

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 12th April 2024

Dates for your Diary

**Monday 22nd April –
Year 4 visit to the
Gurdwara**

**Wednesday 24th April
– Pupil Parliament
visit to Green
Meadow Primary
School**

**Monday 29th April –
Reception Fire
Service Visit to
school**

**Monday 6th May –
School closed for the
Bank Holiday**

**Friday 24th May -
school closes at the
normal time of
3.15pm**

**Monday 3rd June –
School reopens at
the normal time of
8.45am**

**Thursday 6th June –
Year 5 visit to the
Space Centre**

**Wednesday 12th June
– Friday 14th June –
Year 6 Residential to
Beaudesert**

**Friday 21st June –
Year 2 visit to Weston
Super Mare**

**Monday 24th June –
Pupil Parliament visit
to Heath Mount
Primary School**

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely Easter break. It is lovely to see the children back and happy to start their new learning. This week we have a new dinner service that is now being delivered from Turves Green Primary School, another school in the trust. The food has been well received by the children and is now hotter, more varied and portion sizes have increased. Seconds is also very popular, and it is lovely to see the children enjoying their food. Thank you to the cooks at Turves Green for providing such lovely food. We look forward to working with you from now on.

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

OPAL

Our OPAL provision for children at lunchtime continues to grow and develop. Our lunchtime staff have recently undertaken risk assessment training, and we carry out ongoing risk assessments for the equipment provided for the children to use as part of their play.

Kaleigh, our OPAL mentor, visited Highters Heath this week to review our progress and carry out a grounds development meeting to see how we can make use of the field in our outdoor play all year round. We have exciting plans for a digging area, a large sand pit, a messy café and den building opportunities. Watch this space!

We would welcome donations to support us in getting these areas up and running so ask if you are able to donate any of the following items:

- Garden spades, trowels, gloves, and any other gardening equipment (not forks)
- Silicon cake tins, wooden or metal stirring spoons and any other kitchen/café items
- Wellies or waterproof clothing that your children have outgrown.

Year 1 and Year 4 Drama Hut Workshop



Year One and Year 4 had a visit from Amelia Earhart this week! They really enjoyed their drama hut workshop and they found out about significant people from the past. We discovered some amazing things, and we had the best time learning together! Well done Year 1 and Year 4. What a fantastic morning!

Spotlight on Attendance

Eid Mubarak to those of you who celebrated Eid ul-Fitr this week. We hope you had a wonderful day celebrating with family and friends.

Our whole school attendance has been greatly impacted by children not attending school on Wednesday, with our percentage for the week being only 83.4%.

It is important to remember that children are only allowed to take one day authorised absence to celebrate Eid al-Fitr and then one further day authorised absence to celebrate Eid ul-Adha. Any additional days taken to celebrate will be unauthorised.

If you are struggling with getting your child/children to school on time or have any other worries or concerns about your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Lindsay via the school office.



Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Shiza and Tharshwinth
Year 1	Eriife and Keira
Year 2	Ezra and Jacob
Year 3	James and Kaitlyn
Year 4	Charleen and Harry
Year 5	Stanley and Thomas
Year 6	Saul and Jessica

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
7070	7040	7180	7035

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

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	79.2%
Year 1	80.6%
Year 2	85.1%
Year 3	78.6%
Year 4	85.9%
Year 5	88.9%
Year 6	87.5%
Whole School	83.4%

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

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Kayden
Year 1	Jack
Year 2	Lewis
Year 3	Carter
Year 4	Winner
Year 5	Jack
Year 6	Aaron

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

