

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

Dates for your Diary

**Monday 27th
November – Year 6
Visit to St Chad’s
Cathedral**

**Monday 4th December
– SEND Parents
Meetings by
invitation**

**Tuesday 5th
December – SEND
Information Report
Parents Meeting**

**Thursday 21st
December – Year 4
Visit to the Old Rep
to see Peter Pan**

**Thursday 21st
December – School
closes at the normal
time of 3.15pm for the
Christmas holidays**

**Teacher Training Day
– Friday 22nd
December**

**Teacher Training Day
– Monday 8th January**

**School reopens –
Tuesday 9th January
at the normal time of
8.45am**

**Monday 22nd January
– Year 2 Stone Age
Workshop**

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

Message from the Headteacher

Returning after half term has seen us introduce a new writing curriculum with a focus on handwriting, spelling, and vocabulary. We have had Mr Smart, Deputy CEO Excelsior Multi-Academy Trust and Mr Williams, Headteacher at Colmers Farm Primary School visiting us this week too to see our new writing curriculum. Both Mr Smart and Mr Williams were very impressed with the work in the children’s books and the pride the children have in their work. Over the last few weeks, we have all worked incredibly hard and it was lovely to have visitors in school seeing the impact this has had so far. Well done everyone – keep up the good work!

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 2 Visit to Blakesley Hall



Year 2 had a lovely day at Blakesley Hall, learning about the Great Fire of London. Our tour guide was amazed at how many facts we could recall about the fire and helped us re-enact the Great Fire of London whilst touring the house. In the afternoon, we enjoyed a range of activities, including quill writing, Tudor rubbings, and learning about how houses in the 1600s were made.

Book Fair

Next week the Scholastic Book Fair will be open after school from Monday 27th November to Thursday 30th November in the main school hall. The children will have the opportunity to see the new books during the day and if you would like to join us after school to purchase a book please make your way to the school office.

Therapeutic Classroom Award



I am delighted to announce that we have achieved the Stage One Therapeutic Classroom Award for developing the new therapeutic classroom in Year 6. This is fantastic news and a great recognition for all the hard work of the children and staff - a shining example of succeeding together!



Spotlight on Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is down to 90.1%. This is well below the target of 96% that we are aiming to achieve. Whilst we have had several children off with illness this week, we also have a large number of children absent due to family holidays. Holidays during term time cannot be authorised and have to be reported to the Local Authority which results in a Penalty Notice being issued. Several families received Penalty Notices last year and if this is not paid, costs can increase dramatically. The highest overall fine for a family for a holiday taken last year was £1174. This money does not come to the school but straight to the Local Authority. Please avoid taking your child on holiday during term time.

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	Beatrice and Winner
Year 1	Alex and Kayla
Year 2	Lewis and Sidonia
Year 3	Julia and Aamina
Year 4	Adam and Aghna
Year 5	Noor and Eleanor
Year 6	Zac and Gracie

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 2617	Mercury 2631	Neptune 2676	Pegasus 2567
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Well done to **Neptune** for achieving the most house points this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Amelia
Year 1	Harry
Year 2	Kaiden
Year 3	Winner
Year 4	Ava-Rose
Year 5	Safina
Year 6	Saul

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



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	89.9%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 2	92.3%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	87.5%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	97.2%
Whole School	92.7%

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