

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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5TH JANUARY 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3.

We are looking forward to the new calendar year and continuing to support the pupils' education. A big thank you to the whole staff team for their support of the pupils under difficult circumstances in the autumn term. Curriculum maps will be shared with you later this week to show the planned learning for each class this term. Thank you for your support during this academic year, it is much appreciated.

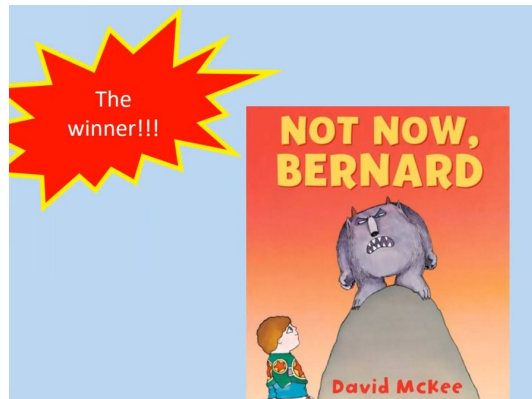
Erasmus Update

It was good to catch up with our Erasmus partner schools in December. A big thank you to Leo, Ffion and Dexter who represented the school in sharing our Christmas traditions.

Reading Update

During the last couple of weeks, the pupils in each class enjoyed the favourite book from the teachers in the school. After a close vote, the winning text was *Not Now Bernard* by David McKee — a worthy winner!

Thank you to those who have had birthdays in the last couple of months and have donated a birthday book to the class library.



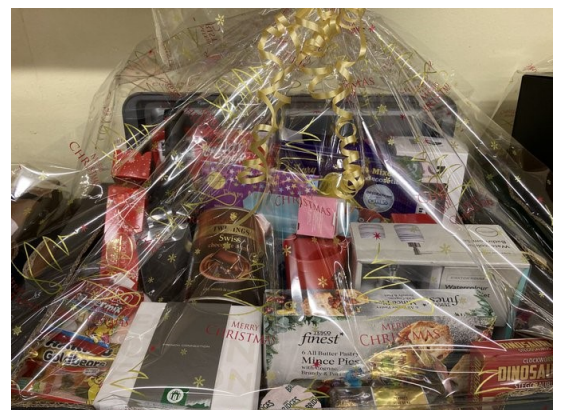
Christmas Thank You

On behalf of the staff a big thank you for the messages, emails and presents received at Christmas. It was great to see the pupils enjoying their Christmas dinners and their party food. Thank you to the CaterCater team for providing the goodies for the staff and pupils on party day.



Christmas Hampers

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Christmas hamper and to all who purchased raffle tickets. Over £900 was raised for the school.



Primary QuEST Christmas Quizzes

In the final week of term, all the pupils from across the Primary QuEST trust joined together to participate in a festive quiz. It was lovely to see all the pupils enjoying the challenge and see the other pupils via Zoom. Hopefully, later in the year we may be able to hold some trust wide pupil events.



Christingles

Pupils from Reception through to Year 3 all made Christingles during December. A big thank you to Reverend Helen, Owen and Mrs Watts for supporting the pupils.



Covid Updates

As we return to school in Tier 4, it is important we continue to follow the guidance provided. The one way system around school will continue to be used along with face masks for the staggered drop off and pick up.

In school we will continue to follow the risk assessments in place and pupils will remain in their year group bubbles. Please use the test@primaryquest.co.uk email address to inform the school of any Covid tests / results out of school hours.

Christmas around the World

Thank you to all the staff and pupils who helped us explore Christmas in another country around the world. The countries researched were: China, Poland, Russia, Australia, Spain, Germany and Croatia. It was an interesting way to find out about Christmas traditions across the globe.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to all who contributed to the reverse advent calendar. A large amount of food was donated to Gloucester Foodbank before Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and to Mrs Trotman for organising the appeal.



Charity Support

We saw some great Christmas jumpers in school on Christmas jumper day and the school raised over £550 for the Spinal Muscular Atrophy charity.

Over £100 was also raised to support the new classroom being built in Mozambique. Thank you for all your donations.



Thank You Reverend Helen

Later this month, we will hold a special collective worship with Reverend Helen to say goodbye from the school as she retires as the vicar of the Highnam Benefice.

It has been a privilege to work with Reverend Helen over the past 5 years and we have appreciated her constant support for the school and the strengthen of the church school partnership.

Relationships, Health & Sex Policy

In September 2021 relationships education is mandatory in primary schools. there are 5 compulsory areas of learning: families and people who care for me, caring friendships, respectful relationships, online relationships and being safe as a result, we have update our sex and relationships policy to reflect current guidelines. Here is a link to the policy page on our website:

<https://www.highnam.gloucs.sch.uk/school-office/policies>

Please contact Miss Coldrick through the school office if you have any further questions or comments.

Mr Lampert

It is sad that I need to inform you of the death of the former headteacher of the school, Phil Lampert. He died on 17 December, aged 85. Mr Lampert was well known in the area and I know a number of parents attended the school when he was headteacher. Mr Lampert oversaw the move to the current location of the school in 1981 and continued to support the school following his retirement.

We continue to remember his children Sarah and Richard who mourn the loss of their father.

OPAL

A quick reminder we are collecting all sorts of items for our OPAL outdoor play choosing shed on the playground. We have had donations of scooters, suitcases, bubble machines so far! All donations greatly received.

**And finally...**

A warm welcome to Miss Poole who will be covering Mrs Trotman's maternity leave in Year 2. She will be working alongside Mrs Trotman over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth handover for the class. We are looking forward to working with her over the next year.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher

School Calendar**January 2021**

4th Jan	INSET Day — Staff Training
5th	Start of Term 3 for pupils
12th	Hearing and Visions - Year 6 and Reception

February

12th	End of Term 3
22nd	Start of Term 4

April

1st	End of Term 4
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