

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for pupils at the normal time of 3.15pm.**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Teacher Training Day**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens to pupils at the normal time of 8.45am**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Pupil Parliament visit to Colmers Farm Primary School**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Reception visit to Attwell Farm**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Pupil Parliament visit to Parkfield Community School**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for pupils at the normal time of 3.15pm**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens for pupils at 8.45am**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Year 5 visit to Selly Manor**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 1 visit to the Nature Centre**

### Message from the Headteacher

I can't believe that we are not only at the end of this half term but we are already through the first half of the academic year too! Where has the time gone? May I remind you that we finish at 3.15pm today for our February half term break. We have a Teacher Training Day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Children return to school on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – doors open at the normal time of 8.45am

As always if you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office using the enquiry email.

[enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org](mailto:enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org)

May we wish you a lovely, restful half term break.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Aulton

### Year 1 visit to the Black Country Living Museum



Year 1 went on their trip to the Black Country Living Museum to learn more about their theme "Houses and Homes". They had the best day and experienced so many amazing things! We went on a bus ride, went into Victorian homes and shops, went to a Victorian cinema to watch an old Mickey Mouse movie and experienced a lesson of "the three R's" in a Victorian school! The children were amazing and we are so proud of them. Well done Year 1!

### OPAL Bingo

Hard baby doll	Garden trowel	Pegs	Beach Spade	Old Hair Dryer
Beach buckets	PVC pipes	Cleaning brushes	Dustbin Lid	Buckets
Small cars	Funnel	Farm animals	Musical Instruments	Old phone/mobile
Wellies	Cable Drum	Paint Brush	Headphones	Brief Case
Picnic blanket	Car washing sponge	Small world figures	Computer keyboard	Swimming Woggle

The classes have all been set a challenge to bring in donations for OPAL by taking part in OPAL Bingo. Each class has a bingo card with items to donate rather than having numbers on. Every time an item from the bingo card is donated by a class member, they can cross off that item and try and win a prize for their class! The more items we have donated, the better our OPAL play will be. Good luck!

## Spotlight on Attendance



Well done to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance this half term.

We started the term with another outbreak of chickenpox and have had a number of sickness bugs doing the rounds, but 66 children have managed to avoid any illnesses and be in school every day!

Altogether 62% of our pupils have managed to achieve an attendance of 96% or above, which is the magic percentage we are aiming for.

Unfortunately, our whole school attendance for the half term is below that target at 93.15% but hopefully with Spring and better weather around the corner we can improve on that by Easter.

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	Amaya and Winner
Year 1	Arthur and Shiza
Year 2	Mudabbir and Kayla
Year 3	Eden and Lamar
Year 4	Aamina and Winner
Year 5	Alfrick and Aizah
Year 6	Winner and Winner

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

### House Points

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

<b>Apollo</b>	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Neptune</b>	<b>Pegasus</b>
6835	6974	6893	6981

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	96.0%
Year 1	89.2%
Year 2	90.9%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>99.0%</b>
Year 4	92.9%
Year 5	92.8%
Year 6	95.2%
Whole School	93.8%

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	Musawwir
Year 1	Winner
Year 2	Scarlett
Year 3	Haaris
Year 4	Winner
Year 5	Macey
Year 6	Hooriya

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

