

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January  
– Pupil Parliament  
visit to Turves Green  
Primary School**

**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 3.45pm**

**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**

### Message from the Headteacher

This week I was fortunate to visit one of our trust schools – Parkfield Community School to see the good work they have been doing in Personal Development and Art and DT. As an outstanding school for many years now they have many different experiences for the children some of which I hope we can replicate here at Highters Heath in the near future. As an academy it is wonderful to share ideas with our other trust schools and help each other so that we will definitely succeed together and make Highters Heath a school that we can be proud of. As always if you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office using the enquiry email.

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

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Aulton

### Pupil Parliament Assembly

On Wednesday our Pupil Parliament members delivered an excellent assembly all about 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'. The assembly focused on how these can help us all improve our mood and have a positive impact on our mental health. The parliament members set the children and staff challenges to complete linked to the five areas. Well done everyone!

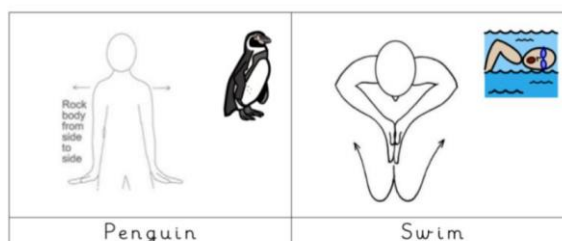
### Mini First Aid

Congratulations this week go to Year 3 and Year 5 for completing their Mini First Aid Course. They learnt how to dress wounds and use bandages and slings. They also learnt about CPR and how to treat burns. All the children received a certificate and booklet at the end of the session too! The session was extremely informative, and we thank Kate from Mini First Aid for being a great first aid trainer.

### Makaton News

Did you know that the 20th of January is National Penguin Day? We love penguins for lots of reasons: they walk around in tuxedos, they have a cute waddle, and they are unique! Can you learn the signs for penguin and swim?

Makaton signs of the week.



## Spotlight on attendance

A number of our pupils did not return to school on the first day of term after the Christmas holidays as they were out of the country.

There are many reasons why parents take their children out of school during term time, but it is important to note that schools are not allowed to authorise term-time absences except in exceptional circumstances.

If you do decide to take your child out of school for a holiday or for travel during term-time, it is highly likely each parent will receive an £80 fine for each of their children from the local authority. This means that 2 parents with 3 children who take their children out of school during term time will each receive a £240 fine - a total fine of £480 for the family!

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	Mila and Winner
Year 1	Amelia and Winner
Year 2	Mumin and Ezekiah
Year 3	Sara and Balaaj
Year 4	Carter and Phoebe
Year 5	Lexie and Charlie
Year 6	Stanley and Noor

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

### Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Maha
Year 1	Beatrice
Year 2	Ezekiah
Year 3	Isla
Year 4	Hiba
Year 5	Haseeb
Year 6	Taylor

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...

<b>Apollo</b>	<b>Mercury</b>	<b>Neptune</b>	<b>Pegasus</b>
4705	4931	4851	4956

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	90.5%
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	88.9%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	94.2%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>98.1%</b>
Whole School	94.4%

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