

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

Dates for your Diary

**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**

**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**

**School reopens –
Tuesday 9th January
at the normal time of
8.45am**

**Monday 22nd January
– Year 2 Stone Age
Workshop**

**Friday 9th February –
School closes at the
normal time of
3.15pm for half term**

Message from the Headteacher

We have had a really busy week which saw the first Pupil Parliament visit for our school MPs who went to Colmers Farm Primary School for a leadership day. Last Friday two of the Pupil Parliament read their Prime Minister speeches to the whole school in preparation for a whole school vote. Both Anji and Daisy spoke brilliantly, and it was a close-run contest. I would like to congratulate both of them for working so hard and I am delighted to announce that this years Prime Minister for Highters Heath is Daisy and Anji is Deputy Prime Minister. I look forward to seeing them fulfil their roles in many different activities this year.

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 5 Visit to the Mosque

On Monday Year 5 went to the Birmingham Central Mosque. The children were shown around all 3 floors where they learnt about the history of the mosque and the Islamic faith. The children were given opportunities to ask questions and could choose if they wanted to take part in performing the WADU and the prayer jesters.



They had a fantastic morning and amazing feedback from the tour guide who said how well behaved the children were. Well done Year 5.

Mini First Aid Training

On Thursday the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a mini first aid session. They learnt how to dress wounds and use bandages and slings. They also learnt about CPR and how to treat burns. All the children received a certificate and booklet at the end of the session too! The session was extremely informative, and we thank Sarah from Mini First Aid for being a great first aid trainer.

Year 6 Visit from Steve McCabe MP



Last Friday, during UK Parliament Week, Year 6 had a visit from Steve McCabe our local MP. They asked lots of interesting, thought-provoking questions and enjoyed hearing Steve's answers and stories that he had to tell.

Some children even asked for his advice about how to get into politics in the future.



Spotlight on Attendance

Good news on our attendance! This week our attendance of 93% is an improvement on last week, and we are now moving closer to our target of 96%. Thank you to those of you who are managing to send your child in every day and value the importance of regular attendance at school as much as we do. We know that there are times when absence cannot be avoided, and this is most frequently due to illness. If your child is ill, school will need details of their illness. If the reasons for the absence are made known to us, and are appropriate, the absence will be authorised. If the illness continues you may be asked for evidence from your GP. However, school will not authorise non-attendance for illness if it becomes too frequent without medical evidence. If your child's attendance is a concern, we will invite you for a meeting in school to discuss the concerns and offer further support.

If you are having difficulties getting your child to school and would like any support, please contact Mrs Lindsay.

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Delilah and Winner
Year 1	Mohamed and Harry
Year 2	Mukkabir and Mohammed
Year 3	George and Harrison
Year 4	Pareeha and Winner
Year 5	Ffion and Laila
Year 6	Laylah and Aaron

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 2232	Mercury 2389	Neptune 2316	Pegasus 2266
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Well done to **Mercury** 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	88.1%
Year 1	92.5%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	94.6%
Year 4	88.1%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	98.0%
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.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Satayesh
Year 1	Kayla
Year 2	Omar
Year 3	Maliyah
Year 4	Aghna
Year 5	Laila
Year 6	Gemma

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

