Highters Heath Community School Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2026

Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th November – Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Workshop

Monday 23rd November – Tree Planting at Daisy Farm Park

Wednesday 2nd December – Year 6 World War Two Workshop

Friday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Fayre afternoon

Friday 18th December – school closes for pupils at the normal time of 3.15pm

Monday 4th January – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 5th January – school opens to pupils with doors opening at the normal time of 8.45am

Thursday 14th January – Year 5 visit to the Birmingham Mosque

Message from the Executive Headteacher

We have had a lovey day celebrating Children in Need and I have been really impressed with the thought and imagination that has gone into the may different outfits today too! This morning's assembly was certainly a colourful event. I am also more than happy to announce that the overall total raised for Children in Need this year is **£110**. Thank you to everyone who took part – every little helps in making a huge difference to the lives of others – thank you.

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 6 visit to Avoncroft

On Tuesday, Year 6 visited Avoncroft Museum in Bromsgrove for an exciting and educational trip. Although it was a cold morning, the children were eager to explore and learn. We began the day with an interesting talk about a prefabricated house, where the children discovered how families lived in homes that were quickly built after the Second World War. We also learned about bomb shelters and how people used them to stay safe during air raids. After the talks, the children had the opportunity to explore the museum at their leisure, looking at the many historic buildings and exhibits. Despite the chilly weather, everyone enjoyed themselves and had a wonderful learning experience. Well done Year 6!

Parent Coffee Mornings – A Reminder

Over the next few weeks, we will holding various Parent Coffee Mornings with different outside agencies we currently work with. If you would like to join us for any or all of the coffee mornings, please contact the school office.

Tuesday 24th November Beacon Support – How to help your child during meltdowns and shutdowns.

Friday 27th November – Communication and Autism Team – Masking

Wednesday 9th December – Occupational Therapy Team – Play, Draw, Write – developing handwriting skills through play.

Thunk of the Week

This week's question is **'do animals have ideas?'**. If you think they do, what ideas do you think they might have? I wonder if they share them with each other. Enjoy talking about this over the weekend.

Spotlight on attendance



We have had a number of instances this week where children have been collected early from school. This has been for several different reasons including medical appointments for the child, parent or sibling, needing to collect other children from a different school and other non-urgent issues.

The school day ends at 3.15pm and children should not be collected before this time without it having been authorised by the school in advance. We recognise there are some appointments that are not possible to arrange outside of the school day, but whenever possible we request that appointments take place after 3.15pm or during the school holidays.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child's attendance, please see Mrs Lindsay via the school office.

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Tevana and Jumaima
Year 1	Ayzal and Rahmah
Year 2	Maha and Khalid
Year 3	Setayesh and Winner
Year 4	Ayaana and Mudabbir
Year 5	Demi and Ayanda
Year 6	Ali and Maryam

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Royston
Year 1	Ayzal
Year 2	Zoe
Year 3	Setayesh
Year 4	Scarlett
Year 5	Eden
Year 6	Sophia

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
3415	3186	2865	2970

Well done to Apollo 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	96.4%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	99.1%
Year 6	94.4%
Whole School	97.2%

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