

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

1ST MARCH 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are sorry to have had to postpone Bedtime Stories with Staff due to the snowy weather. It has been rearranged for 22nd March at 6pm. On **Wednesday 14th March at 6:30pm** we are hosting a workshop lead by Dr Tom Robson and he will be providing updates on Growth Mindset and how to further support your child's learning. He will also be bringing a therapy dog into school - if you do not want your child to meet the dog please let Mrs Honan know.



999 Emergency Fancy Dress Day

On Friday 23rd February our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils and staff supported the Pied Piper 999 Emergency Fancy Dress Day Appeal. Thank you for your help - the pupils looked amazing and had a fabulous day learning all about the great work of our emergency services. The school raised £86 for this great charity.



Pupils from our Reception Class

Year 2 Dance Festival

Earlier this week a number of Year 2 pupils took part in the Gloucestershire Dance Festival held at the Cheltenham Town Hall. For the past few weeks Miss Coldrick had been working with the pupils to practise their exciting routine. The pupils performed to the well known 'Bear Necessities' from the Jungle Book. On the day the pupils were a real credit to the school and they performed the routine very well.



My thanks to Miss Coldrick and our great team of parents who helped to transport and support the pupils while at the festival.

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Years 5 and 6 Trip to Greek on the Docks

Our thanks to Yiannis and the team at Greek on the Docks for hosting a wonderful Greek-inspired visit a few weeks ago. The pupils enjoyed a tasting session sampling traditional Greek food and even were treated to some Greek dancing. Thank you to Miss Owen and Miss Gent for organising the visit.

Primary QuEST

Behind the scene there is a lot of collaboration between staff from the three Primary QuEST academies: Redmarley, Staunton and Corse and Highnam. We hold joint staff training and recently joined together for governor training with our School Improvement Partner Alistair Shaw. In May, Highnam will be hosting an exciting '24' Maths challenge for pupils in Years 5 and 6 and our Key Stage 1 pupils will be heading to Hartpury College for a PE morning.



Monitoring Visits to the Academy

Recently we received a visit from Barry Jones the Strategic Lead at Gloucestershire County Council. He thoroughly enjoyed his visit to the Academy and commented on the positive ethos during his tour of the school.

Our School Improvement Partner visited just before half term and remarked on "the confident communication by the class ambassadors. In every classroom, nominated pupils welcomed visitors and explained what was happening in the room exceptionally well. This boosts their confidence and enables the visitor to engage with pupils directly. This has been established well and pupils are clearly responding to the responsibility of the role." Thank you to all the pupils who have undertaken this role this academic year.

Reception enjoy their China Day!

Our Reception pupils have had a superb time learning all about China. During their topic they have: produced some lovely artwork; eaten Chinese food (it was very tasty) and enjoyed a special Chinese themed dance workshop. Thank you to our Early Years team for creating so many memorable learning experiences.



House Music

Congratulations to all the pupils in the school who contributed to a great house music competition yesterday. Well done to Wetherleigh house who were the overall winners.



Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz

Well done to Grace B, Jack H, Elilidh and Martha who took part in the nature quiz against Hopebrook this week. The team worked well together and narrowly lost by 1 point - thank you Miss Coldrick for organising the event.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

As a school we are currently updating our data protection procedures to be GDPR compliant by the 25th May 2018. More updates will follow soon.

PTA News

Thank you to all who came along to the Film Night on Friday. We raised £230 for the school.

The next pupil event is the Spring disco on Friday 17th March straight after school. Please sign up on School Money to book your child a place.

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PTA FUNDRAISING PROGRESS CHART 2017/2018



Cookery Trip to Newent School

Our thanks to Ms Palmer and Newent School for hosting the Year 3 / 4 cooking trip. I know the pupils learnt new skills whilst preparing their tasty pastas. Thank you to Miss Thomas and Mrs Hazelden for supporting the pupils on the trip.



Well done to the B Team

World Book Day

World Book Day is today! We have enjoyed a wide variety of book-inspired activities and wearing our pyjamas and onesies.

Our next non-school uniform day is on Friday 17th March which is for Sports Relief and is also the Spring disco. Please can pupils wear sport-themed disco clothes on the day and bring in £1 to support this worthy cause.



Parents Evening

Parents Meetings will take place on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th March between 4-7pm. Pupils' work will be available to see before or after your appointment. Please use the online booking service to arrange your appointment through School Money.



Football Teams' News

Well done to both the Boys and the Girls teams for winning their respective leagues. The knock-out cup competition is now under way. The B team, A team and the Girls' team are all through to the semi-finals after their determined displays in the earlier rounds. The B team won 4-0 verse Finlay school, The girls won 4-1 versus Huntley school and the A team squeezed past a very good St Mary's side 1-0. We wish all three teams all the best for their next games.

High Tunes

Thank you to everyone who has been busy thinking up names and jingles for the new school radio station. Mr Gent (Miss Gent's dad) has helped us with the new name... High Tunes and we are now preparing jingles and logos.

Hits

Information

Guests

Hymn for the Weekday!

It must be High Tunes!

We had a number of great entries to be radio presenters and you can hear a couple of them on the school website...

We are looking forward to our visit to BBC Radio Gloucestershire with Nicky Price tomorrow and we will keep you up to date with plans for our first show.

Anti-Bullying Collective Worship

We are focusing on our roles as citizens of Highnam Academy and the communities we live in this term.

Being good friends and treating others how we want to be treated underpin our values behaviour policy and it was great to sign the anti-bullying agenda alongside the Academy Council which states:

"We are better without bullying"



Walking, Riding and Parking

As the weather (hopefully) gets warmer please can parents remember:

1. The Walking Zone (5 minute walk zone around the school).
2. The white lines in front of the houses in Wetherleigh Drive are not to be parked on.
3. The disabled bay is for blue badge holders
4. The 'Big Pedal' this year is not until April / May but we have a great bike / scooter shed to encourage cycling and scooting to school.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church is planned for Wednesday 28th March straight after school. It has been lovely to see so many families attending. Please let Mrs Honan know if you would like to attend.



Lifesavers

My thanks to Miss Spry and Year 1 who are piloting the Highnam Savings Club and the first session starts tomorrow. Pupils in Year 1 are invited to sign up and attend between 8:30-8:45 in their classroom. Each pupil will receive a Savings Passbook - happy saving!

LifeSavers
Helping children manage money wisely

World Thinking Day

Thank you to all the pupils who wore their special uniforms for World Thinking Day. It was good to see Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs, Guides and Scouts and seeing all the badges on the smart uniforms. Keep up the good work!



Year 2 Visit to the Mosque

The school is following the new RE framework introduced in Gloucestershire and have been learning all about Islam. The pupils headed to the Masjid-E-Noor mosque to find out more about the Islamic place of worship. Our thanks to the local mosque leader for taking us around the mosque and to Miss Coldrick for organising the visit.



Year 2 pupils visiting the local Mosque

Home Learning Projects

A big thank you for all your support with the recent catapults and Europe projects in Key Stage Two - the pupils have produced some amazing projects to be very proud of.



A great project all about Italy - well done Jack



Ready...Aim...Fire - Great effort Danny!

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair is on Monday 12th - Friday 16th March week in the hall or the Hub. Please take the opportunity to buy a good book and spend your World Book Day voucher.

Home School Values

This term's Value for Life is: *Friendship*. There are family activities available under the links sections of the website.

Bench of Honour — February:

It has been wonderful to see so many pupils demonstrating positive character traits this year. Congratulations to Mabel, Dan O, Rory, Jasmine and Freddie W who were on the bench in February.

And finally, the end of Term 4 will be Thursday 29th March at normal time. Term 5 begins on Monday 16th April at 8:55am.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher

Dates for your diary**March**

Thursday	1st	World Book Day
Tuesday	6th	Parents Evening 1
Thursday	8th	Parents Evening 2
Mon-Fri	12th-16th	Book Fair in School
Monday	12th	Year 5 Trip to Skillzone
Wednesday	14th	Visit from Dr Tom Robson
	14th	Parent Meeting with Dr Tom Robson - 6:30pm
Friday	16th	Spring Disco after school until 5:15pm
Tuesday	20th	Year 1 Victorian Trip
Friday	23rd	Reception Class Led Collective Worship at 9am
Wednesday	28th	Reception Vision and Hearing Tests
	28th	Messy Church after school
Thursday	29th	End of Term 4 - Easter Holidays
	29th	Reception Teddy Bear Picnic
	29th	End of Term 4

April

Monday	16th	Start of Term 5
Friday	20th	Whole Class Brass Begins for Year 4
Monday	23rd	Big Pedal Begins
Tuesday	24th	Highnam Tag Rugby Festival
Wednesday	25th	K'Nex County Final

May

Mon-Thurs	14th-17th	SATS Week
Tuesday	22nd	24 Challenge - Primary QuEST
Friday	25th	Class 2 Collective Worship
	25th	Ledbury Tag Rugby Festival
	25th	End of Term 5

June

Tuesday	5th	Start of Term 6
	6th	Year 2 Trip to Cadbury's World
	6th	Pulse Games (Key Stage 2)
	13th	Years 3/4 Trip to Caerleon
	15th	Years 4-6 Three Counties Show
Mon-Fri	25th-29th	Year 6 Residential
Thursday	28th	Year 5 Bell-Boating
Friday	29th	Year 4 Collective Worship