

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

3RD JUNE 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 6! We had a very action packed end to Term 5 with the Hartpury Event for Key Stage 1, TRAC outdoor adventure day for Years 3 and 4, cycling in the Forest of Dean for Year 6, the Ledbury Tag Rugby Festival, Swimming Gala heats, Erasmus Project to Poland and our girls football team finished joint 3rd nationally after a great performance at the National Finals held at Birmingham City FC. Thank you to all who have supported these various exciting opportunities.

Primary QuEST Key Stage 1 Festival

In the final week of Term 5, the Key Stage 1 pupils joined together with their fellow pupils from Hartpury, Redmarley and Staunton and Corse Academies for the Hartpury Games. The pupils had an action packed morning running, jumping and trying out new sports.

We would like to thank the Hartpury staff and students for running such a good event. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their morning and we look forward to returning next year.



Jacob enjoying one of the Hartpury Challenges



Primary QuEST MAT

The creation of the Primary QuEST Multi Academy Trust is close to completion and by September Highnam will officially be a founder member of this new Trust.



Erasmus Project Poland Trip

A big thank you to Miss Coldrick and Miss Thomas for accompanying 4 pupils on the latest leg of the Erasmus Coding in a Cultural Europe project. The team have been continuing the good work from the pupils who visited Lithuania and have been learning new computing skills on the way.

The children presented information about a famous British painter, took part in various ceremonies and visited some local Polish landmarks. The next trip will be to Croatia in the autumn.



Representing the Academy in Poland were:
Tehya, Vi, Louis and Tyler.

GPSFA Year 4 Festival

Well done to the boys who attended the GPSFA festival a couple of weeks ago. They played 5 matches in total winning 3 and drawing 2. The team played well together and some good skills were on show. Thank you to the parents, siblings and grandparents who came along to support the team.



Well done to the Year 4 team

Reception Pupils Church Visit

Mrs Watts organised a very informative church trip at the start of May for our Reception pupils. They headed to Highnam Church to be part of a mock christening. Thank you to Reverend Helen for assisting the pupils.



The 'family' posing for the Christening photo

News from the PTA

Please come along and support the PTA Summer Fayre on **Friday 21st June** after school. If you are able to help please see one of the PTA members. (details sent out via email).

It is always a special afternoon and we enjoy catching up with current pupils, ex-pupils, families, friends and those from the local community.

Year 6 Cycling Trip

After a busy SATs week, the Year 6 pupils enjoyed a great cycling trip around the family cycle trail in the Forest of Dean. After the 12 mile cycle we enjoyed a picnic at Beechenhurst and a few games. Thank you to Miss Owen, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Burgess who supported the pupils on the day.



Year 6 having a rest near Mallard Ponds

Swimming Gala

Well done to the pupils who took part in the large schools swimming gala heats before half term. The finals take place later this week. All the best to those who are taking part.

Cheltenham Town Community Project

Thank you to Mrs Stephens who has organised for CTFC to work with pupils from Years 5 and 6 during lunchtime and special afternoon sessions on a Thursday.



Parking Near School

Can I remind parents that the disabled bay is for disabled use only. Please remember to use the 5 minute walk zone to help with traffic on Wetherleigh Drive.

PQ TRAC Day

We had a fabulous day at the Tom Roberts Adventure Centre near Newent. Pupils from Years 3 and 4 joined together with the other Primary QuEST pupils to take part in 12 activities. These included: Orienteering, Photomaps, Pedaloos, Go-karting, Den Building and much more.

It was lovely to hear of friendships which were started at the PQ Remembrance Day event being developed and a big thank you to all who helped on the day.

The next PQ event is the Maths 24 Challenge for pupils in Year 6.



Olivia and Ffion and their PQ friend

Six Nations Trophy Visit

Congratulations to Maidenhall house who were the overall winners of the house tag rugby competition. We had the privilege of hosting the Six Nations trophy and Triple Crown Shield on the day. Much excitement for our rugby fans!



Congratulations to Maidenhall House

Ledbury Tag Rugby Festival

Well done to the Ledbury Rugby Team who won their group stage and ultimately were runners up at the annual rugby festival. Twenty-five teams took part and the team scored some great tries. Thank you to all who supported the team on the day.



Home School Values

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

3rd Place in the National Football Finals

Congratulations to the girls team who performed superbly at the Danone National Football Finals on the 4th May. They reached the semi-finals narrowly losing 1-0. A massive thank you to the great supporters (including Miss Coldrick, Miss Gent and Miss Owen who went up to Birmingham to support the team) and to Mr Holmes for his expert coaching of the girls through this season.



Labelling clothing

Please can you help keep lost property to a minimum in school by labelling all items. Many thanks.

Dates for the Diary

There is an updated list of important dates for Term 6 are included in the next section of the newsletter.

Kind regards,

Stephen Dean, Headteacher

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	Year 5 Taster Day at Newent School
	6th	Swimming Gala Finals
	6th	Tag Rugby v Shurdington (Away)
Friday	7th	Primary QuEST Year 6 Maths 24 Challenge
Monday	10th	Tag Rugby v Innsworth (Home)
Tuesday	11th	Year 2 Trip to Bristol Zoo
Wednesday	12th	Girls Cricket Festival New Parents Meeting at 7pm (School Hall)
Thursday	13th	PQ B team Netball Festival at Staunton and Corse Tag Rugby v CVJS (Home)
Monday	17th	PQ Masterpiece Workshop with iSingPop (Years 5 and 6)
Friday	21st	Year 3 Collective Worship at 9am
	21st	Year 6 iSingPOP - Diocese Headteacher Conference
	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 1 Trip to Cheltenham Synagogue
	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 Year 6 Author Visit to the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham
Thursday	4th	Year 6 to Newent School Key Stage 1 Sports Day at 1:30pm PQ Year 3/4 Cricket Festival at Redmarley CC
Friday	5th	Reception Class Collective Worship at 9am Year 6 to Newent School
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