

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2024

Dates for your Diary

**Monday 8th July -
19th July – Year 4
Swimming**

**Thursday 11th July –
Excelsior Olympics
am only**

**Thursday 11th July –
Rock It workshops –
Years 4 and 5**

**Friday 12th July –
Summer Fayre**

**Friday 12th July –
Reports to parents**

**Tuesday 16th July –
Reception picnic on
the field**

**Wednesday 17th July
– Optional Parents
Evening**

**Friday 19th July –
school closes to
children for the
summer holidays**

**Monday 22nd July –
Teacher Training Day**

**Monday 2nd and
Tuesday 3rd
September – Teacher
Training Days**

**Wednesday 4th
September – Children
return to school at
the normal time of
8.45am**

Message from the Headteacher

I am really pleased that Year 6 had a lovely day at their secondary schools on Wednesday. How time flies! Of course, it meant that the children in school also had time to meet their new teacher for the afternoon too! I would like to officially welcome Mrs Jones who will be teaching Year 6 next year. Mrs Jones will be our new Assistant Headteacher who will be leading on English and PD as well as overseeing Years 4, 5 and 6. We will also be welcoming Mrs Cooke back from maternity leave who will be joining us in the last week of this term. Unfortunately, we also have to say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Towner who is moving to pastures new. Thank you for all our hard work and commitment – we wish you all the very best for the future.

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

Some of our learning this week

Reception have been enjoying listening to stories about jungle animals and singing jungle songs this week. We thought about what it might be like in the jungle and have been writing about the different animals we might find and describing these.

Year 1 have written their first original story after using the model text "The Big Dreaming" in our English lessons. They were creative, thoughtful and interesting to read, and Year 1 were incredibly eager to write their own stories. We are so proud!

Year 2 have had fun this week making our own sandwiches in our Design and Technology lessons. They're all very excited to use the experience to write our own set of instructions on how to make our sandwiches next week.

Year 3 have had a lovely time during their MPCT lessons this week. They are demonstrating great resilience and teamwork in the work they have been doing and will be inviting parents into school to see their drill and parade skills before the end of term.

Year 4 have produced some excellent persuasive letters this week and have worked really hard on their handwriting and presentation.

In art lessons this week, Year 5 have used the Greek Gods and Goddess names and knowledge about their powers to complete their typography drawings in art.

Year 6 have been very busy planning and rehearsing an exciting Leaver's Assembly, which we will be performing in a couple of weeks. Besides that, we are still busy with all our learning, we are about to start writing persuasive letters to Mrs Aulton. Next week, we'll be beginning our artwork, creating self-portraits.

Spotlight on Attendance

We have started to have leave in term time request forms come in from families for holidays at the end of this term, but also for the beginning of the new school year in September. Please remember that taking your children out of school for a holiday is not permitted and the absence will be unauthorised.

We also have an obligation to notify the local authority of any leave in term time taken by families and from August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

Money raised via fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. It does not go to the school. Any extra money is returned to the government.

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

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Shiza and Amelia
Year 1	Kayla and Khizar
Year 2	Evie-Leigh and Dolcie
Year 3	Phoebe and Romola
Year 4	Haseeb and Mishaal
Year 5	Safina and Winner
Year 6	Kyle and Anaiya

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Charif
Year 1	Eriife
Year 2	Lamar
Year 3	Aamina
Year 4	Jack
Year 5	Stanley
Year 6	Finley W

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	Mercury	Neptune	Pegasus
9939	10025	10035	9663

Well done to **Neptune** 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	83.5%
Year 1	94.6%
Year 2	95.4%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	92.7%
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.