

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd January
– Year 2 Stone Age
Workshop

Monday 22nd January
– KS2 Bikeability –
sessions all week –
bikes and helmets
provided

Monday 29th January
– Pupil Parliament
visit to Turves Green
Primary School

Monday 29th January
– SEND Parent
meetings – by
invitation

Tuesday 30th January
– KS2 Girls Football
Tournament

Monday 5th February
– KS1 CBSO Show

Tuesday 6th February
– KS2 CBSO Show

Friday 9th February –
school closes for half
term at the normal
time of 3.15pm

Monday 19th February
– Teacher Training
Day

**Tuesday 20th
February** – School
opens at the normal
time of 8.45am

**Thursday 22nd
February** – Athlete
Visit

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back and Happy New Year! Already the first week in 2024 has been action packed with the start of our new curriculum themes and different visitors to school. We would also like to say a very warm welcome to Miss Johns our new Assistant Headteacher and class teacher for Year 3. Miss Johns will also be responsible for English and Personal Development alongside her class teacher role and leadership duties. We look forward to working with her and I am sure you will meet her out in the playground in the next couple of weeks too!

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 3 Ancient Egyptian Workshop



On Tuesday, Year 3 had a very exciting Ancient Egyptian Workshop and learnt many new things about what life was like in Ancient Egypt. The children had so much fun exploring different clothing, jewellery, puzzles and games from the past and really enjoyed lots of hands-on activities such as drawing with reed pens and hunting for animals in archery. It was fantastic to see how much knowledge the children acquired from Jo, our visitor, and we are looking forward to seeing where the rest of our learning journey about the Ancient Egyptians will take us!

Year 4 SPARKS Workshop

On Wednesday Year 4 were visited by the West Midlands Fire Service and took part in the SPARKS workshop. The children learnt about fire hazards in the home, what to do if there is a fire and how to get help. They also learnt about safety on the ice and how important it is to stay away from frozen lakes, ponds and canals. The children were very knowledgeable and were able to answer many of the questions. They all thoroughly enjoyed the interactive session and we want to say a huge thank you to the Fire Service for delivering such a great workshop.

Spotlight on Attendance



Congratulations to the 160 children who have made a positive start to the New Year by attending every day this week, helping our overall attendance to be 93.7 % for the week. However, there is still room for improvement so please ensure your child is in school unless there is a valid reason for their absence.

You will have seen in the news and in letters sent home earlier this week that there is currently an outbreak of measles in the West Midlands, with Birmingham being one of the worst affected areas. Did you know one child with measles has the potential to infect a further 17 children? We therefore encourage you to ensure your child has received all their vaccinations to prevent any outbreak of the disease within our school and to ensure all our children remain well and able to attend school every day.

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	Zaina and Saliha
Year 1	Harry and Winner
Year 2	Ezra and Balaaj
Year 3	Ryan and Evie-Jae
Year 4	Eliza and Finn
Year 5	Jack and Winner
Year 6	Anji and Taitum

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 4095	Mercury 4065	Neptune 4051	Pegasus 4142
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Well done to **Pegasus** for achieving the most house points this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Arthur
Year 1	Winner
Year 2	Dolcie
Year 3	Ryan
Year 4	Jack
Year 5	Oliver
Year 6	Winner

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	90.4%
Year 1	92.2%
Year 2	83.3%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	99.4%
Year 6	97.3%
Whole School	93.7%

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