

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 12th July 2024

Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 16th July –
Reception picnic on
the field**

**Friday 19th July –
school closes to
children for the
summer holidays**

**Monday 22nd July –
Teacher Training Day**

**Monday 2nd and
Tuesday 3rd
September – Teacher
Training Days**

**Wednesday 4th
September – Children
return to school at
the normal time of
8.45am**

**Friday 25th October –
School closes for half
term at the normal
time of 3.15pm**

**Monday 4th November
– Teacher Training
Day**

**Tuesday 5th
November – school
reopens at the
normal time of
8.45am**

**Friday 20th December
– school closes for
the holidays at the
normal time of
3.15pm**

**Monday 6th January –
Teacher Training Day**

Message from the Headteacher

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated items for our Summer Fayre and already bought tickets for the raffle prizes – we will announce the winners on Monday.

This week I have been fortunate to visit a couple of other schools in the MAT to show them our writing curriculum. It has been lovely to show Year 1's books to the staff at the other schools and I have to say they were very impressed. Well done Year 1!

As we move into our final week of this academic year, I also want to say thank you to you as parents for all your support, kindness and chats in the playground even in the rain! It is lovely to work with such a lovely community. Thank you!

Next week, as always, we are extremely busy. Please see below for next week's important dates and times of the different events taking place.

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

Important dates next week

Tuesday 16th July – Reception picnic on the field

Wednesday 17th July – Year 1 Transition afternoon with Mrs Cooke

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am

Thursday 18th July – Year 3 MCPT Graduation at 11.00am

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers Disco at 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Thursday 18th July – Year 5 MCPT Graduation at 1.30pm

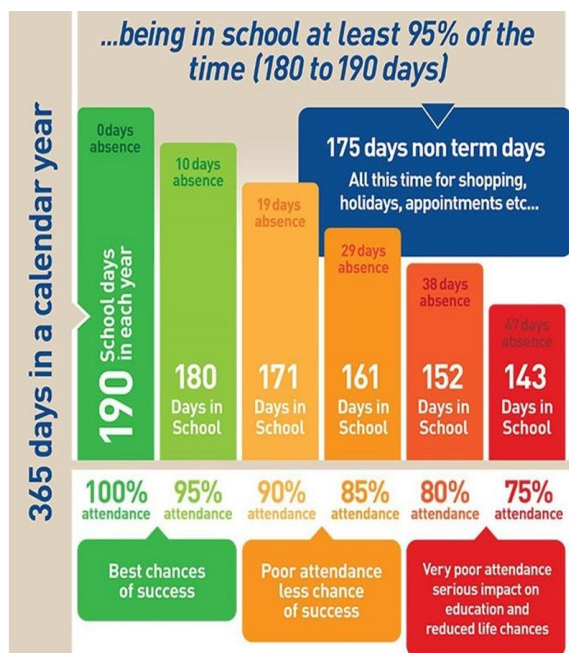
Friday 19th July – Gold Book Assembly

Friday 19th July – School closes at 3.15pm for the summer holidays

Speak Up, Speak Out Competition

Last Friday two Year 6 children – Sierrah and Gemma – took part in the annual Excelsior Speak Up, Speak Out competition at the Think Tank in Birmingham. They performed their speech to a large audience in the IMAX theatre and spoke so confidently and eloquently they were amazing. I can't tell you how proud we are of them. Incredible role models for Highters Heath – I definitely couldn't have done what they did and even though they didn't make the final six they will always be winners to us. A huge well done to both of you!

Spotlight on Attendance



We're almost there! One week to go until the summer holidays! Attendance remains important right up until the end of the school year, as learning continues right up until the last day. A myth exists that children do not do any formal learning in the last week of term and spend the whole-time watching videos. Let me reassure you that is not the case at all! At Highters Heath we focus on your children's education right up until the very last day of term and children will be taking part in their normal lessons next week. Therefore, it is important that your child is in school every day and on time, so that they don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities. Remember doors opens at 8.45am so your child needs to be in school by that time.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child's attendance, please see Mrs Lindsay.

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Kobie and Mowafak
Year 1	Alex and Ava
Year 2	Balaaj and Esme
Year 3	Jacob and Carter
Year 4	Jack and Macey
Year 5	Hooriya and Winner
Year 6	Ali and Elle-Mai

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 10156	Mercury 10232	Neptune 10292	Pegasus 9909
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Well done to **Neptune** 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	79.5%
Year 1	88.7%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	87.9%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	91.9%
Whole School	90.9%

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

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Thomas
Year 1	Khizar
Year 2	Mohammed
Year 3	Maryam
Year 4	Winner
Year 5	Oliver
Year 6	Cayden

I look forward to meeting even more children who have gone above and beyond and have been nominated for this award.

