

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

Dates for your Diary

**Week beginning –
Monday 11th March –
SEND Parent
Meetings – by
invitation.**

**Wednesday 13th
March – Year 1 Royal
Ballet Workshop**

**Thursday 14th March
– Year 1 Twycross
Zoo Visit**

**Thursday 14th March -
Year 2 Maths
Workshop**

**Monday 18th March -
Pupil Parliament at
Highters Heath with
Rock Kidz**

**Wednesday 20th
March- Year 1
Phonics Workshop
for parents**

**Thursday 21st March
– Parents Evening**

**Friday 22nd March –
End of term**

**Monday 8th April –
School starts - doors
open at the normal
time - 8.45am**

**Thursday 11th April –
Drama Hut
Workshops – Year 1
and Year 4**

Message from the Headteacher

What a lovely week we have had, and I want to say a huge thank you to the parents who have joined us for our workshops this week. I also want to say a huge well done to all the children who have taken part in our book in a box competition. You really have been incredibly creative, and your entries have been amazing. Today, Mr Smart, Deputy CEO of Excelsior Multi-Academy Trust had the unenviable task of judging our winning entries. What a difficult decision it was. The winners will be announced and awarded their prize in Mondays assembly next week.

Comic Relief – Friday 15th March – ‘Wear something silly for money’. As you may be aware we will be dressing up for Comic Relief next Friday. This can be anything from a silly hat to odd socks, clashing colours to odd shoes. However, this isn’t just a non-uniform day and if your child doesn’t wish to take part, they will need to be wearing their school uniform. Please could you also ensure your child brings in their £1 donation – the cause this year is lack of food and homelessness and it would be lovely to raise as much money as possible.

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 and 3 Birmingham Royal Ballet Workshop

This week Year 2 and 3 were treated to a workshop with the Birmingham Royal Ballet based on their highly successful ballet – Still Life at the Penguin Café. They learnt about endangered animals, practised different ballet moves and participated in a penguin waiter dance from the Penguin Cafe ballet performance. Well done Years 2 and 3.

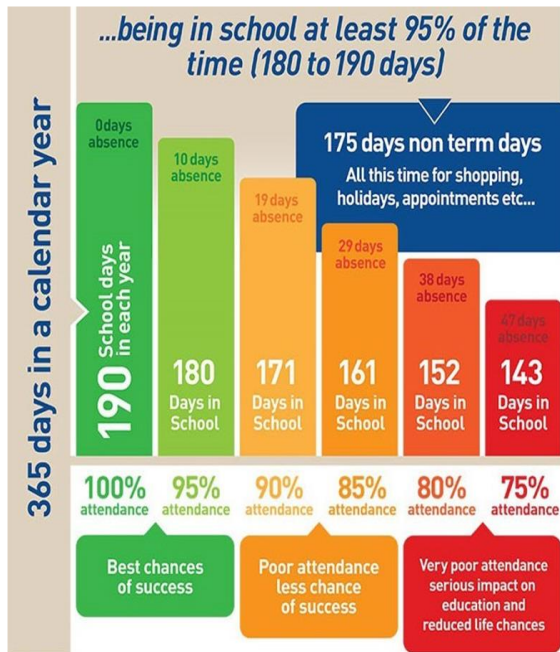
Year 5 Visit to the Think Tank

Year 5 had a lovely time visiting the Think Tank this week. They had the opportunity to learn all about science and engineering by exploring all the different activities each floor had to offer. They particularly enjoyed pumping the blood around the body and sitting inside a train. They also had a lovely time in the sensory garden exploring the different water features, sensory plants and activities. The whole day was extremely interactive and fun and all the children could discuss their favourite parts of the day and what they had learnt. They were all amazing for the day and were brilliant role models for the school. A great day had by all. Brilliant work Year 5 – Well done everyone!

Spotlight on Attendance

You may have seen that absence from school for a holiday during term time was a topic in the news this week. If you take your child out of school for a holiday, or for any planned trip abroad, this will not be authorised by the school. We are then duty bound to refer the absence to the local authority who will issue parents with a fine. This fine is currently £60 per parent, per child, meaning that a family with two parents and 2 children who take their children on holiday in term time will be issued with a £240 fine. However, the government will be increasing the fine from £60 to £80 from September. I am sure many of you are thinking about booking your holiday for this summer, but please remember the absence will have a negative impact on your child's education and you will be issued with a fine on your return.

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	Winner and Winner
Year 1	Winner and Mohamed
Year 2	Demi and Oli
Year 3	Winner and Subhan
Year 4	Jack and Mishaal
Year 5	Taylor and Harrison
Year 6	Gemma and Winner

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	Mercury	Neptune	Pegasus
6187	6152	6182	6295

Well done to **Pegasus** for achieving the most house points this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Charif
Year 1	Jenson
Year 2	Ayanda
Year 3	Winner
Year 4	Lydia
Year 5	Ruby
Year 6	Zac

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	89.7%
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	88.9%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	90.5%
Year 5	99.0%
Year 6	91.7%
Whole School	93.3%

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