

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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Dear Parents

Welcome back, I trust you had a wonderful summer break. We are looking forward to a brand new academic year, the first being part of the Primary QuEST multi academy trust. Please can I remind parents the best place to keep up to date with school events is through the monthly newsletter which is sent via email each month and the school website: www.highnam.gloucs.sch.uk. There is also a school app which can be downloaded; information on how to do this is on the website and there is the school twitter account @HighnamAcademy.



Staff News

It is my privilege to welcome back Mrs Jones to Highnam Academy. She will be working on a 1 to 1 basis with a pupil in Key Stage 1. Miss Harris is also joining the team and will be working across the classes as well as providing sports coaching during lunchtimes and after school.

SATs Results

This was the fourth year of the current Year 6 testing arrangements and was based on the National Curriculum; this resulted in changes to the marks with scaled scores being used and a score of 100 being the mark which was deemed to be 'Secondary Ready'.

This year we had 30 pupils in Year 6, each child was worth 3.3%. The national averages and our school results for 2019 were as follows:

Subject	National	School	Difference
Reading	73%	87%	+14%
Writing	78%	93%	+15%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	78%	97%	+19%
Maths	79%	97%	+18%

Thank you to all staff involved in the preparation of our pupils from Reception all the way through to Year 6. Their dedication and enthusiasm, along with the hard work of the pupils involved, have resulted in some excellent results. The pupils leave Highnam having fulfilled their potential and ready for the next stage of their education at the various local secondary schools.

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We had a fantastic final few weeks with our Year 6 pupils. There was a Leavers' disco, the traditional BBQ and rounders match, 'Joseph' and a superb Leavers' Service.

A big thank you to Miss Owen and all the parents who contributed to the enjoyable and memorable end of term celebrations.

Harvest Festival

This year the Harvest Festival will be held at Holy Innocents Church on Sunday 13th October at 10am. Parents and pupils are warmly invited to join with us for the celebration. Pupils will be sharing work completed in school and joining with the whole community to share in this festival together.

Parents Evening

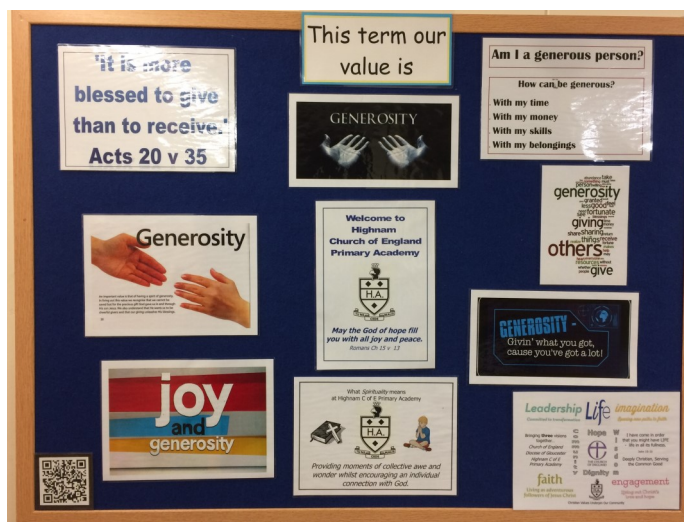
These will be held from 4-7pm on Thursday 14th November and Tuesday 19th November. The online booking system will be open later in the term. There are two parents evenings one in the autumn term and one in the spring term.

Home School Values

The new Home School Values are available for parents and carers to download from the Academy website under the Links tab. This term in Collective Worship we start by looking at '**Generosity**' and the PDFs provide follow up activities and discussion points. We trust your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the values together. You can also access the resources via the hyperlinks below.

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Thank You

On behalf of all the staff and myself please can I pass on our thanks for the lovely cards and generous gifts received at the end of last term. We were overwhelmed by your kindness.

Music Opportunities

It was great to see the fantastic brass concert led by Year 4 at the end of last year during the Summer Concert. There are a variety of music lessons available for pupils in Key Stage 2:

Guitar (Simon McCarthy) - This lesson will be taught by teachers from the Gloucester based Schools Music Agency.

Flute lessons - provided by Mrs Smith

Gloucester Brass Club for Years 5 and 6 (see the club letter for details)

Prices of lessons vary: Please see Mrs Honan for further details.

PTA

Every year the PTA do a fantastic job of raising money for the Academy. Last year over £6,000 was donated to the school to help contribute to a wide variety of resources for the school including: sports kit, technology and reading books.

The PTA AGM will be held in school held later this term — all are invited to attend. There will also be a coffee morning for new Reception parents on 23rd September after morning drop off 9-10am in the school hall.

On Friday the 27th September we will be holding a special event 'Picnic in the Park' - more information soon!

Calendar

A calendar for this academic term is available on the school website. The four remaining teacher training days, when the academy will be closed this year, are:

Thursday 24th October

Friday 25th October

Monday 6th January

Monday 20th July



Well done to all who deliver PE across the school for achieving the School Games Gold Mark - a great achievement.

A special mention to Miss Owen and for all her hard work in preparing the application.

News from Mozambique

Miss Read was delighted to welcome Miss Coldrick to Mozambique over the Summer. She was able to see how the money the school raised last year has been used to rebuild houses and provide extra food for the children in the local villages.

Whilst there Miss Coldrick helped to run a holiday club for over 300 local children.

Keep up to date with Miss Read's blog via the books in the school entrance hall.



Naming Clothes / Drinks in School

It is great to see all the pupils looking so smart. Please could I remind you to name their clothes, shoes and folders to help us keep a track of clothing in school.

Please can pupils only bring water into school in their bottles. There are a number of filtered water stations around the school where they can refill their bottles. Infant water bottles are available for the school office £1 each.

Key Stage Two School Hoodie

A reminder the school hoodie is available from 'Your Name on it'. You are able to purchase a Navy blue hoodie for PE, if your child is in Key Stage Two, which can also be used when representing the school in various sporting activities. It is available in various sizes and costs £12.50.

Please order at:

<http://www.yournameonitshop.co.uk/highnam.html>

There is a sample in the school office if you'd like to view it first.

PE Uniform

Please can I remind parents that pupils need a **plain white T-shirt, navy shorts** and daps/trainers for PE. These should be named in a bag and in school all week.

Extra Curricular Clubs

We will be sending out the clubs letter this week. Please check through the options carefully and return to school asap. Clubs will begin Monday 16th September.

Midday Supervisors

We are delighted that Mrs Chapman, Mrs Taylor and Mrs McGillion are all joining the midday supervisor team. We look forward to working with them at lunchtimes.

Colour Run

Mrs Carpenter will be organising a special colour run on Friday 11th October after school to support iReach Africa and Diabetes UK which may include supporting pupils from Highnam. More details on how to take part coming soon.

Contact details and Pick up List

Attached to this newsletter is a blank contact list. Please complete this with the most up to date information and return to school asap.

In Key Stage One (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) only the people named on the contact list will be authorised to collect your child at the end of the school day.

On the odd occasion another adult is due to pick up your child and is not on your completed form please inform the school office or via Class Dojo.

Open Classrooms

Throughout the year we like to give parents and carers the opportunity to see the great work the pupils are producing. Therefore you are invited to visit your child's classroom, known as 'Open Classrooms' between 3:20pm and 4pm on the last **Wednesday** of every term. The first one for this year however will be the week before on **Wednesday 16th October** due to Term 1 finishing for pupils on Wednesday 23rd October.

Vaccine Update

To give your child the best protection against Measles, Mumps and Rubella a child needs two doses. Therefore if your child has not had a second MMR as part of pre-school vaccines, I would encourage you to do this by contacting your GP/ Practice nurse. Children in Reception through to Year 5 are also eligible for the flu vaccine this will take place on Friday 8th November.

News from Highnam Church

We will be holding our first Messy Church of this new academic year on Wednesday 18th September straight after school in the school hall. Come along and join us if you can. All welcome. The next one will be held on Wednesday 6th November.

All are invited to join us for Education Sunday on Sunday 15th September at Highnam Church at 10am.

Change of Names

As we start a new term we have a few name changes for staff:

Mrs Witts = Miss Williams

Miss Spry = Mrs Carpenter

Mrs Wilson = Mrs Tirel

Dates for your diary**September**

3rd	First day of the new academic year	8:55am
10th	Year 4 Residential Meeting	3:20pm Yr4
15th	Education Sunday Service at Highnam Church	10am
16th	School Clubs start this week	
18th	Messy Church in the hall	After school
23rd	Coffee morning for Reception Parents	9am-10am
27th	PTA Picnic in the Park	After school

October

2nd-4th	Year 4 Mini-Residential to the Wilderness Centre	
10th	Reading Meeting for New Reception Parents	7pm
11th	Colour Run	After school
12th-18th	Erasmus Visit to Croatia	
13th	Harvest Service at Highnam Church	10am
16th	Open Classrooms	After school
	Books for Bugs Book Sale	After school
18th	Year 4 Collective Worship	9am
23rd	End of Term 1 (Wednesday)	3:20pm

November

4th	Term 2 begins	8:55am
6th	School Photos	AM
	Messy Church in the school hall	After school
8th	Year 2 Class Collective Worship	9am
	Flu vaccine school visit	All day
13th	Academy Open Day for Prospective Parents and the Highnam Community	10-11:30am
14th (Thurs)	Parents' Evening	1:30-3pm
15th	Year 3 Class Collective Worship	4-7pm
19th (Tues)	Parents' Evening	9am
22nd	Year 6 Class Collective Worship	4-7pm
		9am

December

6th Dec	Year 5 Class Collective Worship	9am
16th Dec	Year 6 to sing in the Cathedral	PM
17th	KS1 Christmas Production	9:30am & 1:30pm
18th	KS2 Christmas Church Services	2pm & 6pm
19th	Key Stage 2 Party	AM
	Key Stage 1 Party	PM
20th	Daylight Theatre	AM
	End of Term 2	2:30pm

January

6th	Term 3 begins for pupils	8:55am
17th Jan	Young Voices trip to Birmingham	PM
14th Feb	Reception Class Collective Worship	9am
20th March	Year 5 Collective Worship	9am
3rd April	Year 1 Collective Worship	9am
15th May	Year 4 Collective Worship	9am
22nd May	Reception Collective Worship	9am
5th June	Year 2 Collective Worship	9am

And finally...

A warm welcome to all the new pupils, parents and staff who have joined us at Highnam this September. We trust you will feel at home with us here and I look forward to a successful year together.

Kind regards,

Stephen Dean.

Headteacher