

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

Dates for your Diary

**Monday 13th
November – Year 5
Visit to the Mosque**

**Thursday 16th
November – Mini
First Aid Training –
Years 4, 5 and 6**

**Thursday 23rd
November – Year 2
Blakesley Hall Visit**

**Monday 27th
November – Year 6
Visit to St Chad's
Cathedral**

**Monday 4th December
– SEND Parents
Meetings by
invitation**

**Thursday 21st
December – Year 4
Visit to the Old Rep
to see Peter Pan**

**Thursday 21st
December – School
closes at the normal
time of 3.15pm**

**Teacher Training Day
– Friday 22nd
December**

**Teacher Training Day
– Monday 8th January**

**School reopens –
Tuesday 9th January
at the normal time of
8.45am**

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back! What a busy half term we had here in school. All the classrooms have now been painted and some of the other rooms have been carpeted. We have also had the main walls in the corridor removed and replastered which has significantly increased the width of the corridors. The dinner hall floor has been sanded and varnished. This took five very long days but it now looks beautiful. The children even thought we had put in new wood as it looks so good! Of course, the building work is ongoing particularly the repairs to the roof, but I have to say it is great to see so many improvements finally happening with many more to come over the year.

As always if you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office using the enquiry email.

enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Aulton

Panathlon Tournament

This week 12 children from Years 5 and 6 went to a Panathlon tournament at King Edwards Edgbaston. They competed in a variety of events including Boccia Blast, Bean Bag Throw, Messi Football, Parachute Popcorn, Kurling, Polybat, Flight Path and Table Cricket. Although they didn't win overall there were some fabulous performances and of course the whole team did us all very proud. Congratulations go to:

Ffion	Taitum-Rae
Ethan	Joshua
Winner	Harley
Thomas	Jack

All of whom won a medal and certificate for their efforts – well done!

Teacher Training Day

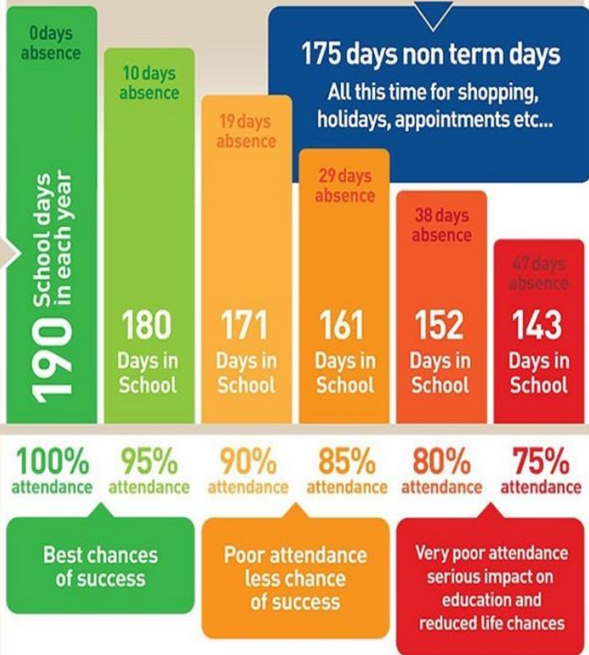
As part of our continued and rapid school improvement plans, we will now be having a Teacher Training Day on Friday 22nd December for further staff training. I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.

Money in school

Thank you to everyone who has now signed up to Arbor to pay for dinners and school trips. However, if you haven't yet signed up or are having any problems, please contact the school office.

...being in school at least 95% of the time (180 to 190 days)

365 days in a calendar year



Spotlight on Attendance

Congratulations to all the children who have managed 100% attendance in the first week back after the half term holiday – 81% of our pupils have achieved that this week! However, despite this fantastic achievement, our overall attendance remains at 91.6% - still well below our target of 96%.

It is extremely important for your child to be in school whenever possible. A pupil's attendance will directly affect their achievement in school. Evidence shows that a pupil's progress and attainment is affected if their attendance falls below 90%.

100% attendance is 190 days in school.

If you are having difficulties getting your child to school on time and would like any support, please contact Mrs Lindsay.

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Shiza and Shayan
Year 1	Keira and Winner
Year 2	Dolcie and Balaaj
Year 3	Phoebe and Winner
Year 4	Edwin and Winner
Year 5	Ethan and Lojain
Year 6	Sierrah and Cayden

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

House Points

Well done to everyone receiving house points this week. The winners are...

Apollo	Mercury	Neptune	Pegasus
1873	2086	1963	1972

Well done to **Mercury** for achieving the most house points this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Mowafak
Year 1	Ilyas
Year 2	Mohammed
Year 3	James
Year 4	Lexie
Year 5	Jack
Year 6	Sierrah

I look forward to meeting even more children who have gone above and beyond and have been nominated for this award.



Attendance

Well done to everyone who has tried really hard with their attendance this week. As always, school attendance is important for your child, both in terms of their education as well as for their well-being and life opportunities.

Our attendance this week

Reception	86.9%
Year 1	91.3%
Year 2	91.3%
Year 3	89.2%
Year 4	90.0%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	99.2%
Whole School	91.5%

Please can you ensure your child attends every day where possible and is on time for school – doors close at 8.55am.