

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
September - Year 4  
Romans Workshop**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>  
October – Year 3 visit  
to the Botanical  
Gardens**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>  
October – Year 2 visit  
to Coventry  
Transport Museum**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
October – Year 6 visit  
to Avoncroft Museum**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October –  
Schools closes for  
half term at the  
normal time of  
3.15pm**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
– Teacher Training  
Day**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
November – School  
opens at the normal  
time of 8.45am**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
November – Year 5  
visit to the Mosque**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>  
November – Year 6  
World War Two  
Workshop**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
December – Year 6  
visit to Birmingham  
Cathedral**

### Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back and happy September! I hope you have had a lovely summer break and enjoyed your time together as a family. I have to say we have had a brilliant start to the new academic year! The children look incredibly smart and have settled into their new classes extremely well. This year we have already planned many visits and educational experiences and will be continuing our handwriting awards too. We will also be enhancing our maths teaching by introducing our new maths scheme – Maths No Problem – over the next few weeks.

We will also be continuing with our parent workshops and events and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in our bid to work together with you to support your children's learning.

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

### Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Jones Assistant Headteacher who has joined us from Turves Green Primary School. Mrs Jones is our new Year 6 teacher and will be leading English and Personal Development as part of her role. Mrs Cooke has returned from maternity leave and is teaching in Year 2 this year. We also have Mr Moffatt who will be joining us for two or three days a week as Assistant Headteacher. We are extremely pleased to have them join (or rejoin) our wonderful staff team and are looking forward to working with them in the next phase of our school improvement journey.

### Ongoing Building Work

Over the summer the contractors have been busy completing the ongoing building work around the school. We have had many of the rooms recarpeted at the front of the school, the main school office has been painted and new furniture has been installed, the heating system is now up and running with new radiators and boilers and of course the work on the pitched roof continues and is due to finish by the end of September. It has been lovely to see the school change and develop over the last year and it certainly makes a huge difference to the working environment for the children which they thoroughly deserve.

## Spotlight on attendance



Well done to Year 3 who have achieved 100% attendance for their time in school this week!

Let's hope we can get more classes achieving this more frequently this year to raise our overall attendance figures.

You should have received a whole school attendance update letter by email yesterday. This is sent to parents of all schools in Birmingham to inform them of what Birmingham is doing to improve attendance. It is also to remind parents of the importance of attendance and their legal responsibilities in relation to sending their child to school. Please contact the school office if you have not received this email.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child's attendance, please see Mrs Lindsay.

### Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Yaqub and Annabelle
Year 1	Arthur and Julia
Year 2	Keira and Winner
Year 3	Abigael and Haaris
Year 4	Evie-Jae and Mohammed G
Year 5	Jack and Macey
Year 6	Renayah and Marcus

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> 118	<b>Mercury</b> 112	<b>Neptune</b> 108	<b>Pegasus</b> 108
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Well done to **Apollo** 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	97.3%
Year 1	92.9%
Year 2	83.3%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>100%</b>
Year 4	83.3%
Year 5	83.7%
Year 6	98.0%
Whole School	91.2%

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

### Safeguarding

**Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?**

**The DSL's at Highters Heath are:**

**Mrs Aulton, Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Delves**

Contact:

[safeguarding@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org](mailto:safeguarding@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org)

Alternatively contact Birmingham City Council Children's Trust on  
0121 303 1888