

# Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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**CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE**

NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all staff for helping the pupils settle so well last term and for supporting them with the new routines. My thanks to the parent community for keeping to the drop off and pick up times and keeping to the social distancing rules. We will continue with the same routines in November.



## Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the pupils and staff who were part of the online Harvest Festival this year. It has been encouraging to hear how the video has been shared with grandparents and friends. Unfortunately, our Christmas plans will be online as well, but plans are in hand to share with you albeit in a different way.

The donations collected were taken to support the work of Gloucester Foodbank.

## Year 4 Trip to the Wilderness

At the start of last month Year 4 had a great trip to the Wilderness Centre. Sadly, it was just a day visit but the activities were enjoyable and challenging. The pupils were great to be with and my thanks to Mrs Carpenter, Mrs Carter, Mrs Evans and Mrs Gilchrist for their support and hard work during the trip.



## Poppies on Sale in the Academy

Pupils across the school will be able to support the work of the Royal British Legion who provide thousands of modern day veterans, service men, women and their families with much needed support.

## Reverend Helen News

We would like to say a big thank you from the Highnam Academy community to Reverend Helen who has decided it is the right time to retire as incumbent of the Highnam benefice in January.

It has been a privilege to work with Reverend Helen and the school has benefitted greatly from her enthusiasm, energy and wisdom. The pupils and staff will miss Reverend Helen greatly and wish her an enjoyable and well-deserved retirement.



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## Children in Need

We will be supporting the BBC's Children in Need appeal on Friday 13th November. Please can pupils wear non-school uniform and bring in £1 on the day.



### Introducing the Academy Council and House Captains

Well done to all the pupils who put themselves forward to be an academy council class representative or a house captain.

We will be working out a new way of meeting this year but it has been great to see the pupils who won the nominations wearing their badges with pride!



Sophie and Vogue — Year 1 representatives

Well done to the 50 pupils who completed the RED challenge and this month received their very smart winners medals.

Keep up the reading this year!



## Parents' Evenings

This year Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th November between 4-7pm.

We will be using School Cloud to aid parents and staff in the booking of appointments.

An email later this month will invite you to choose a 10 minute appointment time online. If you need to change your appointment for any reason then this can be completed online by selecting a different slot. This year the appointments will be online using a system called School Cloud (similar to Zoom).

## PTA Pizza Nights

A big thank you to Luke at Gumbie's Wood Fired Pizzas and the PTA team for hosting two fantastic pizza nights. Congratulations to all of the winners who saw their pizza designs created into the real thing.

'The Emily' was the most bought pizza and will now appear on the pizza menu each week. Remember every time an 'Emily' is purchased 10% is donated to the Highnam PTA. Thank you for supporting this event over £325 was raised for the school in the process.



Emily with the Emily pizza!



### Year 6 K'Nex Challenge

Thank you to Mo from the STEM works team for facilitating the K'Nex challenge for the pupils in Year 6 before half term.

This year the challenge was to build a castle with a working draw bridge — no mean feat!

Congratulations to Jasmine and Josh who were the class winners.

### Year 6 take part in Music Project

The pupils in Year 6 have been busy recording their part to a Multi-Story music project which is running this term. The class have received some expert lessons over Zoom and are now recording their part of a song which a number of pupils will contribute to. We are looking forward to hearing the finished piece.



Year 6 pupils taking on the K'Nex challenge

### Experience Harvest

The pupils in Years 2-4 had a super time at Highnam Church a couple of weeks ago taking part in a special 'Experience Harvest'. The church team which included Reverend Helen and Owen (the children and families worker) provided the pupils with five stations to visit. Following Covid guidelines, the pupils were provided with a variety of ways to deepen their understanding of harvest and the importance of this festival in the Christian calendar.

Thank you to all who support this event.



Cooper and Cameron enjoyed Experience Harvest

### PTA Pumpkin Trail

The school has teamed up with the local village community to organise a special pumpkin trail this autumn.

The trail map, game sheet and treat can be purchased at the Highnam shop for £1.

Look out for the letters in windows around the streets of Highnam to create the words and have a great time!

## Christmas Cards

This year we won't be sending Christmas cards in the normal way but why not join the staff in making a small donation to the work of Miss Read and iReach Africa in Mozambique. There will be a large Christmas Tree with baubles to put your name on to join in the festive fun. £1 a bauble!

## Social Distancing

A quick reminder about the importance of observing social distancing whilst in and around the school grounds. Thank you for your help with this.

## Every Mind Matters

As we approach half term it is good to be reminded of the support available at this time.

Please click on logo below to be taken to the website for further information.



## A417—Masiemore Road

Below is a link to a petition being led locally to improve the road system which impacts Maisemore and the surrounding area. Your support would be appreciated from the local parish councils.

[https://www.change.org/p/gloucestershire-county-council-flood-relief-a417-maisemore-b4213-apperley-and-surrounding-areas?recruit-er=621978398&utm\\_source=share\\_petition&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_campaign=share\\_petition&recruited\\_by\\_id=5396c030-a146-11e6-af4a-919ed8f1d81a&utm\\_content=fht-25180021-en-gb%3A0](https://www.change.org/p/gloucestershire-county-council-flood-relief-a417-maisemore-b4213-apperley-and-surrounding-areas?recruit-er=621978398&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=share_petition&recruited_by_id=5396c030-a146-11e6-af4a-919ed8f1d81a&utm_content=fht-25180021-en-gb%3A0)

## Home Learning Protocol

The home learning protocol has been attached to this newsletter. This one page document outlines the support which will be provided if a whole class is required to learn from home at this time.

## And finally,

A big thank you to our fantastic midday supervisors team and Sam from CaterCater for making lunchtimes run so smoothly at this difficult time.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

### November

Monday	2nd	Start of Term 2	AM
Wednesday	4th	Year 6 visit to the Steam Museum	All day
Thursday	5th	School Photographs	AM
Monday	9th	Flu Vaccination team in	All day
Friday	13th	Children in Need	All day
Tuesday	17th	Parents' Evening	4-7pm
Thursday	19th	Parents' Evening	4-7pm

### December

Friday	19th	End of Term 2	2:30pm
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### January 2021

Monday	4th	Inset Training for staff	All day
Tuesday	5th	Start of Term 3 for pupils	AM