

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024

Dates for your Diary

**Friday 22nd March –
End of term**

**Monday 8th April –
School reopens -
doors open at the
normal time - 8.45am**

**Thursday 11th April –
Drama Hut
Workshops – Year 1
and Year 4**

**Monday 22nd April –
Year 4 visit to the
Gurdwara**

**Wednesday 24th April
– Pupil Parliament
Visit to Green
Meadow Primary
School**

**Monday 29th April –
Reception Fire
Service Visit**

**End of term – Friday
24th May at 3.15pm**

**Monday 3rd June –
School reopens at
8.45am**

**Thursday 6th June –
Year 5 visit to the
Space Centre**

**Wednesday 12th June
– Friday 14th June –
Year 6 Residential**

**Friday 21st June –
Year 2 visit to Weston
Super Mare**

Message from the Headteacher

As always, I am amazed at how quickly the term has gone. We have had lots of visitors, events and exciting visits as well as the most amazing learning. This week ends with two competitions – handwriting and Easter egg competitions. We have been working extremely hard on our handwriting and today two children from each class were given an award for the best handwriting or most improved handwriting. We have also awarded our winners of the Easter egg competition with their prizes today. The judging was so difficult as we had the most amazing entries this year. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part. 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 and have a lovely Easter.
Mrs Aulton



Pathway to Podium Award

Great news! We have been awarded the Schools to Podium Silver Award for all our work in PE and physical activity. This is a great achievement, and we are thrilled to be recognised for our great PE lessons, OPAL lunchtimes, after school clubs and our attendance at lots of different matches and tournaments. I would like to thank Mrs Wilson and Mr Bennett for all their hard work in arranging the different events and Mrs Lindsay and the school OPAL team.

Pupil Parliament and Rock Kidz

On Monday we had a visit from the other trust schools Pupil Parliaments who came to see Highters Heath, have a tour of the school and work together to develop their leadership skills. We also had a visit from Rock Kidz. The children had a brilliant day, dancing, singing and laughing during the Rock Kidz sessions and the other children said that they really enjoyed their visit, they loved Highters Heath and took back lots of ideas to discuss with their Headteachers. A great day was had by all and our children definitely did us proud. I would also like to thank Jonathan and Becca from Rock Kidz, Chris from Little Leaders, Bright Dreams and Mrs Hussein and Mr Bennett for helping us to have such a great day.

Reception Visit to Attwell Farm

Reception had a wonderful visit to Attwell Farm this week. We learnt about different animals that live on the farm and found out some interesting facts about different minibeasts. We enjoyed animal handling, feeding different animals and making friends with the free-range farmyard hen! We also enjoyed playing on the large inflatable pillow and play areas. Well done Reception, you were a credit to the school, your behaviour and enthusiasm was brilliant. What an amazing day we had.

Spotlight on Attendance

If your child's attendance falls below 90%, we may send you a letter or invite you to attend a meeting as part of the school's attendance procedures. Please be reassured that in the first instance this is done in a supportive capacity, as sometimes you may be unaware that your child's attendance has fallen so low or there may be some difficulties you are having that we can help you with.

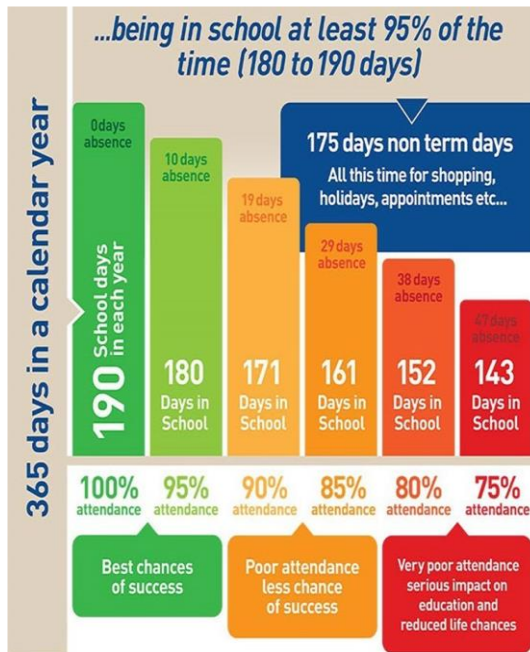
Attendance can be categorised using a traffic light system.

Green – attendance is 95% or above

Amber – attendance is consistently below 95%

Red – persistent absentee below 90%

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



Gold Book Award Winners

This term's Gold Book Winners for Spring Term are:

Reception	Arthur and Setayesh
Year 1	Scarlett and Eriiffe
Year 2	Jenson and Winner
Year 3	Aamina and Winner
Year 4	Finn and Lydia
Year 5	Noor and Stanley
Year 6	Aaron and Taitum-Rae

Congratulations to everyone who won our Gold Book Award today. What a lovely way to end the term!

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Peyton
Year 1	Muddabir
Year 2	Oli
Year 3	Rosie-Lee
Year 4	Winner
Year 5	Winner
Year 6	Laylah

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
6833	6786	6951	6823

Well done to **Neptune** 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	90.9%
Year 1	86.9%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	89.1%
Year 4	93.0%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	90.0%
Whole School	90.4%

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