

Highnam

C of E Primary Academy



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CHILDREN WITH CONFIDENCE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is a real privilege to work with our pupils on a regular basis and last week was no exception. Year 6 had a fabulous activities week at Butlins — taking on the various individual and group tasks, supporting one another and growing in confidence ready for the new challenge of secondary school. Back at base, Year 5 enjoyed the Tewkesbury Sailing Regatta and cycling and on Friday we enjoyed a fabulous Collective Worship led by Year 4. Year 1 visited the Synagogue in Cheltenham and Reception visited Highnam Court to release our elvers. Thank you to staff for providing Highnam pupils with such fantastic learning opportunities and to all the support from our parent helpers.

Year 6 pupils return from residential

The Year 6 residential is always a highlight of the year. The trip to Butlins in Minehead was no exception. The pupils had a wonderful time taking on the challenge of the aerial adventure, archery, fencing, Splashworld, drums, dance, magic and circus workshops. The free-time trips to the funfair and beach were also highlights. The weather was superb and the pupils had a wonderful time. A big thank you to Miss Coldrick, Miss Owen and Miss Spry for supporting the pupils.



Year 6 pupils with Mrs Wilson during her visit

Collective Worship

Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed our pupil-led Collective Worship. We have been taken back to the Roman times with Years 3 and 4, explored extreme earth with Year 5 and had a vibrant return to the 1960s with Year 2.

We are looking forward to the Reception and Year 1 Collective Worship in the next couple of weeks and the Year 6 Leavers' Service in the final week of the term.

Thank you for all your support with learning of lines, make-up and help with costumes. We trust you have enjoyed them as much as we have.

Finally, thank you to staff for preparing the Collective Worship and pupils for taking part so well.



Year 3 Archaeological Survey

Year 3 had a fascinating visit to St. Oswald, near the centre of the city where they learnt all about Gloucester's Warrior Queen Aethelfaed. All pupils took part in the geophysical surveys of the site and found out about Saxon life by dressing up, weaving, spinning, coin striking and using Wattle and daub clay play. A great afternoon for Year 3.



Olivia, Bethany, Erin, Olivia, Daisy and Poppy

Magnificent Moog Visit

Congratulations to Isabelle, Martha and Danny in Year 5 who won a competition to visit Moog an engineering company based in Tewkesbury. "There were 5 schools which had been selected to be part of this exciting project. The best bit about our day was we got to sit in a Formula 1 racing car. We got to learn about hydraulics and how to operate the pistons. Thank you to Mrs Harris for transporting us." Written by Isabelle, Martha and Danny.



Our visit to Moog

Quad Kids Reach County Finals

The Year 4 Quad kids team visited Dene Magna school to take part in the Forest of Dean district finals. The team took part in four events: short, long distance, throwing and jumping.

All the results from the individuals are added together to give an overall team score. The Highnam team were awarded a bronze medal for finishing in 3rd place. Congratulations to: Dylan, Gethin, Harrison, Jay, Oliver, Alannah, Ava, Emily, Jessica and Kate.



The Year 4 Quad Kids Team

PTA News

On 22nd June we held our annual Summer Fayre. Every year a lot of work goes into this great community event. It takes a great deal of time and effort to set up the Summer Fayre and to tidy away afterwards and the PTA team of volunteers were fantastic...thank you to all involved.

It was lovely to hear the Gloucester Brass Band, see the maypole performance, enjoy the staff in the stocks challenge, the memorable snails race and so many family and friends enjoying themselves.

Everyone helped to raise a great amount for the school.



We need your help! We are looking for some parents to take on the PTA next year...please see any of the current team or Mr Dean for more details. Could a group of parents work together to build on the success of this year, your help is invaluable.

Terrific TRAC day for Year 3 / 4 Pupils

We had a super day at TRAC a week or so ago with pupils from Redmarley and Staunton and Corse academies. The day of outdoor learning included: tri-golf, orienteering, zip-wire, adventure playground, go-karting, boating, den building and Forest School activities. At the start of the day the pupils arrived as three separate schools but ended up as one group of pupils who'd supported each other in a number of new learning challenges. Thank you to all who supported the pupils during the day.



Theo on the zip-wire at TRAC

Miss Read's Surprise Visit

We welcomed back to Highnam for a few days Miss Read who returned to the UK for two weeks. She is currently working in a school in Mozambique with iReachAfrica.

On a flying visit, Miss Read worked with every class and they produced books to be used in Mozambique or wrote replies to letters written by the pupils. The highlight was seeing all the ex-pupils (and parents) who turned up to hear about her adventures.



Year 7 pupils return to see Miss Read

2nd at the Cotswold Athletics Festival

A few Saturdays ago, Highnam Academy took part in the annual Cotswold Athletics Festival at the Prince of Wales Stadium. This year 5 teams entered the competition.

Our team was made up of over 30 participants from Years 3 to 6. After the sprint qualifiers there were the long distance races. It would be hard to mention all of the events as Highnam pupils performed so well throughout the whole event. It was wonderful to see the spirit and determination shown by all the athletes. A special well done to all the pupils who represented Highnam on the day.

At the end of the morning the results were announced...Highnam finished in 2nd place. Thank you to the great Highnam support on the day and to Miss Owen and Miss Phillips for supporting / training the pupils so well.



Nathan and Alana collecting the trophy on behalf of the team.

Healthy Eating Workshops

A big thank you to ASDA and Fay for working with all our pupils to learn about healthy lifestyles this term. She was invited in by the Academy Council and created some tasty snack options with each class.



Cora and Kayleigh working with Fay from ASDA in the Hub.

Term Dates

I have updated the web page with the term dates for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 are now also on line. <http://www.highnam.gloucs.sch.uk/school-office/term-dates>

Tewkesbury Regatta

Year 5 had a fabulous day on the water last week at the Tewkesbury Sailing Regatta. It was great to have a number of parents along to help on the water. Thanks to Mrs Stephens, Mrs Harris and our parent helpers for accompanying the pupils. The teams returned victorious with the Year 5 prize blue oar and the parent boat also retained the oar — well done to all involved.



Dates for the Diary

Year 2 Transfer meeting — Wednesday **18th July at 2:45pm.**

New classes — where the pupils meet with their next teacher — will take place on the morning of the **18th July.**

The final Open Classrooms for the year will be on **18th July:** Pupils' work from the year will be available to take home, so if you are able to make it, please bring a large plastic bag.

The final day of Term 6 is **Friday 20th July** and the day finishes at **2:30pm.**

The staff have an INSET day on Monday 3rd September so term begins for pupils on **Tuesday 4th September** at 8:55am.

And finally...

At the end of this term we are saying goodbye to Miss Phillips. She has been working with Year 2 and pupils across the school since joining us in November. She has been a real asset to the school and we wish her every success as she heads off to university to train to be a primary school teacher.

A big thank you to the whole school team: administrators, midday supervisors, cleaners, governors, teaching assistants and teacher for all their hard work this year it is a privilege to work with you all.

Three Counties Visit

The pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 had a great educational experience at the Three Counties Show at the Malvern Showground. This year, specialised workshops were provided and Year 4 and 5 were fortunate enough to be selected to attend. After, the classes headed to the main arena and watched the fabulous bike display, had the opportunity to show some of the sheep and goats and met a pack of hounds after a display. Thank you to all parents and staff who supported the pupils on this trip.



Year 6 learning at the Western Power educational workshop

La Jolie Ronde

Congratulations to La Jolie Ronde for winning the 'Best National Activity for 5-12 year olds at the recent 'What's on 4 Juniors Award'.

There is a letter with Vicky Sivell's details on if you would like further information about the French classes.

Saying Goodbye to Year 6

We would like to wish our Year 6 pupils all the best as they leave us and prepare for Secondary School. We are looking forward to their Leavers' Collective Worship on Thursday 19th July at 2pm.

We also realise we are saying goodbye for the last time to a number of parents. We would like to thank you for your support over many years.

Kind regards, Stephen Dean, Headteacher