

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024

Dates for your Diary

**Friday 27th
September - Year 4
Romans Workshop**

**Thursday 10th
October – Year 3 visit
to the Botanical
Gardens**

**Thursday 17th
October – Year 2 visit
to Coventry
Transport Museum**

**Wednesday 23rd
October – Year 6 visit
to Avoncroft Museum**

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

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

**Tuesday 5th
November – School
opens at the normal
time of 8.45am**

**Thursday 7th
November – Year 5
visit to the Mosque**

**Monday 25th
November – Year 6
World War Two
Workshop**

**Thursday 5th
December – Year 6
visit to Birmingham
Cathedral**

Message from the Headteacher

What a great start we have made to the week. The children are working extremely hard and are really enjoying our new maths lessons. Over the next few weeks, we will begin running some parent workshops to inform you of the changes and offer advice in ways that you can help your child at home.

We have also started our new curriculum themes this year and you will have received the knowledge organisers for these over the last two weeks. Not only do these provide information about what the children will be learning but also suggested ideas for home learning projects. Over the last couple of years, we have had some lovely home learning projects brought into school and we are looking forward to seeing many more this term. Please ask your child's class teacher if you haven't received this. You can also access these on the school website.

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

A few things to remember

Please could you ensure your child has their PE kit in school each week. It is an important part of the curriculum, and every child is entitled to take part. Having the correct PE kit in school means that they can take part safely.

If you have changed your phone number, address or email please contact the school office to inform them of the changes so that we are able to contact you, particularly if it is an emergency.

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

Spotlight on attendance

Well done to Reception and Years 3 and 5 who all have attendance of above 95% this week! However, whole school attendance for the week is only 92.3%. This is in part due to families taking their children on holiday during term time, which will result in a fine from the local authority but is also due to children being absent through illness.

We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home, so to help you with this decision we have devised a useful reference guide.

RED - STAY AT HOME Sickness and diarrhoea - 24 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode.

AMBER - SEEK ADVICE Headache, feeling sick, tummy ache. Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, so if in doubt contact the school for advice, and if appropriate a dose of liquid paracetamol or ibuprofen before school may be all they need to help them feel well enough to attend.

GREEN - COME TO SCHOOL Mild cough, cold, sore throat, feeling tired. We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.15am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school and if necessary, make a home visit.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Lindsay via the school office.

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Maha and Zakharia
Year 1	Delilah and Haris
Year 2	Khizar and Winner
Year 3	Balaaaj and Elsie
Year 4	Julia and Huey
Year 5	Alexandra and Mishaal
Year 6	Habiba and Lojain

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Winner
Year 1	Charif
Year 2	Ayaana
Year 3	Omar
Year 4	Aamina
Year 5	Charlie
Year 6	Oliver

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



House Points

Well done to everyone receiving house points this week. The winners are...

Apollo	Mercury	Neptune	Pegasus
458	380	406	436

Well done to **Apollo** 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	97.9%
Year 1	89.4%
Year 2	91.7%
Year 3	98.9%
Year 4	83.2%
Year 5	95.1%
Year 6	94.5%
Whole School	93.0%

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