

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 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**

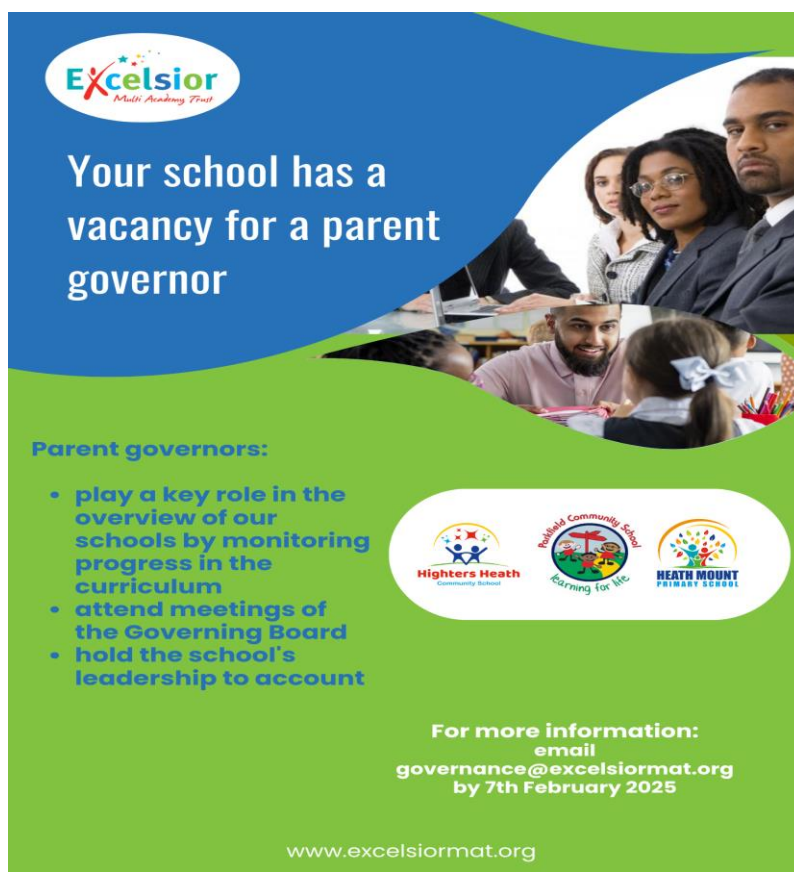
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 1 visit to the Nature Centre**

### Message from the Headteacher

Well done to our Pupil Parliament members who did an amazing job representing Highters Heath at Turves Green primary School on Monday. They presented their ideas brilliantly and are looking forward to their next visit to Colmers Farm in March.

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

### Parent Governor Vacancy



**Excelsior**  
Multi-Academy Trust

**Your school has a vacancy for a parent governor**

**Parent governors:**

- play a key role in the overview of our schools by monitoring progress in the curriculum
- attend meetings of the Governing Board
- hold the school's leadership to account

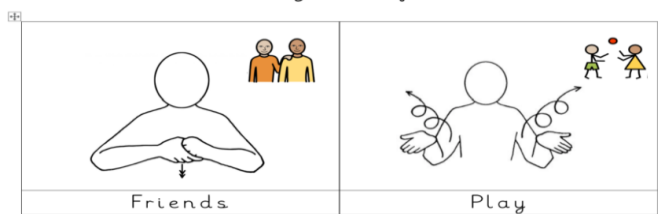
**For more information:**  
email [governance@excelsiormat.org](mailto:governance@excelsiormat.org)  
by 7th February 2025

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### Makaton News

Can you learn next week's signs for friend and play. What makes a good friend? What can you do to show that you are a good friend to others?

Makaton signs of the week.



## Spotlight on attendance



You may remember in last week's newsletter we shared details with you about term-time absences and the fines parents are likely to receive if they do choose to take their child out of school during term time. These fines are paid to the local authority and school do not receive any of the money. If the fine is not paid the local authority will take the case to court and parents may end up being fined up to £1000 as well as court costs.

We are duty bound to refer all absences of this nature to the local authority. We are also duty bound to share with parents the outcomes of any court cases for term-time absences. We have received notification this week that a parent who took their child on holiday in last year and did not pay the subsequent fine now has a total fine of £741.

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 Alayna
Year 1	Rehan and Shiza
Year 2	Scarlett and Salah
Year 3	Omar and Elsie
Year 4	Romola and Maliyah
Year 5	Lydia and Winner
Year 6	Eman 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>
5400	5487	5396	5366

Well done to **Mercury** 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	94.0%
Year 1	93.8%
Year 2	88.2%
Year 3	95.7%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6	94.7%
Whole School	94.9%

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	Muawiya
Year 1	Winner
Year 2	Winner
Year 3	Abigael
Year 4	Julia
Year 5	Pareeha
Year 6	Harley

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

