

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023

Dates for your Diary

**Monday 18th
December -
Reception, Year 1,
Year 2 Nativity**

**Tuesday 19th
December -
Reception, Year 1,
Year 2 Nativity**

**Tuesday 19th
December – Years 3,
4, 5 and 6 Christmas
Concert**

**Wednesday 20th
December - Years 3,
4, 5 and 6 Christmas
Concert**

**Wednesday 20th
December –
Christmas Fayre**

**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 for the
Christmas holidays**

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

**Teacher Training Day
– Monday 8th January
2024**

**Tuesday 9th January
2024 – Year 3 Ancient
Egyptian Workshop**

Message from the Headteacher

As we approach our final week of term, I just wanted to thank you all again for your generosity. We certainly will have a wonderful Christmas Fayre thanks to all your donations. Next week is a very busy week for us and I would like to remind you of our performances next week.

- Monday 18th December – Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity for parents at 2.15pm.
- Tuesday 19th December - Reception, Year 1 and 2 Nativity for parents at 9.15am.
- Tuesday 19th December – Santa's Grotto
- Tuesday 19th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert for parents at 2.30pm.
- Wednesday 20th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert for parents at 9.15am.
- Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Fayre – 2.00pm – 4.00pm.
- Thursday 21st December – Year 4 Visit to the Old Rep – Peter Pan – The Musical.
- Thursday 21st December – Gold Book Assembly for invited parents at 9.15am.

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

Tree Planting for National Tree Week

During National Tree Week the Year 6 prefects attended a tree planting session on the corner of Prince of Wales Lane and Maple Grove. They were joined by the Friends of Daisy Park Farm and Charlotte from the Birmingham Tree People. Despite the rain the children planted several trees and weren't afraid to get stuck in. Everyone had a lovely time and the organisers were blown away with all the hard work and commitment the children showed. Well done everyone.



Pupil Parliament

This week Pupil Parliament went to visit Parkfield Community School for the day. They continued with their Young Leaders programme which this time focused on non-verbal communication and body language. They also had a tour of the school and took part in a debate. They all had a lovely time and represented Highters Heath brilliantly as always. We look forward to the other schools joining us in March to showcase everything that's great about Highters Heath Community School. Thank you to you all and well done.

Spotlight on Attendance



Medical Appointments

Unfortunately, we have seen several children absent from school attending medical or dental appointments in the last couple of weeks. We request that, where possible, routine medical and dentist appointments are arranged outside school hours, as these appointments will affect your child's attendance and therefore their progress at school.

We do understand that some appointments, such as hospital consultations, are not always possible to arrange outside of school hours. However, if your appointment time allows your child to come to school for registration and then leave later this will have a positive impact on their attendance. Likewise, if they are able to be back in school after their appointment this will also have a positive impact.

Please ensure that you provide the school office with letters or texts which evidence these appointments.

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Remayah and Tharshwinth
Year 1	Mohamed and Eliza
Year 2	Sara and Lucas
Year 3	Aamnah and Ali
Year 4	Alexandra and Archie
Year 5	Safina and Hooriya
Year 6	Elle-Mae and Finley W

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 3531	Mercury 3509	Neptune 3486	Pegasus 3422
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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	97.2%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	87.5%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	95.2%
Whole School	93.7%

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	Ralphie
Year 1	Eriife
Year 2	Ella
Year 3	Rose
Year 4	Ava-Rose
Year 5	Ciaran
Year 6	Elle-Mae

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

