

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
November – Year 2  
Blakesley Hall Visit**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
– SEND Parents  
Meetings by  
invitation**

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

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
– School closes at  
the normal time of  
3.15pm**

**Teacher Training Day  
– Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

**School reopens –  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
at the normal time of  
8.45am**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
– Year 3 Ancient  
Egyptians Workshop**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
– Year 2 Stone Age  
Workshop**

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

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
– Teacher Training  
Day**

### Message from the Headteacher

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to parents evening last night. It was lovely to see so many of you.

Over the holidays we are having all the classrooms painted, new carpet in the ICT Suite, community room and main office and the hall floors are to be sanded and revarnished. It certainly will be a busy week with the contractors in from Saturday morning. I have to say I am really looking forward to the first day back after half term to see all the many changes. I'm sure that the children will be really excited too!

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)

Have a lovely half term break and thank you for your continued support, Mrs Aulton

### Year 1 Visit to the Black Country Living Museum



Year 1 had an amazing time at the Black Country Living Museum. They were respectful, polite and they made us really proud! We went into different houses and homes from the past and we found out about what life was like in the Victorian times. We loved going into the school building to have a Victorian school lesson, the Headmaster was very impressed with us! Well done Year 1 for being so fantastic on our first school trip.

### Home Learning Projects



I just wanted to highlight some more of the amazing home learning projects that have come into school over the last few weeks. Well done to everyone for bringing these in. Over the half term please encourage your child to make something, read a book or practise times tables. We would love to hear what they have been doing when they come back.

## Spotlight on Attendance

Attendance at Highters Heath last year was generally good, with our school often having the highest attendance of all the schools in Excelsior MAT, something we were extremely proud of. However, this term has not been as good as it normally is. So far this year our whole school attendance is at only 91.9%, whereas at this point last year it was 95%. You will remember that we are aiming for 96% and above and you can see we are some way away from that at the moment. However, we would like to say well done to all the children who have attended school every day so far this year. 48% of our pupils have attendance of 96% and above, with 31% of our pupils having 100% attendance. Whilst we recognise that there are times when children get ill and are not well enough to attend school, we encourage you to send your child in whenever possible.

Remember the traffic light guide to helping you make a decision as to whether to send your child to school or not.

**RED - STAY AT HOME** Sickness and diarrhoea - 24 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode.

**AMBER - SEEK ADVICE** Headache, feeling sick, tummy ache. Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, so if in doubt contact the school for advice, and if appropriate a dose of liquid paracetamol or ibuprofen before school may be all they need to help them feel well enough to attend.

**GREEN - COME TO SCHOOL** Mild cough, cold, sore throat, feeling tired. We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.30am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school and if necessary, make a home visit. 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	Mowafak and Amelia
Year 1	Winner and Jace
Year 2	Demi and Ella
Year 3	Pippa and Winner
Year 4	Ava-Rose and Finn
Year 5	Ciaran and Harrison
Year 6	Aisha and Ali

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

### Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Winner
Year 1	Ava
Year 2	Elsie
Year 3	Subhan
Year 4	Finn
Year 5	Harrison
Year 6	Leila-Rae

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...

<b>Apollo</b>	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Neptune</b>	<b>Pegasus</b>
1612	1790	1673	1698

Well done to **Mercury** 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	89.9%
Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	88.0%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	85.6%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
Year 6	93.5%
Whole School	91.6%

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