

# Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers,



Erasmus+

Later this month, we will welcome pupils from our Erasmus partner schools to take part in the UK mobility. A big thank you to all parents who will be hosting some of the pupils. During this week (Monday 23rd– Friday 27th) please keep up to date with Twitter to see news from the various adventures. My thanks to Miss Coldrick for liaising with the Erasmus Project team and working so hard on the project.

## Lifesavers

My thanks to Mrs Carpenter, Ms Coopey and Mrs Baldwin who support the Highnam Savings Club in school every week. It is great to see pupils gaining a knowledge of the importance of regular saving and being responsible with money. If you would like your child to join, please send a dojo message to Mrs Carpenter or speak to her after school.



## PTA

A big thank you to all who supported the recent PTA cake sale and film night last term. The cake sale raised an impressive £106. The pupils enjoyed the opportunity to watch a film with their friends and in the process raised £330 for the school. Thank you to all who came and along and to the PTA team of helpers.

## Before and After School Routine

As the weather (hopefully) gets warmer and drier 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. Why not dust off the scooter or bike and start scooting to school?
5. The Big Pedal will take place between Monday 22nd April to the 5th May.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

## New athletics kit

My grateful thanks to Mr Barter and MAE Industrial trucks Ltd for sponsoring our brand new athletics kit. It is wonderful to have such generous support for the school. It will be good to see the kit in regular use this year.



For all your material handling needs....



## News from Mozambique

We were delighted to receive an email and short clip from our partner school in Mozambique earlier this month. The pupils were playing on a new school adventure playground which had been partly funded by the parents and pupils of Highnam Academy. It was great to see the smiles on the pupils' (and staff) faces as they used the new equipment.



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### Aust Beach Visit for Year 6

On February 7th, pupils in Year 6 had a special outdoor learning experience on Aust beach near to Bristol. With the help of Ed, we hunted around the beach in search of fossils. Lots of the class found fossilised oysters however some were even lucky enough to find copralite — fossilised poo and even a shark and a crocodile tooth.

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their day and learnt so much about the evolutionary process. We loved finding gypsum - a sulphate mineral which looks like crystal and is found in toothpaste!



### Year 2 Cricket Festival

On February 5th, a group of Year 2 pupils visited Dene Magna School to take part in a cricket festival. The pupils had an enjoyable time learning new skills and were a real credit to the school. We are looking forward to the outdoor cricket season starting again in a few months time.



### 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 day. Thank you to our Early Years team for creating so many memorable learning experiences.



### Oliver Production

It was great to see a number of ex-Highnam pupils part of the recent production of Oliver. Newent school invited Highnam to see the final performance before the parents, and the pupils in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed the experience.





## B team festivals

It has been great to see the enthusiasm and energy of the pupils who have attended the after school football club. Each player has represented the school in one of the many festivals we have been part of. A big thank you to all who have been along to support the teams.

## E-Safety Day

On 11th February we celebrated Safer Internet Day in school. During this time we looked at #Goldilocks to help us remember how important it is to stay safe on line. Parents can get further information at:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks>



## Home School Values

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



## Parents' Evening

Parents' Meetings will take place on Tuesday 31st March and Thursday 1st April between 4-7pm. Pupils' work will be available to see before or after your appointment. The online booking service to arrange your appointment will be through School Money as normal.



The hall floor has been updated over half term, along with a new access door to the staffroom. Thank you to Mrs Honan for organizing these improvements.

Book tokens to celebrate World Book Day will be sent home this week. Children can wear pajamas in school on the 5th March for £1.

And finally, we are thrilled to have so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school supporting the classes during the day. Your help is invaluable...thank you so much.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher



## Collective Worship

A big thank you to all involved in our Collective Worship at Highnam C of E Primary Academy. They are a very special part of our day and a special mention must go to the worship council who take part in so many ways. Finally, we have a fantastic team of volunteers who lead on a Thursday morning - thank you to Reverend Helen, Owen, Mrs Crago and all the team.



**March**

Thursday	5th	Bedtime Reading Evening at school — for pupils and parents 6-6:45pm
Thursday	12th	Quick Sticks Hockey Festival in Lydney
Thursday	19th	Author and educator visit from Christopher Lloyd
Friday	20th	Year 5 Collective Worship
Saturday	21st	Mothers' Day Messy Church (3:30-5pm) in the school hall
Mon-Fri	23rd-27th	Erasmus Week in School
	31st	Year 3 rivers trip to Greystones
Tuesday	31st	Parents Evening 4-7pm

**April**

Thursday	2nd	Parents Evening 4-7pm
Friday	3rd	Year 1 Collective Worship
Friday	3rd	End of Term 4 (normal time)
Saturday	10th	Good Friday Messy Church (to be held at the Old School) 10am-12
Monday	20th	Start of Term 5
Monday	20th	Dr Tom Robson — Parent meeting at Hartpury School
Wednesday	22nd	Primary QuEST Year 4 Tag Rugby Festival
Thursday	23rd	Mr Pepys Visit for Year 2
Friday	24th	Spring Disco (after school until 5:15pm)
Wednesday	29th	Year 4 Wessex Water Visit

**May**

Friday	8th	Bank Holiday
Mon-Thurs	11th-14th	SATS week for Year 6
Friday	15th	Year 4 Collective Worship
Friday	22nd	PTA Bounce-athon + Dan the Skipping Man Visit

**June**

Monday	1st	Primary QuEST 24 Challenge for Year 6 pupils
Friday	5th	Astracolour Class Photographs
Friday	12th	Year 3 Collective Worship
Tuesday	16th	Leavers' Service at the Cathedral (pupils only)
Wednesday	17th	Year 2 Mosque Visit
Friday	19th	PTA Summer Fayre