

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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21ST JULY 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I write my final Highnam newsletter, I look back on a number of great years working at this amazing school. I have had the privilege of working with such a dedicated staff team, supportive parents and wonderful pupils. I will miss seeing the smiles as the pupils enter school each day, the opportunity to see their learning in action in the classroom and catching up with them during our collective worships or out and about on the school grounds. I am sure Miss Coldrick, Miss Owen and the staff team will continue to deliver an exceptional education for Highnam pupils and I look forward to catching up with the Highnam news in the new academic year.

Staff News

Sadly, we say goodbye to a few Highnam staff at the end of this week. I am pleased to announce Mrs King has been appointed as a Year 2 teacher at Glebe Infants in Newent. We are thrilled to see Mrs King moving onto her first official teaching job. Mrs Evans will be supporting a pupil at Staunton and Corse school, Miss Harris will be supporting a pupil at Hartpury School and Miss Hepburn will be beginning her 'on the job' teacher qualification in the Forest of Dean. Mrs Kirby has been appointed as the new Reception teaching assistant and will be working with Miss Cooney in Reception next year.

Goodbye Mrs Honan

It has been lovely working with Mrs Honan for the past 12+ years at Highnam. She has been a great support as the school administrator but has also contributed to the wider aspects of the school. Claire has been ever present at school events such as the PTA Summer Fayre, Christmas productions and is always willing to lend a hand as was seen during the creation of the Highnam OPAL beach at Easter.

We wish her all the best for her retirement and thank her for her dedication to Highnam C of E Primary Academy for so many years.



Goodbye Year Six



It was great to share the leavers' service with Year 6 pupils and to hear about their Highnam memories. Thank you to the Year 6 team: Miss Gent, Mrs Harris, Mrs Kirby and Mrs Stephens.

I have been very impressed by the Year 6 enterprise projects — thank you to all parents and family members who have made purchases and supported the project.

At the end of last month the pupils had a great time away at TRAC. There were so many highlights shared by the pupils from their adventure.

Finally, at the start of the week we held the Year 6 BBQ. It was a lovely way to end the year. We wish them all the best for September.

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 wheeled play slot and the Highnam beach have been a real hit this term. We are developing a space next to Homelodge for all the scooters and bikes. Any donations gratefully received.

Collective Worship

This term, I have been so impressed with the collective worships shared by each class. These are available on the school website and a great celebration of the work produced over this term. A big thank you to the staff team for putting the videos together. Feel free to share with the wider family over the summer.

Reception Collective Worship



The new growing areas have been well used this term!

Well done to our cricket team

It was great to be able to take the Year 6 cricket team off to Newent Cricket Club for the Forest of Dean cricket festival. The team played for knock-out matches and a friendly and managed to win them all. They were crowned the winners of the tournament and it was super to see their skills improving over the day.

A big thank you to the parents who helped with lifts and those who came along to support on the day.

**School Calendar**

Friday	23rd June	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
Friday	3rd September	Inset Day (pupils not in school)
Monday	6th September	First day back for pupils
Thursday	21st October	Final day of Term 1
Friday	22nd October	Inset Day (pupils not in school)

Thursday Pickup

Please can pupils in Years 1, 3 and 5 be picked in at 2:20pm on Thursday and pupils in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 be picked up at 2:30pm.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher