

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

Dates for your Diary

**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**

**Monday 13th
November – Year 5
Visit to the Mosque**

**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**

**Friday 22nd December
– School closes at
the normal time of
3.15pm**

Message from the Headteacher

This week repairs to the roof are now underway and weather permitting I hope the work will be completed after half term. Work to the internal walls of the quad are planned and once the walls have been rebuilt the floors to the corridors will be levelled too. I have also met with the carpet fitters and painters in the hope that once the building work has been completed, new carpets will be laid in the main corridors, the ICT Suite and the community room at the bottom end of the school. Plans are also in place for as many of the classrooms as possible to be painted in the same style as our new Year 6 therapeutic classroom. Exciting times ahead!

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 3 Visit to the Botanical Gardens



On Thursday, Year 3 visited the Birmingham Botanical Gardens in Edgbaston as part of their curriculum topic, the Amazonian Rainforest. When we arrived, we toured the amazing glasshouses and explored the huge variety of plants from Tropical, Sub-tropical, Mediterranean and Arid climates. Continuing the tour of the gardens outside, and as part of our 'treasure hunt', it was amazing to discover how so many plants are used to help make many of the medicines, food, drink and household items we use on a daily basis. We then had the opportunity to handle some exotic animals which can be found in tropical rainforest areas. Some brave volunteers handled stick insects, corn snakes and bearded dragons!

Home Learning Projects



I want to say a huge thank you and well done to all the children who have brought in the most amazing home learning projects. I know as parents you have also spent time helping and it is great to know that the projects have given an opportunity to work together as a family. I hope to see more projects come in over the next couple of weeks.

Spotlight on Attendance

Thank you and well done to all the families who are getting their children to school on time every day.

93% of our children have been on time for school every day this year. However, there are a number of children who come to school late and unfortunately these children are generally late on a regular basis. As with attendance, Mrs Lindsay will be starting to contact families whose children are regularly late to school and working with them to try and improve their child's punctuality. We do understand that there are difficulties at times but please consider the following:

- Get your child their own alarm clock.
- Get everything ready the night before - uniform, packed lunch, PE kit ... Don't forget the breakfast things.
- Come even earlier and join us for breakfast and/or games in our club open 8:00 - 8:25 AM every week day in the dining room.
- Set that alarm clock five minutes fast.
- Don't allow TV or computer games before everyone is ready - if at all.

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

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Mahir and Tharshwinth
Year 1	Scarlett and Harry
Year 2	Oli and Winner
Year 3	Carter and Rosie-Lee
Year 4	Aghna and Archie
Year 5	Winner and Renayah
Year 6	Riley and Elle-Mai

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Delilah
Year 1	Ezekiah
Year 2	Lewis
Year 3	Jacob
Year 4	Alexandra
Year 5	Eleanor
Year 6	Aaron

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
1282	1444	1313	1457

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	75%
Year 1	92.5%
Year 2	83.8%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	92.3%
Whole School	90.5%

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