

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024

Dates for your Diary

**Monday 6th May –
School closed for the
Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 7th May –
17th May – Year 3
Swimming**

**Friday 24th May -
school closes at the
normal time of
3.15pm**

**Monday 3rd June –
School reopens at
the normal time of
8.45am**

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

**Monday 8th June -
19th June – Year 4
Swimming**

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

**Thursday 13th June
Year 4 visit to
Kenilworth Castle**

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

**Monday 24th June –
Pupil Parliament visit
to Heath Mount
Primary School**

**Friday 28th June –
Sports Day**

Message from the Headteacher

It has been lovely to see so many children join us for breakfast club this week. As in our previous letters, newsletters and texts state we have joined with the Greggs Foundation to provide free breakfast for the children at Highters Heath Community School. Not only do the children have breakfast but they also have the opportunity to join in activities such as multi sports, ball games and quieter board games before they start their lessons and this week the children have really enjoyed this.

If your child would like to come to breakfast club for free please see the office for a breakfast club form.

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

Bank Holiday Monday

This is to remind all parents that we will be closed on Monday 6th May for the May Day Bank Holiday. We will return to school on Tuesday 7th May with doors opening at the normal time of 8.45am.

Lost Property

As the summer approaches we are finding we have more and more lost property in school particularly jumpers and cardigans. If your child is missing one or several of these items please see the school office who will happily show you our lost property items.

Reception Fire Service Visit



The children in Reception were visited by Billesley Fire Station this week, and what an amazing experience it was. We went inside the fire engine, used the fire hoses, heard the sirens and found out all the different things firefighters have to do. We asked them lots of interesting questions and we now have many aspiring firefighters in the class. Thank you to Billesley Fire Station for providing us with such a beneficial and informative learning experience.

Spotlight on Attendance

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave would result in each parent or carer receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notices will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period

Penalty notices will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

2 sessions = 1 day



First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child, to be paid within 28 days.

Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time, and any further time, an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued. The case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can be shown on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

We have several children on holiday at the moment and this has a huge impact on our overall attendance, which this week is at only 93% - today is at only 90%! It also has a huge impact on your child's progress and attainment at school.

As a parent it is your legal duty to ensure your child attends school unless there is a reason that enables the Headteacher to authorise the absence.

Please see the information here about changes to the government's National Framework for penalty notices for leave in term time and irregular attendance.

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

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Saliha and Zaina
Year 1	Jenson and Muddabir
Year 2	Evie-Leigh and Ella
Year 3	Zarah and Kaitlyn
Year 4	Zara and Macey
Year 5	Jacob and Hooriya
Year 6	Elle-Mae and Zac

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Setayesh
Year 1	Ezekiah
Year 2	Nur
Year 3	Kaitlyn
Year 4	Zara
Year 5	Marcus
Year 6	Ella

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
7616	8758	7735	7816

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	91.7%
Year 1	99.4%
Year 2	92.1%
Year 3	93.5%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	91.9%
Whole School	94.1%

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