visit to schools in Sweden
Friday	26th	Young Voices Concert in Birmingham
Monday	29th	Messy Church after school
Tuesday	30th	Years 5 and 6 Visit to Newent School to see Fame

February

Wednesday	7th	Open Classrooms
Friday	9th	End of Term 3
Monday	19th	Start of Term 4
Monday	26th	Gloucestershire Dance Festival

March

Thursday	1st	World Book Day Bedtime Story with Staff - 6pm
Tuesday	6th	Parents Evening 1
Thursday	8th	Parents Evening 2
Mon-Fri	12th-16th	Book Fair in School
Wednesday	14th	Visit from Dr Tom Robson
	14th	Parent Meeting with Dr Tom Robson - 6:30pm
Friday	23rd	Reception Class Led Collective Worship at 9am
Wednesday	28th	Messy Church after school
Thursday	29th	End of Term 4 - Easter Holidays

April

Monday	16th	Start of Term 5
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