

# Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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**CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE**

1ST NOVEMBER 2018

Dear Parents,

We have just started Term 2 which is always a very busy term in school with class led Collective Worships, Christmas Productions and our end of term pantomime. This month we will also be holding our parents' evenings, and the Academy Open Day. The pupils and staff are looking forward to welcoming visitors into the Academy.



## **Year 4 Mini-Residential**

At the start of last month Year 4 had a great trip to the Wilderness Centre. We had a fabulous few days...the weather was beautiful, the food was tasty and the activities were enjoyable and at challenging. The pupils were great to be with and my thanks to Miss Thomas, Mrs Kirby and Mrs Gilchrist for their support and hard work during the trip.



## **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to all the pupils and parents who supported our Harvest Festival before half term. The pupils led the service superbly and we were joined by parents, family members and Simon the Sheep who is on a tour of Church of England schools in Gloucestershire!

Thank you to Reverend Helen for reminding us about our school values and how we are all special in God's sight.

We took a boot full of tinned produce to Gloucester Foodbank along with £83 to support the work amongst the less privileged in our city. Thank you for your generosity.



## **Light Party**

Last night Reverend Helen and friends from Highnam Church joined with Steve Hutchinson from Scripture Union and Highnam staff and pupils for a special light party.

We made delicious light pizzas, enjoyed light themed games, a night treasure hunt, badge making and learning about Jesus as the Light of the World. It was a lovely event - thank you to all who attended and contributed.



### MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

A big thank you to Hattie in Year 6 (and her team of helpers) for running a fantastic charity afternoon on the 8th October. It was wonderful to see the hall full and to raise £214 for MacMillan Cancer Support.



### Parents' Evenings

This year Parents' Evenings will take place on Thursday 15th and Tuesday 20th November between 4-7pm.

We will be using the teacher2parents appointment system to aid parents and staff in the booking of appointments.

An email later this month will invite you to choose a 10 minute appointment time. If you need to change your appointment for any reason then this can be completed online by selecting a different slot.

### Poppies on Sale in the Academy

Pupils in Year 6 will be selling Poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion who provide thousands of modern veterans, Service men, women and their families with much needed support.

### Great Work Reception

A big well done to all our Reception pupils who have been working so hard this term and settled so well. The Reception class has had new flooring installed over half term and is a great learning environment. Thank you to the EYFS team.



### Life Savers Banking

A big thank you to the volunteer parents who are helping to run the Life Savers Banking mornings on Thursday and Friday Mornings. If you would like your child to start learning about savings through this scheme please see Miss Spry in Year 1.



### Planetarium Visit

On Tuesday 9th October the planetarium came to visit us. It was a magnificent experience and had a great effect on how the pupils thought about space. A year 5 pupils said, "We learnt about all the constellations and the dangers of space as well." She was particularly interested when the speaker spoke about the possibility of life on Mars! The planetarium was a great opportunity to get young minds fascinated about space.

Written by Lucy in Year 5







### Football News

Well done to the girls football team who have had an unbeaten start to the season. They also took part in the GPSFA Gloucester festival which they won and will now represent Gloucester in the County Cup. A big thank you to Mr Holmes for taking the training on a Wednesday after school and for supporting the team.

The boys have also had an unbeaten start to their league...good work!

### Open Day

Our annual Open Day will be held on 7th November. There are two sessions 10-11:30am and 1:30-3pm. Please come along and see the new learning areas and the classes in action.

# OPEN DAY



### Netball News

Well done to the girls in our netball team who have been playing league matches after school this term. A big thank you to Miss Spry and Miss Hepburn who have been training the squad. Their last result saw them win 6-1. Thank you to all who came along to support the team.

Keep up the good work girls!

### Cross Country Success

A super sunny afternoon saw the girls and boys cross country teams head over to Five Acres High School in the Forest of Dean for a special team event.

Both teams performed superbly the girls ran first and finished in first place overall with Martha also winning the race. Next up it was the turn of the boys and they finished in joint first place and Woody came in first in the race.

Thank you to all who helped with lifts. A great afternoon team!



### Class Collective Worship

A reminder to check your dates for the term or visit the school website to keep up to date with the events planned for this term.

Each class will be leading a Collective Worship which parents are invited to attend. Before half term our Year 2 class inspired us with a wonderful time and we look forward to sharing with the other classes this term.





## Children in Need

We will be supporting the BBC's Children in Need appeal on Friday 16th November. Please can pupils wear non-school uniform and bring in £1 on the day. This year the strapline is 'Do your thing for Children in Need.'



## Book Fair

A big thank you to Mrs Wilson (parent) and Miss Coldrick for organising the Bugs for Books book fair after school last term. Thirty-seven books were selected for the school library as a result of your purchases — many thanks.



## PTA News

The next PTA event will be on **Friday 16th November** which is a film night straight after school. Please book your child/children their place using School Money. The Christmas Disco will be held on **Friday 7th December**. More details to follow soon. Finally, thank you for supporting the recent cake sale. Over £100 was raised by the Reception class cakes - well done!

## Erasmus Project

A big thank you to Miss Coldrick who has been working on a European Computing Project which Highnam has been selected to be part of. We will be working with 5 other schools from across Europe. Next Month Miss Coldrick, Miss Cooney and Mrs Hazelden will be visiting Turkey for a few days to kick off the project.

## The Good Shepherd Project

Currently nine life-sized sheep models are travelling around the 118 church schools in the Diocese of Gloucester. Each school will have the opportunity to decorate the sheep in an individual way which Mrs Hazelden and art club are working on together. In the meantime our sheep has been enjoying seeing the school in action.



## STEM Challenge for Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils had a great day working through a number of STEM challenges a few weeks ago. Congratulations to Gethin, Dylan and George who won overall and will represent Highnam Academy in the Gloucestershire challenge next year.



## Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be on **Wednesday 28th** and will be held in the school hall.

## And finally,

Please can I encourage parents to contact the school directly rather than trying to contact teaching assistants who are parents when needing further information. Your help with this is much appreciated.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher

## **Dates for your diary**

### **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
8th	Year 2 Trip to Nature in Art	All Day
9th	Primary QuEST Remembrance Event	All Day
14th	@Bristol Trip for Years 5 and 6	All Day
15th (Thurs)	Parents' Evening	4-7pm
16th	Year 4 Class Collective Worship	9am
20th (Tues)	Parents' Evening	4-7pm
21st	Year 3/4 Into Film Trip (Early Man)	AM
23rd	Year 3 Class Collective Worship	9am
	Year 5 - A Beautiful Planet Trip	AM
	Year 6 - Click Theatre Show	AM
28th	Messy Church	
30th	Year 1 Class Collective Worship	9am
	Highnam Under Fives Christmas Fayre	PM

### **December**

6th Dec	Flu Vaccination Rec-Year 5	
7th Dec	Year 5 Class Collective Worship	9am
	Christmas Disco	PM
12th Dec	Choir to sing at the Farmer's Club	AM
13th Dec	Year 6 to sing in the Cathedral	PM
14th Dec	Reception Class Collective Worship	9am
18th	KS1 Christmas Production	9:30am
	Experience Christmas (KS2 at Highnam Church)	
19th	KS1 Christmas Production	9:30am
	Snow Queen Theatre Visit for Reception	PM
	KS2 Christmas Church Services	2pm & 6pm
20th	Upper KS2 Christmas Party	AM
20th	Lower LS2 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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