

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
October – Year 3  
Botanical Gardens  
Visit**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
October – Year 1  
Black Country Living  
Museum Visit**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
October – Parents  
Evening**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October –  
School closes for half  
term**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
– school reopens at  
the normal time of  
8.45am**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>  
November – Year 5  
Visit to the Mosque**

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

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>  
November – Year 6  
Visit to St Chad's  
Cathedral**

**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**

### Message from the Headteacher

It has been really lovely to open our new play equipment for the children in KS1. I know they are really excited and have enjoyed playing on it over the last few days. We have also had refurbishments in the KS2 playground to improve the trim trail and a new basketball hoop had been added in the arena. We have also finally had the go ahead to start the major building work and I will be meeting with the contractors next week put together the schedule of work to be completed. Of course, the disruption will be kept to a minimum and take place when the children are not in school, but I am really excited that the much needed work is about to be completed.

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

### School Uniform



Due to the issues regarding supplies of school uniform we have decided to sell some items in school. We have now received the jumpers and book bags with the new school logo, and they will be on sale next week. Jumpers are priced at £10.25 and book bags are £7.50. If you would like to buy either of these items, please contact the school office.

### Safeguarding

**Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?**

**The DSL's at Highters Heath are:**

**Mrs Aulton, Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Delves**

Contact:

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

Alternatively contact Birmingham City Council Children's Trust on  
0121 303 1888

## Spotlight on attendance

Whole school attendance this week is down to 90.1%.

This is well below the target of 96% that we should be 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 have any questions or queries, please contact Mrs Lindsay at the school office.

### Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Winner and Hunter
Year 1	Scarlett and Winner
Year 2	Kaiden and Dolcie
Year 3	Carter and Aamnah
Year 4	Alexandra and Lexie
Year 5	Ruby and Ayman
Year 6	Winner and Winner

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

### Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Hunter
Year 1	Keira
Year 2	Evie-Leigh
Year 3	Kyreece
Year 4	Haseeb
Year 5	Ruby
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...

<b>Apollo</b>	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Neptune</b>	<b>Pegasus</b>
621	729	734	799

Well done to **Pegasus** 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	87.5%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>100%</b>
Year 2	87.9%
Year 3	90.2%
Year 4	94.0%
Year 5	81.9%
Year 6	94.0%
Whole School	90.2%

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