

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 30th January
– KS2 Girls Football
Tournament

**Thursday 1st
February** – KS2
Cricket Coach
Sessions

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 – Amy Smith GB
Swimmer

Thursday 7th March –
Year 5 Think Tank
Visit

Friday 8th March –
Year 1 Birmingham
Royal Ballet Visit

Message from the Headteacher

This week has certainly been busy with lots of different activities and lots of children achieving success in the different opportunities they have experienced. The huge smiles and sense of pride has been inspiring and learning a life skill such as riding a bike is also very important too. Please look at our diary dates for more information about the upcoming exciting events happening over the next few months. 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 Stone Age Workshop



Year 2 went back in time to the Stone Age this week. We all had fun taking part in a mammoth hunt, crafting our own tools, creating cave paintings and becoming archaeologists. In the afternoon we learned about how Neanderthals used to hunt larger animals and developed our own archery skills. We all thoroughly enjoyed our Stone Age day and learnt lots of amazing facts about this fascinating period in time.

Bikeability

This week saw many of our KS2 children take part in the Level 1 and 2 Bikeability sessions. All who took part enjoyed learning how to stay safe when riding their bike and Years 5 and 6 were able to transfer the Level 1 skills learnt onto the local roads. For some of the children, taking part helped them to learn how to ride a bike for the first time and I have to say we are immensely proud of the progress they all made. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the instructors who ran very informative and enjoyable sessions. Well done everyone!

Proposed changes to the cost of school meals

Unfortunately, Cityserve, the company who provide our school meals, have announced that they will be increasing the price of school meals in the next few weeks. As of yet we do not know the exact increase but will keep you informed of any changes as soon as possible. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss this further.

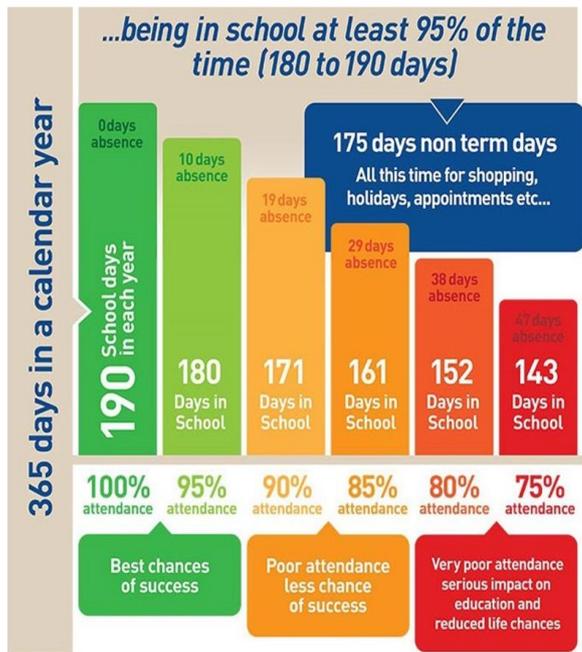
Spotlight on Attendance

Why good attendance is important.

Good attendance is important because statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically.

With the focus and development on the curriculum that has taken place at school then children who are absent will find gaps in their knowledge when they return. For our younger children, both attendance and punctuality are doubly important as they move straight into their phonics groups after the register has been taken which can also significantly affect their progress.

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	Tharshwinth and Luca
Year 1	Mumin and Kalsoom
Year 2	Isla and Sidonia
Year 3	Rose and Maryam
Year 4	Charleen and Winner
Year 5	Parisa and Stanley
Year 6	Skye and Ronnie

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 4768	Mercury 4608	Neptune 4605	Pegasus 4734
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Well done to **Apollo** for achieving the most house points this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Kobie
Year 1	Ava
Year 2	Ezra
Year 3	Hamza
Year 4	Charleen
Year 5	Parisa
Year 6	Aisha

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	87.5%
Year 1	84.1%
Year 2	87.5%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	92.3%
Year 5	92.5%
Year 6	93.9%
Whole School	93.6%

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