

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

1ST FEBRUARY 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are halfway through the current lockdown, with the proposed date for school to return not before Monday 8th March. Thank you for all your support for the pupils learning from home remotely. As I have said before, please only complete what is manageable for your own circumstances. My thanks to the Highnam team for the super online lessons. We are all looking forward to hopefully seeing the pupils back in school next month.

Village Thank you

A big thank you to all in the village who have been supporting the staff and the work of the school. We have received generous donations to assist with technology to support pupils working from home from the William Andrews Foundation and other local residents. The staff have also had a range of goodies dropped off for the staffroom from parents and local residents. Your generosity and kindness is much appreciated.



PQ Tower Challenge

For the next three weeks there is a special tower build challenge for pupils to take part in. I am looking for pupils to build a tower. Creativity is encouraged and the taller the better!

All entries can be shared via Twitter #PQBuild or sent in via email:

admin@highnam.gloucs.sch.uk. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.primaryquest.co.uk/pq-pupils/tower-challenge>



Staff News

We want to wish Mrs Trotman all the best as she begins her maternity leave later this month. We are looking forward to hearing about the new addition to the family later in the spring term.

It is my privilege to welcome Miss Poole to the school. She has been working with Year 2 for the past few weeks and will be responsible for the class Monday to Thursday and Mrs Watts will continue to support the class on Friday.

Remote Learning

A big well done to all of our pupils who are working from home. The staff have been very impressed with the effort and work produced. Thank you parents for supporting the pupils this term.



Welcome Miss Poole

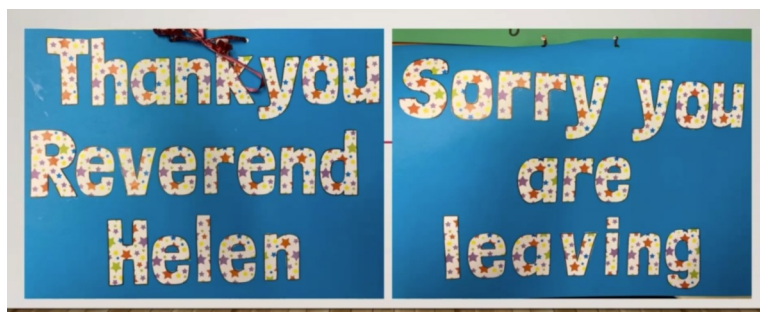
Thank You Reverend Helen

It was a privilege to share with the Highnam benefice in the final service led by Reverend Helen last month and for us to hold a special collective worship with her. We wish Reverend Helen and her husband Alistair a lovely retirement.



Winterwatch at Highnam

One of our pupils in Year 5 has been busy capturing the wildlife in and around the village. I will be setting up a night camera in school to see who visits the school after the pupils and staff go home. If you manage to see any wildlife at home please send in videos and pictures for us to share with the school community.



Joy of Moving Winter Games

Our thanks to the Cheltenham Town Community Trust who will be sharing resources designed for the current lockdown restrictions. The activities are designed to inspire active lifestyles in children. Look out for the resources later this week.

Welcome to our Student Teachers

It is a strange time to be working in schools and certainly a difficult time to be a student teacher. We will be supporting two students in school over the next few months: Miss Phillips will be working in Year 3 and Miss Gelsomini will be working in Year 5. We are looking forward to working with them.

Multi-story Music Project

In term 2, pupils in Year 6 joined with musicians and pupils from across the country to contribute to a beautiful piece of music called *The World Awakens*. It was inspired by the world awakening after the impact of climate change has been fully grasped and acted upon. Well done to all involved in the project. You can view it at: <https://www.highnam.gloucs.sch.uk/curriculum/the-world-awakens-year-6-music-video>

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 9th February. Please follow the link below which will provide a download option at the bottom of the page if you would like to use this resource to talk to your children about keeping safe online. With so much of their learning online it is a timely opportunity to explore these great resources.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/safer-internet-day-2021-ways-schools-and-other-settings-celebrate-remotely>

School Games — Home Activity Ideas

Attached to the newsletter is a school games home activity ideas pack. It provides a variety of activities that can be played in the garden or in a room at home using little equipment. These can be played on your own or with your family.

Thank you to the Gloucestershire School Games team for providing the information.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher

School Calendar

February

12th

End of Term 3

22nd

Start of Term 4

April

1st

End of Term 4