Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

1ST MARCH 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so looking forward to seeing all the pupils back in school a week today. Thank you for supporting the pupils from home over the past two months. We return to a similar pattern to that of September with class bubbles, staggered drop off and picks ups. Sadly, we still can't have any visitors in school so will look at sharing the pupils' learning in an alternative way.



PQ Tower Challenge

A big well done to all pupils who built a tower whilst at home. We had some impressively tall and creative entries. Congratulation to Charlie, Harry and Jack who build a tower which was 3 metres 3 centimetres high and was the 2nd highest entry across Primary QuEST.























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IT for Schools

For the month of March A-Plan Insurance Leamington Spa are running a campaign to raise money towards laptops for schools. Every time someone calls for a quote for a new home, car, van or business policy, they will donate £10 to our school, even if you don't take out a policy with them.

Call the A-Plan Leamington branch on 01926 431421 quote 'IT4schools' and mention Highnam. A-Plan Insurance are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.



Parents Evening

The March Parents Evening have been rearranged for the 18th & 20th May, 4-7pm.

School Calendar

March

8th All pupils return to school

April

1st End of term 4 (normal time)

19th Start of term 5

Please update Mrs Honan with any change of contact details via admin@highnam.gloucs.sch.uk.

Please return any completed menus directly to sam@catercater.co.uk.

Highnam Wildlife Watch

Freddie in Year 5 has inspired us to set up a night camera on the school grounds to see what creatures explore the school grounds when we've all gone home. Any exciting visitors will be shared via Twitter.

I had a practice with the camera over the weekend and managed to capture a fantastic fox dashing by!



OPAL

A big thank you for all the donations received for the OPAL choosing shed on the playground. The pupils have been enjoying whizzing round in an open suitcase and setting up their own teddy bears' picnic. Please do email school if you are having a sort out at home. We are also in the process of zoning elements of the school grounds - hopefully this will be a large sand beach in the future!



A new place for pupils to catch up on the pedalos

On the Field

Please could pupils have an old pair of trainers or wellies in school as we will be using year group zones for playtime and lunch time and it will be helpful to have a change of footwear before using the field.

Can we ask that all school uniform is named to assist getting lost property back to the right pupils — thank you.

#Highnamhike

Well done to everyone who has sent in an entry for the Highnam half term challenge. There have been a wide variety of entries from faces, sea creatures and flowers. Miss Owen has been most impressed! It is not too late to download Strava and take part.





Pupil Well-being

The pastoral support for our pupils is a large part of our Academy Development Plan this academic year. This will be closely monitored as all the pupils return to school next Monday.

Please remember there is a webinar being hosted by Active Gloucestershire tomorrow evening at 8pm for parents. Tickets for the event can be ordered at:

For more information and tickets, go to bit.ly/2ndMar21



Interview with Rob Walker

Today, pupils in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed an interview with broadcaster Rob Walker. He talked to the pupils about his career and the competition he is running.

The Competition

The remit is simple...to write to the judges about you and sport. All the details on how to enter are at: http://www.youngsportingwonders.com/#how There are some wonderful prizes on offer. The competition closes on Monday 15th March.

Remember you can write or record an audio entry for the competition. All the best!

Highnam Clocks

Over half term, two clocks have been put up to celebrate the 170th year of Highnam School. The school was founded in 1850 and used to be beside the Gambier Parry building near to Highnam Church. The school moved to the current location in 1981. A plaque is to be placed under the clock at the front of the school in memory of the former headteacher Mr Lampert who sadly died last year. He was headteacher at Highnam for 29 years from 1969-1998.



World Book Day (Thursday 4th March) is not far away so don't forget to work on re-creating your favourite book front cover in an arty and crafty way. Remember this is a house competition so each entry received will contribute to your house total. For more information, please check the Seesaw post.



Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher