

Rockfest on Saturday 13th September

in High Ham

The 'Friends' have been asked to help at the local event which is being organised on the Village playing field. If you can help please let the school office know.

Library

I have been impressed to see so many of the High Ham children's names on the gold board award at the library. Thank you for taking the time to enrol in the challenge. If you have not yet had the chance the closing date is the end of next week – so you still have time!

Pinkery

Next week Mrs Wills is taking the year six children to Pinkery. Thank you to all of the parents who have kindly offered their help.

Shelter

I hope you have noticed that the legs of our new shelter have changed colour during the holidays!

Bizzy Kids

The club starts today and will be open every school day until 5pm each night. To make a booking contact the school office.

School Clubs

All teacher clubs will begin the week of the 15th September and finish at 4.30pm. The lists for clubs were circulated last term and spaces booked to help parents plan for Bizzy Kids and other outside commitments. If your child is new to High Ham this term, please pop into the school office to see what spaces are available.

Hot school dinners

The meal slips will be sent out on Monday for the following week. If your child is going to Pinkery, please fill one out on Monday morning.

School Uniform

Please remember to label the children's clothing as otherwise it can be hard to find lost items.

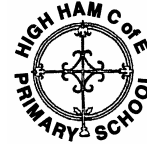
Lost Property

We have a large pile of lost property from last term. Please pop into the First Aid room to see if you have any lost items in there as we are planning to empty the box tomorrow to make a fresh start. We put it out at the end of last term but there are still lots of good items in there.

Frequently asked questions

When is the school play?

Individual dates for activities during the year will be sent out once year six come back from Pinkery.



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Thursday 4th September

Welcome back, I hope you all had a great summer holiday despite the 'drop' of rain! It was lovely to see all the children today so keen and enthusiastic to be back in school and so smart in their new uniforms.

New staff

A special welcome to Mrs Redwood (year five) and Mrs Reynolds who will be teaching across the school. It is great to have them as part of the High Ham team.

Holiday Homework

I enjoyed coming in during the holidays to read so many interesting postcards – thank you for taking the time to encourage your child to send one to school. So far we have had over seventy postcards and the last date for them to arrive in school is Friday 12th September. I have included a reminder of the challenge we set the children as part of their homework on the back of this newsletter. If your child has not managed to do one yet and needs a blank piece of card, just ask your class teacher. All of the postcards are going to be on display in the main school, so you can see how many exciting things the children have been up to. The activity was set for the children who are in year one – year six.

Swimming

Tomorrow years three and five are starting their swimming lessons. If you are CRB checked and would like to help, please speak to the class teachers.

Music tuition form Somerset Music

The week beginning Monday 15th September is when the music tuition will begin.

Year Three Recorders

If you are in year three and would like to buy a school recorder they are available from Mrs Edwards for £2.

A reminder of the homework set at the end of last term:

Whole School Homework Challenge

As you are aware we do not normally set holiday homework. However, on our June INSET day all the teaching staff attended an INSET day on 'Writing'. As well as picking up lots of ideas we discussed some research which had taken place regarding the dip in children's attainment over the summer. It was suggested that we encouraged the children to continue with their reading and writing over the summer period. Therefore, this summer we are setting a whole school piece of homework to be completed by **Friday 12th September**. Obviously we all feel that the summer holidays are a special time and the children should be able to enjoy their time without doing lots of extra work. This is why we have opted for two fun activities:

- (1) **Send the school a postcard** during the summer holidays. You could send it from somewhere you go on holiday or if you do not go away, you could make one and send to school. If you do not want to buy a stamp, you could cut a stamp off of an old letter and push it through the school post box during the summer. All the postcards from the whole school will go on display in the main school building next term. Remember to write the school address neatly as this is the side which will be on display.
- (2) **Borrow six books from the library** and enrol in their 'Team Read' scheme. Just go to any local library from 14/7 until 13/9 and when you have borrowed six books you will be entitled to a certificate and medal. These will be presented to the children in school by a local librarian.

Thank you for your support with the school homework challenge. We hope that you find the activities useful and help to develop your child's learning.

Please note: We were only issuing the homework challenge to the pupils who are now in year one through to year six. If your child has just started High Ham, we appreciate that they may not have known about the challenge.