

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2025

Dates for your Diary

**Monday 3rd March -
Pupil Parliament visit
to Colmers Farm
Primary School**

**Friday 7th March –
World Book Day
competition**

**Wednesday 12th
March - Year 3 visit to
Synagogue**

**Thursday 20th March -
Year 5 visit to the
Thinktank Museum**

**Friday 21st March –
Comic Relief – Wear
something funny for
money**

**Thursday 3rd April –
Reception visit to
Attwell Farm**

**Monday 7th April –
Pupil Parliament visit
to Parkfield
Community School**

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

**Monday 28th April –
School reopens for
pupils at 8.45am**

**Wednesday 21st May
– Year 5 visit to Selly
Manor**

**Friday 23rd May –
School closes**

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely half term break. It is lovely to see all the children back and settling into their learning so quickly.

If I could remind you that children must be wearing the correct uniform to school each day. We also have many jumpers that have made their way to lost property without any names on them. If your child has lost any items please contact the school office. There are also some children who are forgetting to bring their PE kit into school. Please could you make sure they have their PE kit in school on their PE days. They can also bring it into school and leave here until half term if they wish.

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

enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

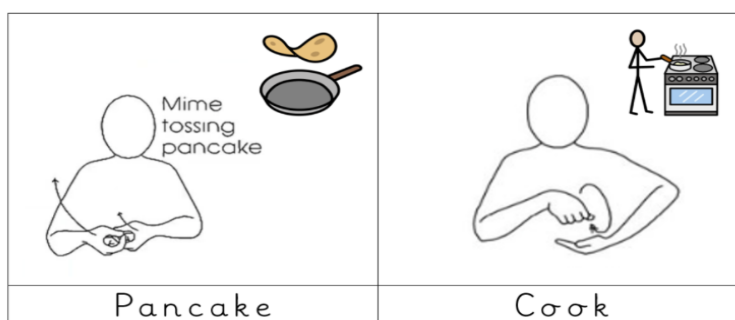
Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Aulton

Events this half term

This half term we have a number of events for your children to be involved in. World Book Day on Friday 7th March involves dressing a potato in Reception, Year 1 and 2, and in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will need a two pence coin to display their miniature book design. Of course, as always there will be prizes for the winners of each competition. On Friday 21st March we will also celebrate Comic Relief with our annual 'Wear something funny for money' event. The children will be able to dress up in something funny for the day with a small donation to Comic Relief. Again, this will not be a non-uniform day but a day to raise money for this very important charity in a fun way. Look out for further details of these events in the next few weeks.

Makaton News

Next week it is Pancake Day. Can you learn the signs for pancake and cook? Put them together to show how to sign 'I can cook a pancake.' What toppings will you put on your pancakes?



Spotlight on Attendance

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR
5 MINUTES
late each day
= **3** days off
in total

Punctuality is an important part of attendance, and we would like to thank all those families who ensure their children arrive to school on time every day.

Being late to school can really impact on your child and set them up for a difficult day. Children tell us that if they are late to school, they can feel embarrassed, rushed, disorganised, unsure what to do as they have missed part of the teaching, isolated and even angry.

So, remember it is not just important for your child's education that they arrive to school on time, but also for their emotional well-being.

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	Aurora and Ahmed
Year 1	Julia and Rehan
Year 2	Ava and Mumin
Year 3	Isla and Kayden
Year 4	Rose and Romola
Year 5	Harry and Amelia-Rose
Year 6	Eleanor and Harrison

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Winner
Year 1	Luca
Year 2	Salah
Year 3	Huzaifa
Year 4	Adharshna
Year 5	Ava-Rose
Year 6	Saba

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 7107	Mercury 7222	Neptune 7119	Pegasus 7193
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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	95.5%
Year 1	94.4%
Year 2	92.6%
Year 3	96.8%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	96.2%
Whole School	95.6%

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