

# Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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1ST OCTOBER 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to all our pupils for settling so well into their new classes. Recently, we held our Academy Council and House Captain votes. Congratulations to everyone who put themselves forward for nomination and it was lovely to witness the caring spirit in which the voting took place.

## Erasmus Project

In a couple of weeks I have the privilege of visiting our partner school in Croatia with Miss Gent and four Year 6 pupils: Ellie, Jay, Julia and Oliver. We are looking forward to the visit and sharing our computing updates with the project team.

We will be hosting our Erasmus colleagues in March and Miss Coldrick has sent out a letter for host families to Year 6 parents - if you are able to help it would be much appreciated.

It will be a busy but special time when our European partners visit and we are looking forward to sharing our school with them.



## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to the PTA and all involved in the Coffee afternoon last Friday. Apologies - the PTA Picnic in the Park was cancelled but your cake donations were well used and raised over £120 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



## New Reception Pupils

It has been super to see how well the new Reception pupils have settled into the school. They are now into the routine of hot lunches and have been working very hard in class. They all have met their older buddies who have helped them during playtimes. Thank you to Miss Cooney, Mrs King, Mrs Cresswell, Mrs Watts and Mrs Hayes for helping them during this transition into school.



## New Reception Parents Meeting

This year, the new Reception Parents meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th October at 7pm**. All Reception parents are welcome to attend. The meeting will focus on how to support your child's learning at home.

## Running for a Good Cause

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to take part in our charity colour run. Thank you to Mrs Carpenter for organising the event and hopefully we will have good weather to enjoy the fun!

The charities being supported are: iReach Africa in Mozambique, Diabetes UK and Oscar Saxelby-Lee who has been diagnosed with T-Cell Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia and needs specialist medical support from Singapore. If you are unable to take part but would like to donate please send in donations to the school office.

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## Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to our annual harvest festival at Holy Innocent's Church in Highnam on **Sunday 13th October** at 10am. This year, we have decided to hold the Harvest Festival with the school and wider village community on a Sunday. We would love to see as many families as possible there as the children will be leading various sections of the service. There will be a collection of tinned and preserved food for the Gloucester Foodbank, as well as a cash collection to support their work. The service will last 45 minutes, and refreshments will be served afterwards. If you are unable to attend food tins can be brought into school next week.



## Term Dates

A quick reminder that Term 1 finishes on Wednesday 23rd October normal time. Term 2 begins on Monday 4th November.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the readers who completed Reading Challenge over the summer and entered Mrs Trotman's competition. Congratulations to Gianna, Bethany and Frankie who were the winners and all received books of their choice.



## Parent Helpers

Please can I pass on my thanks to the parents who have been working in school to support our classes - your support is much appreciated by staff. If you are able to help for a morning or afternoon please let your class teacher know.

## Parking near the Academy

Can I remind parents to be considerate when parking on the roads around the Academy. Please park on the road to allow pushchairs and bikes past and be mindful of our disabled bay and residents' driveways.

## Messy Church

It was wonderful to see so many families at our first Messy Church of this academic year. Thank you to the team who organised the session. The next one will be on November 28th after school.



## Before School Routines

Please can I also remind parents of the two bell system in the morning to enable the pupils to be in line and ready to enter school safely please can parents vacate the playground quickly. The first bell is for children to say goodbye and to get into line and the second bell is for staff to walk pupils into school. Thank you for your help with this.

## PTA News

Thank you to the PTA team last year and those who supported their work. Over £6,000 was raised for the school and the funds will be put towards the new reading books, athletics kits and additional resources to support your pupils' learning.

Following the well attended AGM last month I am pleased to announce the committee for this year:

Chairs	Ms Fay Hopson
	Ms Emma Coopey
Vice Chair	Mrs Sarah Sewell
	Mrs Sarah Clapp
Secretary	Ms Carly Hopson
Treasurers	Mrs Aimee Taylor

## Water bottles

Please can we request that the water bottles pupils use are a similar size to the school ones as the larger ones don't fit in the water coolers and cause floods.



## Pupil Voice

As mentioned at the start of the newsletter it is fantastic to see how many pupils want to contribute to the running of the school. This year can I extend my thanks to the Academy Council, House Captains, Well-being Crew and our Worship Committee.

It is encouraging to also see the pupils so willing to help out around the academy at lunch time and playtime.

## School Website and Twitter

The school website and our Twitter feed are both good ways of keeping up to date with the latest news from the Academy.

Currently there are 484 followers on twitter and the diary on the school website has an up to date sporting fixture list.

You can also download the mobile app to keep up to date with the latest news. Guidance on how to do this is on the school website.



### Highnam Academy

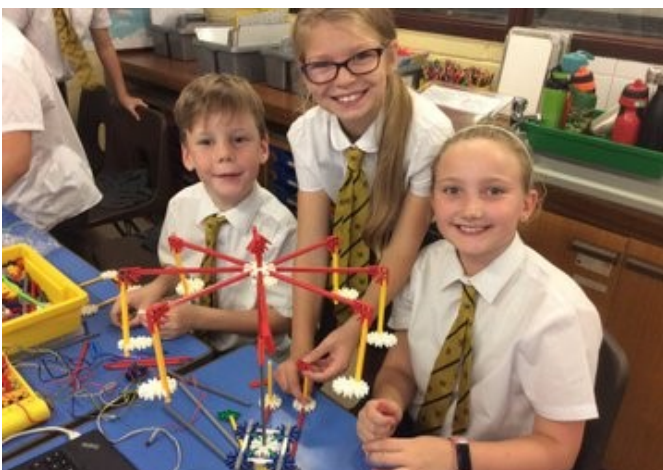
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Keep up to date with the news and events from our school.

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## STEM Challenge

Last week, Year 5 took part in a special STEM challenge. They worked with laptops to programme fairground rides made out of Knex. Congratulations to Letila, Olivia W and Jacob who won the challenge and will represent the Academy in the county event later in the year.



Here are William, Ffion and Daisy working hard



A few pupils from our Worship Council

## BBC Radio Visit

Last week we were delighted to welcome Warren Moore into school from BBC Radio Gloucestershire to help celebrate their well-being music day.

Our Young Voices choir shared a few of the songs they are learning in preparation for the concert in the New Year.

If you haven't had a listen catch up with it on the school website!



Our Young Voices Choir

## Extra Curricular Clubs

It has been great to see all the clubs that go on through the school week. My thanks to all the staff who contribute to such a fabulous variety of clubs for pupils across the school.

**And finally...** we are still collecting the Aldi Primary School stickers. We need a further 251 to complete the challenge! Thank you for your help.

Kind regards,  
Stephen Dean, Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### October

2nd-4th	Year 4 Mini-Residential to the Wilderness Centre	
6th	BBC Children in Need Pudsey Ramble	10am
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	Nature in Art Trip	All day
	Open Classrooms	After school
18th	Year 4 Collective Worship	9am
22nd	Year 1 trip to Highnam Court	During the day
23rd	PTA Film Night	After school
	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
12th	Year 3 Trip to the Wilson Museum	AM
	Years 5 and 6 Trip to the Steam Museum, Swindon	All day
13th	Academy Open Day for Prospective Parents and the Highnam Community	10-11:30am 1:30-3pm
14th (Thurs)	Parents' Evening	4-7pm
15th	Year 3 Class Collective Worship	9am
19th (Tues)	Parents' Evening	4-7pm
22nd	Year 6 Class Collective Worship	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	Lower Key Stage 2 Party	AM
	Key Stage 1 Party	PM
	Upper Key Stage 2 Party	
	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