Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

1ST APRIL 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was fantastic to welcome the pupils back into school this month. It is great to hear the buzz of learning from the classrooms and the laughter and enjoyment from outside at playtime and lunchtimes. The whole staff team have contributed to a smooth return for the pupils and we are so pleased with the effort, enthusiasm and resilience being seen on a daily basis.





Red Nose Day

Thank you for supporting Comic Relief this year. Over £150 was raised for this great charity. The pupils had a great time taking part in the Red Nose Day challenges thank you to Miss Owen for organising.



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Parents Evening

A reminder the March Parents Evenings have been rearranged for the 18th & 20th May, 4-7pm.

| | School Calendar |
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| April 19th | Start of term 5 |
| May 28th | End of term 5 |
| June 6th | Inset day for staff |
| 7th July | Start of term 6 for pupils |
| 22nd | End of academic year |

The Big Pedal

We are looking forward to taking part in the Big Pedal this year. For those who have been part of this before we encourage pupils (and parents) to ride or scoot to school. If you travel from outside the village maybe you could park in one of the laybys and cycle or scoot the final part. The aim is to have the vast majority of the school community taking part. It is on from Monday 19th April (the first day back after the holidays) until Friday 30th April. There are class and house challenges as well so let's see which class and house are the winners.



The Big Pedal is back—please remember your bike or scooter on Monday 19th April

Highnam Wildlife Watch

We have enjoyed seeing who has been using the school grounds when we are not here. A number of hedgehogs have been spotted along with a number of local cats. OPAL

A big thank you for all the donations received for the OPAL choosing shed on the playground. Each class is having time at the different zones available. The tyres and the OPAL shed have been a real hit this term.

Over the holidays we should be filling the beach with sand for the pupils to enjoy in Term 5 which is very exciting! A big thank you to Mr Hayes and Lee Barter for giving up a Saturday to help create the hole ready for the sand.

Mrs Carpenter has also sourced a heavy duty speaker for our dance zone so we are looking forward to some summer tunes and dance moves next term!





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Well done to everyone who took part in the World Book Day competition. Congratulations to the winners of the competition. Here are some of the books that were given as prizes.



There has been some fantastic work produced since we returned to school on the 8th March. Here are some pupils from Year 6 sharing their explosive booklets about the Mayan civilisation — very impressive!



PQ Planting

We are looking forward to seeing the school site brightened up with a variety of plants and flowers after Easter.

Thank you for supporting your pupils with this project at home. Pots can be brought into school in the first week back.

> Wishing you all a Happy Easter Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher