

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

### Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
March – Year 5 visit  
to the Think Tank**
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
– Reception visit to  
Attwell Farm**
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
School closes for the  
end of term at the  
normal time of  
3.15pm**
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April –  
school reopens at the  
normal time of  
8.45am**
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April –  
Year 3 visit to  
Birmingham**
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April –  
Year 4 visit to  
Tamworth Castle**
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May –  
Year 1 visit to the  
Birmingham  
Conservation Park**
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
– Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June –  
Year 6 Residential**
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June –  
Animal Man to visit  
Reception**
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June –  
Year 2 visit to Weston**
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June –  
Speak Up, Speak Out  
competition**

### Message from the Executive Headteacher

Thank you once again to the parents who joined us for our last live lessons of the term this week. It was lovely to see you all. Thank you too to all the children who took part in 'Wear Something Funny for Money' today. We certainly have had a laugh whilst raising money for such a good cause. We have raised £60. Well done everyone and thank you.

Next week – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March is Parents Evening – this is a really important event where you can meet the teacher to discuss how your child is doing in class. Please see the Arbor App to make an appointment or contact the school office for more information.

Easter Egg competition – please bring your entries into school from Monday. Judging will take place during Parents Evening with winners announced in Friday's assembly. Good luck!

As always if you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office using the enquiry email.

[enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org](mailto:enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org)

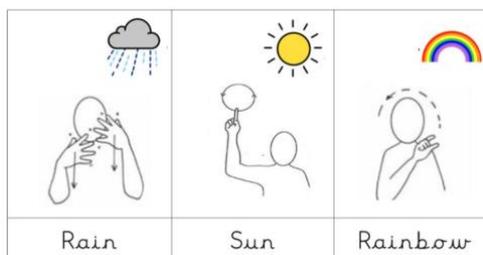
Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Aulton

## MINI FIRST AID

On Thursday, Year 3 and Year 5 took part in some Mini First Aid training. They learnt how to perform CPR, put someone in the recovery position and learnt what to do if somebody was choking or had a burn, and learnt how to resuscitate someone. All the children also received a certificate of their achievement at the end and now have a Mini First Aid qualification. Well done Year 3 and Year 5!

### Makaton News

This change in the weather has been very welcome indeed - it's wonderful to get outside in the sunshine. Can you learn these different weather signs? Let's hope the sun continues to shine over the weekend.



## Spotlight on attendance

Eid Mubarak to all of you celebrating Eid al-Fitr today. Many parents have questions around their children taking time off school to celebrate their religious festivals which I hope to answer for you here!

- Muslim festivals are not public holidays in England, but pupils and staff are entitled to 1 day absence for Eid al-Fitr and 1 day absence for Eid al-Adha.

- This is guidance set by the Muslim Council of Britain and all Birmingham schools follow the same guidance.

- If your child takes 2 days absence to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, the 2nd day will have been recorded as an unauthorised attendance to allow them to take a day off to celebrate Eid al-Adha later in the year.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child's attendance, please see Mrs Lindsay via the school office.



### Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Amelia and Winner
Year 1	Mikha and Annabelle
Year 2	Thomas and Kobie
Year 3	Scarlett and Luna
Year 4	Evie-Leigh and Lewis
Year 5	Rose and Winner
Year 6	Lydia and Winner

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

### House Points

Well done to everyone receiving house points this week. The winners are...

<b>Apollo</b>	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Neptune</b>	<b>Pegasus</b>
11655	10736	10950	10872

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

<b>Reception</b>	<b>96.4%</b>
Year 1	92.5%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	94.1%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	94.7%
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.

### Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Caleb
Year 1	Khalid
Year 2	Winner
Year 3	Kayla
Year 4	Winner
Year 5	Romola
Year 6	Alexis

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

