

# Highnam C of E Primary Academy



@HighnamAcademy

**Inspiring Everyone to Shine**

December 2022

## The Highnam Vision

It was a pleasure to welcome parents and family members into school on the afternoon of 7<sup>th</sup> November to find out more about our vision **Inspiring Everyone to Shine**. The children had spent time in classes thinking about this and what it looks like to shine in different situations. They also produced some super art work which reflects our school vision.



The year 6 class singing 'Let Your Light Shine'



A selection of the children's art work depicting our vision

We are also thrilled to have our values artwork displayed in the school hall. A big thank you to Mrs Bridges for creating these, and also to the children whose designs were used. The original designs are also displayed in the hall.





### Charities

At Highnam, we like to support a range of charities throughout the year. We are still waiting to find out how much we raised for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraising and also to the PTA for selling the Pudsey items.



**BBC**  
**Children**  
**in Need**

This month, we will be raising money for two more charities:

- Save the Children – staff and children will be asked to pay £1 to wear a Christmas jumper on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.
- Gloucester City Mission – we will have a retiring collection at the nativity performances and carol services at church.

### Year 3 Class Assembly



Well done to our wonderful year class who led their class assembly with confidence and enthusiasm. It was incredibly informative and they taught us lots about their recent topic on rivers. We particularly enjoyed their enthusiastic performance of the song 'I've got Peace Like a River'!

### Football News

The girls' football team have done incredibly well this season. Last week, they made it through to the play off tournament and played against a number of other teams from schools in Gloucester. They showed excellent teamwork and determination and ended the tournament a very close second. Well done to everyone involved and a huge thank you to Mr Adcock for coaching the team since September.



### Year 5 Hockey

Our year 5s spent a morning at King's School in Gloucester learning to play hockey. They spent time practising their dribbling, hitting and stopping skills and enjoyed taking part in team relays. It was a fantastic experience, especially for those children who had never played hockey before. Thank you to King's School for inviting us.



### Academy Council

A few weeks ago, some of our Academy Council members were very brave and volunteered to lead an assembly all about Children in Need. They clearly explained ways in which the charity helps children across the country. We were most impressed with their eagerness and confidence when speaking in front of the whole school. Well done to all who were involved.



### Nativity and Christmas Carol Service

A reminder that the junior carol service will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (2pm and 6pm). The infant nativity play will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> (2pm) and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (9.15am and 2pm). The children are busily practising and are looking forward to performing in front of an audience!

As you are aware, we have had to limit the number of tickets given out. This is because there is restricted space, both in the school hall and in the church. Please do let us know if you would like extra tickets for any of the performances, or whether you want to swap tickets with any spares we may have had returned, and we will do our best to accommodate your requests.



### Book Fair

Thank you to all those who ordered books from our recent virtual book fair. Your purchases have resulted in 16 free books for the school. We will let you know when we will be holding another book fair but in the meantime you can also buy books directly from [www.booksforbugs.co.uk](http://www.booksforbugs.co.uk) for delivery to your home address.

With best wishes, Liz Coldrick, Head Teacher

### Dates for your diary:

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December    | Year 2 visit to Holy Innocents Church, Highnam<br>Donations for PTA Christmas hampers need to be handed in today.  |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December      | Year 6 will be performing at the Meningitis Now Christmas Carol Concert at Gloucester Cathedral at 7.30pm. They will leave school by coach at 3pm for a rehearsal in the cathedral and will need to be picked up at approximately 9pm.   |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December   | Junior Carol Service at Holy Innocents Church, Highnam.<br>There will be two services – at 2pm and again at 6pm. All children from Y3, 4, 5 & 6 will be involved. There will be a collection at the end of both services for Gloucester City Mission.  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December    | Christmas Dinner Day<br>Christmas jumper day – To support the charity Save the Children, we will be inviting all children and staff to pay £1 to wear a Christmas jumper (no need to buy a new jumper, you can decorate an old jumper with stickers, tinsel, felt, baubles, etc.). This is <b>not</b> a non-uniform day; children can wear their Christmas jumpers over the top of their uniform.  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December      | PTA Christmas Disco 3.15-5.15pm<br>More details have been posted on Class Dojo.  |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December     | Infant Nativity at 2pm in the school hall<br>There will be a collection at the end for Gloucester City Mission.<br>The PTA raffle for Christmas hampers will be drawn today.   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December    | Infant Nativity at 9.15am and 2pm in the school hall<br>There will be a collection at the end for Gloucester City Mission.   |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  | Infant trip to see the pantomime at The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury  |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christmas Community Coffee Morning 9.30-11am in the school hall<br>This is an opportunity for parents, carers, family members and friends from the local area to come along for mince pies, coffee, mulled wine (non-alcoholic) and general festive cheer! Throughout the morning, children will be singing Christmas songs, playing instruments and reciting poetry. Come along for all or part of the event, we would love to see you there. |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December     | Last day of term 2. We will finish at the usual time of 3.15pm for the infants, 3.20pm for the juniors.  |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023 | First day of term 3  |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 | Young Voices Concert at Genting Arena, Birmingham  |

### Future Dates:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February: Last day of term 3 (for the children)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February: INSET day for teachers (children not in school)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February: First day of term 4

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Last day of term 4

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April: First day of term 5

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May: Bank Holiday (children not in school)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Last day of term 5

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: First day of term 6

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: Last day of the 2022-2023 school year