

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 12th
September – Year 6
Classroom visits for
parents**

**Friday 15th
September – Year 5
Tudor Workshop**

**Thursday 21st
September - BCM
Assembly**

**Monday 25th
September – SEND
parent meetings by
invitation**

**Tuesday 26th
September - No
Outsiders lessons for
parents**

**Thursday 19th
October – Year 3
Botanical Gardens
Visit**

**Thursday 26th
October – Year 1
Black Country Living
Museum Visit**

**Thursday 26th
October – Parents
Evening**

**Friday 27th October –
School closes for half
term**

**Monday 6th November
– school reopens at
the normal time of
8.45am**

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely summer and the children had a well-deserved break.

I have to say we have had a brilliant start to the new term. The children certainly look incredibly smart and have settled in extremely well. Well done to them all!

This year I would like to welcome two new members of staff to our Highters Heath team. Mr Akhtar is our new Admin Assistant and is working closely with Mrs Fry, Office Manager. Mr Bennett has also joined us and is our new Sports Coach Apprentice. We are looking forward to working with them this year and we warmly welcome them to our school.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Aulton

Uniform

After speaking to some of you this week I have been made aware that there are a few problems with ordering uniform with the school logo. I am sorry for the inconvenience this has caused.

We have now changed supplier and have ordered a stock of book bags and jumpers with the new school logo which you will be able to purchase from the school office. The order is expected to arrive in the next three weeks and we will contact you again when this arrives. We have also set up a payment system whereby you can pay by card if you wish.

Please can I also remind you that the children also need their PE kit in school. This should be a white top and black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, trainers and pumps. This can be brought in a bag and remain in school for the half term.

Contact Details

If you have recently changed your contact details, please could you let the office know asap. It is imperative that we have the correct details in case of an emergency. In the next few weeks, we are hoping to send out letters more efficiently by text message and email. Please could you let us know your email address if you haven't done so already in preparation for this.

Spotlight on attendance

At Highters Heath Community School we take attendance and punctuality very seriously. We aim to have an attendance figure in excess of the national average of 96%. Attendance data is tracked by the Department for Education and will adversely affect our Ofsted rating if it is below the required level.

Our current attendance percentage is 96% and we MUST improve on this figure. We categorise levels of attendance into red, amber and green.

GREEN - 100%. Excellent attendance above the national expected average, ideally where all children should aim to be.

AMBER - 96.7% or above. Good attendance - in line with or above national expected average.

RED - below 96.7%. Attendance below expected level.

We will be sending out a letter with further information about this next week.

We will monitor your child's attendance and if we do not see an improvement, we will contact you by letter to arrange a meeting to discuss how to support you and your child.

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Arthur and Winner
Year 1	Alfie and Winner
Year 2	George and Evie-Leigh
Year 3	Winner and Winner
Year 4	Adam and Maliyah
Year 5	Sanpreet and Winner
Year 6	Joshua and Tatum

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
86	95	84	97

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	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	90.8%
Year 6	98.4%
Whole School	96.2%

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

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

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