

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd January
– Year 2 Stone Age
Workshop

Monday 22nd January
– KS2 Bikeability –
sessions all week –
bikes and helmets
provided

Monday 29th January
– Pupil Parliament
visit to Turves Green
Primary School

Monday 29th January
– SEND Parent
meetings – by
invitation

Tuesday 30th January
– KS2 Girls Football
Tournament

Monday 5th February
– KS1 CBSO Show

Tuesday 6th February
– KS2 CBSO Show

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

Monday 19th February
– Teacher Training
Day

**Tuesday 20th
February** – School
opens at the normal
time of 8.45am

**Thursday 22nd
February** – Athlete
Visit

Message from the Headteacher

This week has been really exciting with the introduction of OPAL and fun club at lunchtime. The children have had a lovely time and when asked say it is the best thing the school has ever done! I look forward to seeing more fun activities with the children in the coming week.

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

OPAL at Highters Heath



Lunchtimes this week have been extremely exciting for the children as we launched OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). You may remember that a letter was sent home last term explaining about the programme which involves providing the children with resources to help them play imaginatively and creatively and to help them develop skills such as problem solving, teamwork and resilience. It has been a joy this week to watch the children playing so enthusiastically and with such enjoyment. They have been busy making woodchip and leaf cakes in the messy kitchen, building bridges with crates and planks, using boxes to build computer workstations complete with keyboards and “box” monitors and so much more. I’m sure your children have been able to share some of the fun they have had this week with you and we look forward to developing their play week by week.

Don’t forget we are grateful for any donations to our loose parts collection as this will constantly need to grow and be replenished!

Bikeability

Bikeability starts on Monday 22nd January for the week and the children who have brought their permission slips will be able to take part in the sessions during the week. The bikes and helmets have arrived today in preparation but those children who wish to use their own bike may bring them in on Monday and store them in the bicycle shed.

Spotlight on Attendance

Attendance is an extremely important issue, so much so that the government has launched a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance, with the strapline "Moments Matter, Attendance Counts". We will be using this guidance to further develop our support for families whose children may have attendance difficulties. Our whole school attendance is particularly low this week at 89.8% so please remember the colour coded guide to help you decide whether to send your child to school or not.

RED - STAY AT HOME Sickness and diarrhoea - 24 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode.

AMBER - SEEK ADVICE Headache, feeling sick, tummy ache. Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, so if in doubt contact the school for advice, and if appropriate a dose of liquid paracetamol or ibuprofen before school may be all they need to help them feel well enough to attend.

GREEN - COME TO SCHOOL Mild cough, cold, sore throat, feeling tired. We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.

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	Winner and Remayah
Year 1	Salah and Kayla
Year 2	Jenson and Eden
Year 3	Romola and Winner
Year 4	Amelia-Rose and Macey
Year 5	Renayah and Ruby
Year 6	Joshua and Winner

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Kalsoom
Year 1	Salah
Year 2	Jenson
Year 3	Winner
Year 4	Macey
Year 5	Daisy
Year 6	Ronnie

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
4493	4358	4298	4440

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	69.3%
Year 1	86.9%
Year 2	89.0%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	96.8%
Whole School	89.8%

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