

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 13th
December –
Christmas Dinner**

**Monday 18th
December -
Reception, Year 1,
Year 2 Nativity**

**Tuesday 19th
December -
Reception, Year 1,
Year 2 Nativity**

**Tuesday 19th
December – Years 3,
4, 5 and 6 Christmas
Concert**

**Wednesday 20th
December - Years 3,
4, 5 and 6 Christmas
Concert**

**Wednesday 20th
December –
Christmas Fayre**

**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**

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you so much to everyone that has kindly donated towards our prizes and stalls for the upcoming Christmas Fayre. However, there is still time – the Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Wednesday 20th December at 2.00pm.

We hope to make this a fun event and raise money to support local charities but in order to do this we still need your help. Please can you send any donations for tombola prizes (non-alcoholic items such as unwanted gifts, chocolates, books, stationary, toys, candles, etc), teddy bears for our teddy tombola and items for our coloured hampers. Each year group needs to find coloured items in the chosen class colour to fill their hamper:

Reception	Red
Year 1	Silver
Year 2	Purple
Year 3	White
Year 4	Green
Year 5	Blue
Year 6	Yellow

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

SEND Information Report

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the SEND Information Report session on Tuesday. It was great to get feedback from parents on how we support our learners with Special Educational Needs at Highters Heath Community School.

Parents who attended were very positive about the report and found it to be an informative read. I would like to encourage all parents who have a child with a Special Educational Need to check out the SEND Information Report on the school website. This can be found by clicking Menu and then SEND Information in the Key Information Section.

If you have any questions or queries about SEND, please speak to Mrs Lindsay the school SENDCo.

Steve McCabe MP Christmas Card Competition

Great news! For the second year in a row we are able to announce that Highters Heath have yet another winner in the Steve McCabe Christmas Card competition. Huge congratulations go to Lexi in Year 6 who received the news yesterday. Not only has Lexi won the competition but she has won tickets for her and her family to visit an attraction of her choice in Birmingham. Lexi will also receive copies of her design as Christmas cards that can be shared with her family and friends too! Well done Lexi – we are really proud of you.

Spotlight on Attendance

Thank you to all the families who send their children to school on time every day. Punctuality is really important in so many ways, both now while your child is at school and also in the future when they are adults. Unfortunately, we tend to see the same children regularly being late, with some children coming to school late 3 or 4 times a week. Doors open at 8.45am and school starts at 8.55am so you should ensure your child is at school by 8.55am.

Remember these tips to help you be on time for school in the mornings.

- Get your child their own alarm clock.
- Get everything ready the night before - uniform, packed lunch, PE kit ... Don't forget the breakfast things.
- Come even earlier and join us for breakfast and/or games in our club open 8:00 - 8:45am every day in the dining room.
- Set that alarm clock five minutes fast.
- Don't allow TV or computer games before everyone is ready - if at all.

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	Peyton and Mahir
Year 1	Alfie and Winner
Year 2	Lamar and Jacob
Year 3	Jacob and Zarah
Year 4	Ava-Rose and Winner
Year 5	Safina and Daisy
Year 6	Saul and Anaiya

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Remayah
Year 1	Scarlett
Year 2	Mukkabir
Year 3	Hamza
Year 4	Pareeha
Year 5	Lojain
Year 6	Ali

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
3203	3183	3175	3121

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	90.9%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	78.0%
Year 3	87.9%
Year 4	94.1%
Year 5	95.0%
Year 6	94.4%
Whole School	89.4%

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