

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024

Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 14th
November – Children
in Need – more
information to follow**

**Friday 15th November
– School
Photographs**

**Monday 18th
November – Pupil
Parliament at Highter
Heath**

**Tuesday 19th
November – Year 6
visit to Avoncroft**

**Wednesday 20th and
Thursday 21st
November –
Scholastic Book Fair**

**Monday 25th
November – Year 6
World War Two
Workshop**

**Friday 6th December –
Christmas Lunch**

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

**Monday 16th
December –
Christmas
performances and
Christmas Fair –
more details to follow**

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

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely half term break. This week has flown by I have to say. The children have settled back really quickly and there has been plenty of lovely learning taking place. This half term we will also be celebrating Children in Need by wearing something spotty, and Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December. We hope you will join us in raising as much money as possible for these amazing charities.

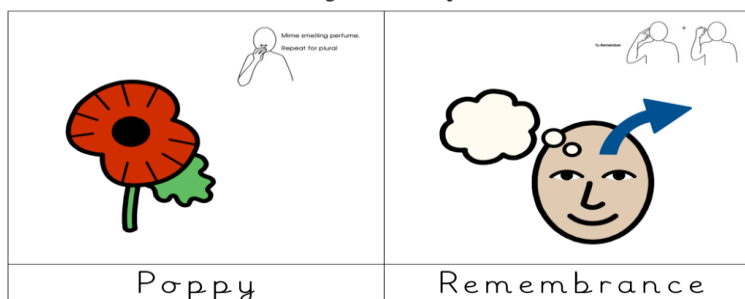
As always if you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office using the enquiry email.

enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Aulton

Makaton

Makaton signs of the week.



As a school, we have been learning to use Makaton signs. Makaton is a language programme that combines signs, symbols and speech to give different options for people to communicate. It is designed to support the development of spoken language, as using signs can help people who have no speech or whose speech is unclear. Every week we will learn different signs, and these will feature on our newsletter. Ask your child what signs we have been learning every week to see if they can remember them. Here are the signs and symbols for next week.

Year 5 visit to the Mosque



On the 7th November Year 5 went on their visit to the Birmingham Central Mosque. The children were shown around the Mosque where they learnt about the history of the mosque and the Islamic faith. The children could choose if they wanted to take part in performing the WADU and the prayer jesters. They had a fantastic morning, and all children showed a fantastic respectful attitude. They all received amazing feedback from the tour guide who said how well behaved and well-mannered the children were and all the staff that went with them couldn't have agreed more.

Spotlight on attendance



Congratulations to all the children who have managed 100% attendance on the first week back after the half term holiday – 91% of our pupils have achieved that this week!

However, despite this fantastic achievement, our overall attendance remains at 91% - still well below our target of 96%.

We have only had one class achieve 100% on one occasion this term and we would love for more classes to achieve this more regularly.

Let's see if we can have some classes achieving 100% next week!

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	Amir and Aurora
Year 1	Peyton and Albert
Year 2	Harry and Winner
Year 3	Dolcie and Eden
Year 4	Carter and Aamina
Year 5	Monder and Winner
Year 6	Eman and Harrison

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

House Points

Well done to everyone receiving house points this week. The winners are...

Apollo	Mercury	Neptune	Pegasus
2412	2515	1992	2546

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	95.5%
Year 1	87.2%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	92.0%
Year 4	88.9%
Year 5	96.2%
Year 6	90.4%
Whole School	91.7%

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	Lillie
Year 1	Haris
Year 2	Kaloom
Year 3	Oli
Year 4	Pippa
Year 5	Adam
Year 6	Thomas

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

