

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 19th
November – SEND
Coffee morning –
Speech and
Language focus**

**Monday 24th
November – Year 6
World War Two
workshop**

**Week beginning
Monday 1st December
– SEND Parent
Meetings**

**Wednesday 10th
December – Year 3
Egyptian Workshop**

**Friday 12th December
– Christmas Jumper
day and Christmas
Dinner**

**Wednesday 17th
December –
Christmas Fayre**

**Friday 19th December
– school closes at the
normal time of
3.15pm**

**Monday 5th January –
Teacher Training Day**

**Tuesday 6th January
– school reopens to
pupils at the normal
time of 8.45am**

**Thursday 29th
January – Year 5 visit
to the Birmingham
Mosque**

Message from the Executive Headteacher

What a week this has been! As you are aware we had our long awaited Ofsted inspection with four HMI (His Majesty's Inspectors) who joined us for the two days. They really enjoyed being with us and said the children were a delight to be with. Unfortunately the final report takes time to be written, quality assured and checked before it can be published but as soon as the report is available we will of course share it with you. May I take this opportunity to say thank you for all your kind words of support and thank the staff for all their hard work and commitment. It is a real privilege to work with such lovely children, staff and parents. Thank you.

On Wednesday 19th November at 9.15am there is a SEND Coffee morning with the Speech and Language therapist – please feel free to attend if you wish or speak to Mrs Lindsay for more information.

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

enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

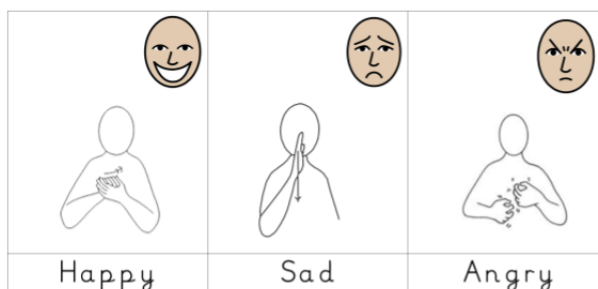
Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Aulton

Year 6 visit to Birmingham Cathedral



On Thursday, Year 6 visited Birmingham Cathedral to learn about Christianity and see how a cathedral works. They learnt that the cathedral is 310 years old! The children asked thoughtful questions throughout their visit and were even lucky enough to get a live performance of the cathedral's organ being played - a truly wonderful experience! The children were, as always, a credit to our school community. Well done Year 6!

Makaton News



Can you remember the signs for happy and sad? This week see if you can also learn the sign for angry. Don't forget to use facial expressions to show your feelings too.

Spotlight on attendance

Well done and thank you to all the families who ensure that their children arrive in school on time every day. After reviewing our punctuality data, we can see that there are only a few families who persistently bring their children to school late. Most of these incidents of lateness are often only by a few minutes, which is easy to rectify by leaving the house just 5 minutes earlier in the morning. There are several things you can do to try and avoid the rush in the morning and help you get out of the house in plenty of time to arrive at school on time.

Make sure everything you need for the next day is ready the night before:

- Sandwiches made
- PE kit ready
- School bag organised and ready
- Uniform laid out
- Shoes lined up by the front door.
- Try setting your alarm, or even your clock, 5 minutes earlier to give you that extra bit of time to make it before the school gates close at 8.55am.

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

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Theo and Winner
Year 1	Mila and Jinni
Year 2	Roxanne and Thomas
Year 3	Keira and Mumin
Year 4	Lucas and Winner
Year 5	Kaitlyn and Jacob
Year 6	Jack and Ava

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Winner
Year 1	Winner
Year 2	Winner
Year 3	Winner
Year 4	Balaaj
Year 5	Julia
Year 6	Charlie

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
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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	90.8%
Year 1	93.0%
Year 2	94.0%
Year 3	92.6%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	95.5%
Whole School	90.1%

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