

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025

Dates for your Diary

**Monday 3rd
November – Teacher
Training Day**

**Tuesday 4th
November – school
open to pupils at the
normal time of
8.45am**

**Thursday 13th
November – Year 6
visit to Birmingham
Cathedral**

**Friday 14th November
– Children in Need**

**Monday 24th
November – Year 6
World War Two
workshop**

**Week beginning
Monday 1st December
– SEND Parent
Meetings**

**Wednesday 10th
December – Year 3
Egyptian Workshop**

**Friday 12th December
– Christmas Jumper
day and Christmas
Dinner**

**Wednesday 17th
December –
Christmas Fayre**

**Thursday 18th
December – End of
term. Pupils finish at
the normal time of
3.15pm**

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Thank you so much to all of you for joining us for parents evening last night. It was lovely to see so many of you. I also want to say a huge thank you on behalf of all the staff for all your kind words and comments – it really is appreciated by all of us and we look forward to working with you all next half term too.

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 half term break,
Mrs Aulton

Staffing at Highters Heath

We would like to wish Mrs Wright all the very best for her upcoming maternity leave after half term. We are all very excited to meet baby Wright and wish Mrs Wright and her husband good luck on their new exciting adventure. We would also like to welcome back Mrs Cooke who will be joining us after half term. Mrs Cooke will take over the Year 1 class and is looking forward to being back with us. Mrs Adams will remain as the Year 2 teacher for this academic year. She brings a wealth of experience with her and is a very welcome addition to the Highters Heath staff team.

Year 3 visit to the Botanical Gardens



Yesterday, Year 3 visited Birmingham Botanical Gardens. We started off by learning all about tropical rainforests such as the Amazon. We were then introduced to four animals: a corn snake, a bearded dragon, a stick insect and an African giant snail. We were lucky enough to stroke them or even hold them! After lunch, we explored the glasshouses where we found plants we'd learned about during the morning, like the cocoa plant, banana plant and kapok tree. We all thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Teacher Training Day

Just a reminder - Monday 3rd November will be a Teacher Training Day. Pupils are expected to return to school on Tuesday 4th November at the normal time of 8.45am. Have a lovely half term break.

Spotlight on attendance

Well done to all the children (and their parents) who have 100% attendance for the term so far! Unfortunately, the percentage of children achieving this is down almost 10% on this time last year. Let's hope that we can improve on these statistics after half term and improve our current whole school attendance for the year, which is currently at 93%.

Don't forget that we will be drawing the attendance raffle for October when we return after half term, where you can win a £20 Aldi voucher. Remember this is a monthly raffle where your child's name goes in the draw if they have 100% attendance or their attendance has improved on the previous month. This means even if your child didn't achieve 100%, or improves on their September attendance, there is still the chance to win the draw for November!

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



Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Rahmah and Sean
Year 1	Annabelle and Talha
Year 2	Arthur and Winner
Year 3	Jack and Winner
Year 4	Mukabbir and Evie-Leigh
Year 5	Ali and Rosie-Lee
Year 6	Adam 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...

Apollo	Mercury	Neptune	Pegasus
4071	3431	3317	3763

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	86.8%
Year 1	97.0%
Year 2	78.6%
Year 3	89.1%
Year 4	91.8%
Year 5	90.1%
Year 6	96.9%
Whole School	90.7%

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	Yana
Year 1	Haania
Year 2	Winner
Year 3	Ezekiah
Year 4	Yaseen
Year 5	Huey
Year 6	Winner

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

