

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023

Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 21st
September - BCM
Assembly**

**Monday 25th
September – SEND
parent meetings by
invitation**

**Tuesday 26th
September - No
Outsiders lessons for
parents**

**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**

**Thursday 23rd
November – Year 2
Blakesley Hall Visit**



Message from the Headteacher

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the Year 6 parents who came to visit the new Year 6 classroom on Tuesday after school. It was so lovely to see so many of you and I know the children were extremely proud to show you everything. Thank you for your patience and your kind words too. It was hard work over the summer but definitely worth it to support the children in their learning.

We have also started our new curriculum topics this term and the children have been talking about the home learning projects this week. I am really looking forward to seeing them all.

The themes are:

Reception	Marvellous Me
Year 1	Houses and Homes
Year 2	Fire, Plague and Plot
Year 3	The Amazon Rainforest
Year 4	The Romans
Year 5	The Tudors
Year 6	World War Two

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Aulton

Year 6 World War Two Workshop



Last week, Year 6 took part in a World War Two workshop. They had a fantastic day and their activities included looking at WW2 artefacts, completing a fitness obstacle course and creating their own morse-code machines to solve secret codes! They learnt so much about WW2 and it was a great start to their curriculum theme this term.

Safeguarding

Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?

The DSL's at Highters Heath are:

Mrs Aulton, Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Delves

Contact:

safeguarding@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

Alternatively contact Birmingham City Council Children's Trust on
0121 303 1888

Spotlight on attendance

Please note the following advice if your child is unable to attend school.

Absences

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

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.

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Peyton and Winner
Year 1	Winner and Winner
Year 2	Esme and Lucas
Year 3	James and Kaitlyn
Year 4	Haseeb and Charlie
Year 5	Pareesa and Jack
Year 6	Aaron and Skye

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Arthur
Year 1	Alex
Year 2	Demi
Year 3	Zahra
Year 4	Winner
Year 5	Harley
Year 6	Winner

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
264	327	310	340

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	99.6%
Year 1	93.2%
Year 2	91.1%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	90.2%
Year 6	96.1%
Whole School	94.4%

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