

# Highnam C of E Primary Academy



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5TH JUNE 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6! We had a thoroughly enjoyable TEAMS week at the end of Term 5. Excitedly, pupils spoke to me about their favourite activities which included: wind-powered vehicle challenge, woodworking, exploding monsters, assault courses, egg drops, visits to Hartpury, Crypt, Sir Thomas Rich's, Over Farm and Highnam Court. Thank you to all staff who contributed to a very memorable week. A video of some of the highlights is now available on the school website.

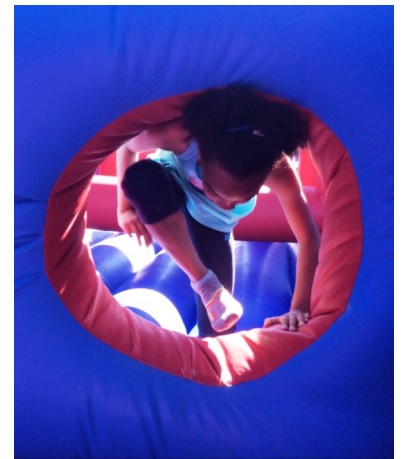


## TEAMS Week

"I think TEAMS week has been epic! I enjoyed making magnetic slime and in particular Highnam Warriors!" Emily, Yr 5.

"If we work together as a team you can get more done. We learnt to help others and also learn from other." Yr 2 pupils.

"This was the best week of my life!"  
James, Yr 3.



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### Ledbury Tag Rugby Festival Winners

Highnam Academy won the Ledbury Rugby Festival where 32 teams from Gloucestershire and Herefordshire battled it out to be festival champions. The Westons sponsored event saw both Highnam teams qualify as group champions and they were up against Staunton and Corse and Eastnor Schools.

The Highnam 2 team was led by Jack H along with Sienna, Harley, Felicity, Louis, Hannah, Ed, Woody and Nathan. They all played their part in winning every match they played meaning they topped the league and were crowned Ledbury RFC Tag Rugby Champions 2017.



Highnam Academy Team 2 — Ledbury Winners



Highnam Academy Team 1 — Runners Up

Congratulations to Highnam 1 who finished in second place after the afternoon pool matches. The team was led by Joseph and he was supported by: Taylan, Martha, Lucia, Sam, Oscar, Ewan, Tom, Jack and Darcey.

Thank you to those parents who supported the team on the day and helped with lifts to Ledbury.

### Reception Trip to Perrygrove Railway

Reception pupils have been enjoying their transport topic this term and headed off to the Perrygrove Railway for a wonderful day of learning. My thanks to the Early Years Team and our parent helpers; I know the pupils had a wonderful time.



### Swimming Gala Finals

Following the team victory at the large school gala heat before Easter, Highnam took part in the Newent Swimming Gala 2017. The best swimmers from the Newent cluster were represented at the festival and the competition was fierce.

A special mention to our gold medalists from the event: Nathan - Year 5 frontcrawl, Joseph - Year 6 Front crawl, Eleanor - Year 6 backstroke and the Year 5 Boys frontcrawl team - Ben, Keagan, Nathan and Sam. Finally, a big thank you to all the parents that came along to support the Highnam team.



The Swimming Gala Finals Team

### Parking Changes

Thank you for adhering to the new parking restrictions on Wetherleigh Drive. Please can I remind parents that the disabled bay is for disabled use only.

### Wildlife Quiz Winners

Congratulations to Calum, Zoe, Joseph and Duncan who won the Newent and Tewkesbury area Wildlife Finals. They are due to play in the County semi-finals at Elmore Village Hall on Monday 12th June. Thank you to Miss Coldrick for supporting the team and we wish them all the best for the next round.



### Quad Kids County Finalists

Our Year 3/4 Quad Kids Team has qualified for the County Finals and will represent the Forest of Dean after a great result at the District Finals. The team finished in 1st place with 1257 points - well done! A special well done to Lucia who was the top girl in the competition and scored 162 points.



### Highnam Fun Day

The annual Highnam Village Fun Day will take place on Sunday 25th June. If you have never been before I would encourage you to come along as it is a great community event. The afternoon begins at 1pm and finishes at 4pm. Mrs Shuttleworth, a parent at the school is the main fun day organiser and is looking for volunteers to help out during the afternoon. If you are free to help please call her on: 07584980980.

### Home School Values

This term's Value for Life is: *Thankfulness*. There are family activities available under the links sections of the website.

### 3rd Place at the GPSFA Festival

A big well done to our Year 3/4 football team who finished in 3rd place at a recent festival held at Plock Court. The team played well and were so close to qualifying for the county finals. Congratulations to Dylan, Martha, Gethin, Ellie, Jay, Louis, Harrison, Katie and Woody.



### House Accelerated Reader Competition

Congratulations to Wetherleigh House who were the winners of the House Accelerated Reader competition which took place during the month of May.

### Bench of Honour — May:

It has been great to see so many pupils on the benches last month. On the bench in May were:

Zariah, Dan E, Charlie, Matilda, Jack T, Jacob H, Alannah, Arlo, Ellis, Teyah and Gracie.

### News from the PTA

Please come along and support the PTA Summer Fayre on Friday 7th July after school. If you are able to help please see one of the PTA members. More details to follow soon.

We look forward to a lovely PTA event at the Cheltenham Lido on **Saturday 10th June**. The pool is open from 7:30pm for our private use and there is also free parking. Please join us for a lovely evening - tickets from the school office.

Before half term the Class 4T cake sale raised £97.93 thank you to everyone who donated cakes for this sale.

### Marvellous Mountain Biking

On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2017, 4 pupils from Highnam Academy went to participate in a mountain biking event held at Newent School. Fran, Megan, Nathan and Taran represented the school and rode well finishing in 2nd place at the end of the competition.



Fran, Nathan, Megan and Taran

### Super Lions Trip

Well done to all the pupils who entered the design a Lions T-shirt completion. The standard of entry was very high and it was a tough job for the Lions Management Team to pick the class winners. Congratulations to the pupils who travelled to Cardiff to meet some of the British and Irish Lions. They represented the school superbly and were a credit to the school.



### Staff News

We are pleased to announce Miss Gent will be joining the teaching team in September 2017. Miss Gent will be working in Year 5 and Miss Owen will move with her current class into Year 6.

Miss Gent accompanied us on our Year 6 residential last year and will be joining us again later this month. I am sure you will be seeing her around the school before next term so please introduce yourself to her and make her feel welcome.

### Year 6 Skiing Trip

After a busy SATS week, Year 6 pupils were surprised with a tasty bacon and egg roll but more excitingly a trip to Gloucester Ski Centre. This adventurous activity was chosen by the class and it was lovely to see the progress made on the slopes. My thanks to Miss Read and Mrs Harris for supporting the pupils so well this year and to Miss Owen for her delicious chocolate brownies which were enjoyed after lunch. The pupils have all worked extremely hard this year and continue to be a fabulous Year 6 - we are looking forward to our residential adventure at the end of the month.



### Dates for the Diary

There is an updated list of important dates for Term 6 included on the next page of the newsletter. Please note Year 5 Bell Boating is on Wednesday 7th June, Key Stage 1 Sports Day has been moved to 10am on Tuesday 11th July and the Summer Concert will now take place on Thursday 6th July at 6pm.

Kind regards,

Stephen Dean, Headteacher

## **Dates for your diary - Term 6**

Monday 5th June	Start of Term 6	8:55am
	Tag Rugby Match v Kingsholm (Away)	After School
Tuesday 6th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral	PM
Wednesday 7th June	Bell Boating Experience for Year 5	All day
Thursday 8th June	Fizz Pop Science Club begins	After School
Friday 9th June	Year 5 Collective Worship	9am
	Cricket Festival	All Day
Saturday 10th June	PTA Lido Evening	7:30pm
Monday 12th June	Girls Cricket Festival	All Day
Thursday 15th June	Tag Rugby Match v St Mary's (Home)	After School
	New Reception Parents Meeting	7pm
Friday 16th June	Year 3 Collective Worship	9am
	Years 4-6 Trip to Three Counties Show	All Day
Saturday 17th June	Prince of Wales Athletics Festival	9:30-12:30am
Friday 23rd June	Year 4 Collective Worship	9am
Mon 26th - Fri 30th June	Year 6 Residential / Year 5 Bikeability	All Week
Thursday 29th June	Year 5 Bell Boating Championship	All Day
Tuesday 4th July	Key Stage 2 Sports Day	1:30pm
Thursday 6th July	Messy Church	After School
	Summer Concert	6pm
Friday 7th July	Year 2 Collective Worship	9am
	PTA Summer Fayre	After School
Monday 10th July	Year 5 Cheltenham Cricket Trip	10-2pm
Tuesday 11th July	Key Stage 1 Sports Day (note change of time)	10am
	Extreme Mountain Biking Show	PM
Wednesday 12th July	Year 2 Transition Meeting	2:45pm
Friday 14th July	Reception Collective Worship	AM
Monday 17th July	Move Up Monday (new classes)	AM
	Leavers' BBQ	After School
	Years 5/6 Cake Sale	After School
Tuesday 18th July	New Reception Class in School	AM/PM
Wednesday 19th July	Open Classrooms and Collect Work	After School
Thursday 20th July	Leavers' Service	2pm
Friday 21st July	End of Year	2:30pm