

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 19th
October – Year 3
Botanical Gardens
Visit**

**Thursday 26th
October – Year 1
Black Country Living
Museum Visit**

**Thursday 26th
October – Parents
Evening**

**Friday 27th October –
School closes for half
term**

**Monday 6th November
– school reopens at
the normal time of
8.45am**

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

**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**

Message from the Headteacher

Over the last few weeks, I have been challenging the children to improve their handwriting and presentation in their work by launching a competition. During today's celebration assembly two children from each class were awarded one of two awards – Handwriting Star and Most Improved Handwriting Star each receiving a £10 WH Smith gift voucher.

Congratulations and well done this half term go to:

Year 1 Winner	Handwriting Star
Jace	Most Improved Handwriting Star
Year 2 Lamar	Handwriting Star
Esme	Most Improved Handwriting Star
Year 3 Maliyah	Handwriting Star
Adarshana	Most Improved Handwriting Star
Year 4 Aghna	Handwriting Star
Adam	Most Improved Handwriting Star
Year 5 Stanley	Handwriting Star
Ruby	Most Improved Handwriting Star
Year 6 Gracie	Handwriting Star
Ali	Most Improved Handwriting Star

I know that there could only be two winners, but I am so impressed with how the children have really stepped up to the challenge, that I have decided to run a competition next half term too! I look forward to awarding more prizes for great handwriting – keep up the great work everyone.

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

Year 4 Roman Workshop



Year 4 really enjoyed their Roman workshop. They dressed up like legionary soldiers, shot arrows at Boudica and learned Roman battle formations, using Roman Scutums (shields). They said they had "The best day ever!" and can't wait to learn more about the Romans.

Drinks and Snacks in school

Please could I remind parents that children should only bring in healthy snacks rather than sugary snacks and water not juice in a labelled water bottle to drink throughout the day. Thank you.

Spotlight on Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week is 93% and for the year so far 92.2%.

This is well below the 96% we are aiming for.

Good attendance is important because statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically. Children who are absent will find gaps in their knowledge that will hinder their ability to make progress. We all want the best for our children so please make every effort to ensure your child attends school whenever possible.

What WE will do if your child is absent:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Mrs Lindsay via the school office.

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Luca and Shiza
Year 1	Ezekiah and Winner
Year 2	Winner and Sidonia
Year 3	Ibrahim and Mailyah
Year 4	Winner and Winner
Year 5	Aaliyah and Ciaran
Year 6	Finley W and Gemma

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Albert
Year 1	Alfie
Year 2	Balaaj
Year 3	Ali
Year 4	Winner
Year 5	Aaliyah
Year 6	Skye

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



House Points

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

Apollo	Mercury	Neptune	Pegasus
973	1117	1046	1177

Well done to **Pegasus** 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	92.5%
Year 1	94.3%
Year 2	88.2%
Year 3	92.3%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	94.7%
Whole School	93.0%

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