

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

Friday 17th May 2024

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May -  
school closes at the  
normal time of  
3.15pm**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June –  
School reopens at  
the normal time of  
8.45am**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June –  
Year 5 visit to the  
Space Centre**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June -  
19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4  
Swimming**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
– Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June –  
Year 6 Residential to  
Beaudesert**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 4 visit to  
Kenilworth Castle**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June –  
Year 2 visit to Weston  
Super Mare**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June –  
Pupil Parliament visit  
to Heath Mount  
Primary School**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
– Visit to Birmingham**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June –  
Sports Day**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July –  
Speak Up, Speak Out  
final**

### Message from the Headteacher

I just wanted to say a huge well done to Year 6 this week. They have been amazing. Their dedication and commitment to their SAT's tests have been truly inspiring – seeing all of them accepting the challenge and trying their best has been the highlight of the week for us all. Well done Year 6 – great job!

May I also remind you we still have places for anyone who wants to join us for breakfast club. Please collect a form from the office.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.30pm there will be a meeting for parents whose children are going on the Year 6 Residential. This will be an opportunity to be given more information on the activities they will be taking part in and what they will need to take with them. There will also be time for you to ask any questions. You will receive a pack of information including

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)

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Aulton

### Pupil Parliament – Well Being Week

Next week is Well Being Week and our school Pupil Parliament have been working hard to create a fantastic week for the children. The week will look as follows:

Monday – Whole school assembly by the Pupil Parliament to introduce Well Being Week to everyone.

Tuesday – Pay it forward task – upload the challenges on #payitforwards on X

Wednesday - Get Active – the children will be asked to complete a task that enables them to get active during the day.

Thursday – Spot Kindness – teachers will have coloured stickers to reward children when they are seen showing kindness to others.

Friday – Wear it Happy – the children will be asked to donate 50p to wear something that makes them happy for the day.

Well done to the Pupil Parliament for organising this and to Mrs Hussein for helping them – it will be a fun week!

## Spotlight on Attendance

**Good Attendance means...**  
being in school at least 95% of the time, or 180 to 190 days



**WELL DONE**      **CONCERNED**      **SERIOUSLY WORRIED**

A good attendance gives you the best chance for success.      A poor attendance gives you less chance of success.      Very poor attendance has a serious impact and reduces life chances.

There are **365 days** in a calendar year. **175 days** are not spent in school.

**Did you know?**  
When children attend school they:

- Can achieve their potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

### HOME VISITS

Many of you will be aware that Mrs Lindsay often carries out home visits to families when children are absent from school. Parents often ask why we do this, especially if they have contacted us to give a reason for their child's absence. There are many reasons why we do this.

- An absence of 3 or more days
- Siblings off at the same time
- The weekend or a holiday starts the following day.
- Ongoing attendance concerns
- No contact from parents with a reason for absence

Please be reassured that home visits are always done with the best interests of your child in mind and to ensure all our pupils are safe and well.

As always if you have any worries or concerns about your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Lindsay

### Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Thomas and Arthur
Year 1	Ava and Harry
Year 2	Esther and Elsie
Year 3	Ibrahim and Maryam
Year 4	Macey and Winner
Year 5	Ethan and Alex
Year 6	Ali 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> 7887	<b>Mercury</b> 8690	<b>Neptune</b> 7987	<b>Pegasus</b> 8072
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Well done to **Mercury** for achieving the most house points this week.

### Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Julia
Year 1	Ava
Year 2	Esther
Year 3	Aannah
Year 4	Alexandra
Year 5	Stanley
Year 6	Jessica

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	87.0%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	95.6%
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
Year 6	88.3%
Whole School	92.6%

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