

Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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5TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back, I trust you had a wonderful summer break. During the summer break we refurbished the infant toilet block, updated the Year 3 and 4 classrooms and began work on a new hygiene suite. The new school website is now 'live' and you will find helpful links on the homepage to navigate to the most viewed pages. We are looking forward to working with you all this academic year.



SATs Results

This was the third year of the current Year 6 testing arrangements and was based on the 2014 National Curriculum; this resulted in changes to the marks with scaled scores being used and a score of 100 being the mark which was deemed to be 'Secondary Ready'.

This year we had 27 pupils in Year 6, each child was worth 3.7%. The national averages and our school results for 2018 were as follows:

Subject	National	School	Difference
Reading	75%	78%	+3%
Writing	78%	89%	+11%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	78%	89%	+11%
Maths	76%	93%	+17%

Thank you to all staff involved in the preparation for the new assessments. Their dedication and enthusiasm, along with the hard work of the pupils involved, have resulted in some very pleasing results. The pupils leave Highnam having fulfilled their potential and ready for the next stage of their education at the various local secondary schools.

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We had a fantastic final few weeks with our Year 6 pupils. There was a Leavers' disco, the traditional BBQ and rounders match, 'Olivia' and a superb Leavers' Service. A big thank you to Miss Owen and all the parents who contributed to the enjoyable and memorable end of term celebrations. Miss Owen currently sends her best wishes from Malaysia.

Harvest Festival

This year the Harvest Festival will be held at Holy Innocents Church for Years 1-6 on Wednesday 17th October at 10am. Parents and pupils are warmly invited to join with us for the celebration. Pupils will be walked to and from the church so if you are able to help please let Mrs Honan know. This year we will be collecting tinned produce which will be donated to Gloucester Foodbank.

Staff News

It is my privilege to welcome Mrs Jones to Highnam Academy. She will be supporting the Early Years Team this term whilst Mrs King recovers from her back operation. Miss Hepburn will be starting with us later in the month and she will be working on a Friday primarily delivering PE across the school. Welcome to Mrs Thomas our new Family Support Worker who will be working with us on a Thursday. Please help to make them feel at home with us. Mrs Wilson is currently off school recovering from a foot operation so Mrs Carter and Mrs Timothy will be supporting Year 6 this term.

Parents Evening

These will be held from 4-7pm on Thursday 15th November and Tuesday 20th November. The online booking system will be open later in the term.

Home School Values

The new Home School Values are available for parents and carers to download from the Academy website under the Links tab. This term in Collective Worship we start by looking at '[PERSERVERANCE](#)' and the PDFs provide follow up activities and discussion points. We trust your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the values together. You can also access the resources via the hyperlinks below.

2018/2019

Term 1 [PERSERVERANCE](#)

Term 2 [TRUTHFULNESS](#) [HOPE](#)

Term 3 [FORGIVENESS](#) [WISDOM](#)

Term 4 [RESPONSIBILITY](#)

Term 5 [HUMILITY](#) [CREATIVITY](#)

Ways to keep up to date with School News

There are a number of ways to keep up to date with school news...

Firstly, you can download the school App instructions on how to do this are on the school website.

Secondly, follow us on Twitter:
@HighnamAcademy

Please remember to check emails and texts received from school.

Music Opportunities

It was great to see the fantastic brass concert led by Year 4 at the end of last year during the Summer Concert. There are a variety of music lessons available for pupils in Key Stage 2:

Drums (Austin Rose) - currently a waiting list

Guitar (Simon McCarthy) - This lesson will be taught by teachers from the Gloucester based Schools Music Agency.

Flute lessons - provided by Mrs Smith

Prices of lessons vary: Please see Mrs Honan for further details.



Thank You

On behalf of all the staff and myself please can I pass on our thanks for the lovely cards and generous gifts received at the end of last term. We were overwhelmed by your kindness.

PTA

Every year the PTA do a fantastic job of raising money for the Academy. Last year £6,000 was donated to the school to help contribute to a wide variety of resources for the school including: Sports Kit, technology, reading books and the well used field path.

The PTA AGM will be held in school on Monday 24th September at 7:30pm — all are invited to attend. There will also be a coffee morning for new Reception parents on 24th September after morning drop off 9-10am in the school hall.

We also need your feedback....please help us by completing the PTA survey on the school website:

<http://www.highnam.gloucs.sch.uk/pta/pta-survey>

News from Highnam Church

All are welcome to join us for a special service entitled 'New Beginnings' which will be held this Sunday 9th September at 9.30 am. In this service, at Highnam Church, we will be thinking about the new beginnings that September brings : new schools, classes, jobs and asking for God's help and strength.

This is a service for all the family, with songs, stories and activities, lasting 45 minutes and refreshments will be available afterwards. Everyone is very welcome to join us. Please also see the attached Alpha flyer, kind regards, Reverend Helen.

Calendar

A calendar for this academic term is available on the school website. The four remaining teacher training days, when the academy will be closed this year, are:

Friday 19th October

Monday 3rd June

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July



Well done to all who deliver PE across the school for achieving the School Games Gold Mark - a great achievement.

A special mention to Miss Owen and Miss Phillips for all their hard work in preparing the application.

Naming Clothes / Drinks in School

It is great to see all the pupils looking so smart. Please could I remind you to name their clothes, shoes and folders to help us keep a track of clothing in school.

Please can pupils only bring water into school in their bottles. There are a number of filtered water stations around the school where they can refill their bottles.

Key Stage Two School Hoodie

A reminder the school hoodie is available from 'Your Name on it'. You are able to purchase a Navy blue hoodie for PE, if your child is in Key Stage Two, which can also be used when representing the school in various sporting activities. It is available in various sizes and costs £12.50.

Please order at:

<http://www.yournameonitshop.co.uk/highnam.html>

There is a sample in the school office if you'd like to view it first.

PE Uniform

Please can I remind parents that pupils need a **plain white T-shirt, navy shorts** and daps/trainers for PE. These should be named in a bag and in school all week.

Extra Curricular Clubs

We will be sending out the clubs letter this week. Please check through the options carefully and return to school asap. Clubs will begin Monday 17th September.

Midday Supervisors Needed

We are looking for a couple of people to join our great midday supervisor team. If you are able to help out for a day, couple of days or the whole week please see Mrs Honan for further details.

Contact details and Pick up List

Attached to this newsletter is a blank contact list. Please complete this with the most up to date information and return to school asap.

In Key Stage One (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) only the people named on the contact list will be authorised to collect your child at the end of the school day.

On the odd occasion another adult is due to pick up your child and is not on your completed form please inform the school office.

Open Classrooms

Throughout the year we like to give parents and carers the opportunity to see the great work the pupils are producing. Therefore you are invited to visit your child's classroom, known as 'Open Classrooms' between 3:20pm and 4pm on the last **Wednesday** of every term. The first one for this year will be **Wednesday 17th October**.

Vaccine Update

To give your child the best protection against Measles, Mumps and Rubella a child needs two doses. Therefore if your child has not had a second MMR as part of pre-school vaccines, I would encourage you to do this by contacting your GP/ Practice nurse. Children in Reception through to Year 5 are also eligible for the flu vaccine this year – more details later in the term.

And finally...

A warm welcome to all the new pupils, parents and staff who have joined us at Highnam this September. We trust you will feel at home with us here and I look forward to a successful year together.

Kind regards,

Stephen Dean.

Headteacher

Dates for your diary**September**

4th	First day of the new academic year	8:55am
10th	Year 4 Residential Meeting	3:20pm
17th	School Clubs start this week	
24th	Coffee morning for Reception Parents	9am-10am
	PTA AGM	7pm
26th	Messy Church after school	3:15pm

October

3rd-5th	Year 4 Mini-Residential to the Wilderness Centre	
9th	Planetarium in school	All day
11th	Reading Meeting for New Reception Parents	7pm
12th	Year 2 Class Collective Worship	9am
17th	Harvest Festival at Holy Innocents Church, Highnam	10am
	Books for Bugs Book Sale	After school
18th	End of Term 1 (Thursday)	3:20pm
29th	Term 2 begins	8:55am
31st	School Photographs	AM

November

2nd	Year 6 Class Collective Worship	9am
7th	Academy Open Day for Prospective Parents and the Highnam Community	10-11:30am 1:30-3pm
15th (Thurs)	Parents' Evening	4-7pm
16th	Year 4 Class Collective Worship	9am
20th (Tues)	Parents' Evening	4-7pm
23rd	Year 3 Class Collective Worship	9am
30th	Year 1 Class Collective Worship	9am

December

6th Dec	Flu Vaccination Rec-Year 5	
7th Dec	Year 5 Class Collective Worship	9am
13th Dec	Year 6 to sing in the Cathedral	PM
14th Dec	Reception Class Collective Worship	9am
18th	KS1 Christmas Production Experience Christmas (KS2 at Highnam Church)	9:30am
19th	KS1 Christmas Production KS2 Christmas Church Services	9:30am 2pm & 6pm
20th	Upper KS2 Christmas Party	AM
20th	Lower KS2 Party	PM
21st	Daylight Theatre	AM
	Key Stage 1 Party	PM
	End of Term 2	2:30pm

January

7th	Term 3 begins for pupils	8:55am
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