

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024

Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 10th
December – Year 3
Ancient Egyptian
Workshop**

**Friday 13th December
– Christmas Lunch**

**Friday 13th December
– Christmas Jumper
Day**

**Twinkly Nativity
Performance –
Reception, Years 1
and 2 – Monday 16th
December at 2.15pm
and Tuesday 17th
December at 9.15am**

**Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Christmas Concert -
Tuesday 17th
December 2.30pm and
Wednesday 18th
December at 9.15am**

**Wednesday 18th
December – Christmas
Fayre at 2.00pm –
4.00pm**

**Thursday 19th
December – Year 4
visit to the theatre**

**Friday 20th December
– school closes for the
Christmas holidays at
the normal time of
3.15pm**

**Monday 6th January –
Teacher Training Day**

**Tuesday 7th January –
school open to pupils**

Message from the Headteacher

As Christmas week is fast approaching, we have sent out various emails to let you know the days and times of our Christmas performances and our charity Christmas Fayre. The charities that we will be supporting this year will be:

Reception - Marie Curie	Year 1 - Wythall Animal Sanctuary
Year 2 - Macmillan Cancer Support	Year 3 - Make a Wish
Year 4 - Hollytrees Animal Sanctuary	Year 5 - Tommy's Baby Charity
Year 6 - Birmingham Children's Hospital	

Last year we raised £1000 which was split between the different charities. We hope to raise even more this year and would really appreciate any donations for our teddy and tombola stalls and also our Christmas Hamper raffle.

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

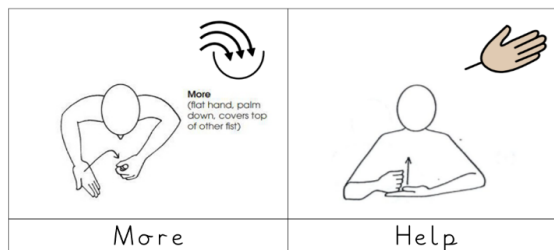
Tree Planting - Daisy Park Farm



On Wednesday, a group of Year 5 pupils went to Daisy Park Farm to plant some new trees. All the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt the importance of planting new trees to protect our environment. They even named each tree after their own name and will be able to visit their trees with their families if they wish too. Well done everyone!

Makaton News

Makaton signs of the week.



We are delighted at how well the children have been learning our Makaton signs and how they love to keep asking us what different things are in Makaton. We have had to have more help in finding out what some of these are! Enjoy learning 'more' and 'help' this weekend and don't forget to ask us what sign you would like to learn.

Spotlight on attendance



Well done to all the children and families who have made a concerted effort with attendance this week resulting in whole school attendance of 97.2%! This is the highest weekly attendance we have had for some time and pushes us well over the national average for the week. However, we remain well below the national average for the year so far, and as a result are working extra hard to try and improve this. You will all receive a separate letter about attendance over the next few days and for those parents with children who have attendance below 96% you will also receive your child's attendance certificate for the year so far. This will show you the number of absences your child has had this year and their current percentage attendance.

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	Annabelle and Muawiya
Year 1	Roxanne and Thilak
Year 2	Ava and Keira
Year 3	Mukkabir and Dolcie
Year 4	Sana and Aamnah
Year 5	Lexi and Jack
Year 6	Taylor and Winner

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Aurora
Year 1	Arthur
Year 2	Mumin
Year 3	Esme
Year 4	Harper
Year 5	Finn
Year 6	Aaliyah

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
3685	3799	3308	3935

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	94.3%
Year 1	99.1%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 6	96.2%
Whole School	96.8%

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