

Highters Heath Community School

Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025

Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 16th
January – Year 3 and
Year 5 Mini First Aid**

**Monday 20th January
– Pupil Parliament
visit to Turves Green
Primary School**

**Friday 14th February –
School closes for
pupils at the normal
time of 3.15pm.**

**Monday 24th February
– Teacher Training
Day**

**Tuesday 25th
February – School
reopens to pupils at
the normal time of
8.45am**

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

**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**

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely, restful break over the holiday. We have had a great week, and the children have settled back into their learning very quickly. Just a reminder - we still have places for our free breakfast club too which starts at 7.45am. If you would like your child to attend, please inform the school office.

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

OPAL

Our OPAL provision at school continues to grow and the children continue to amaze us with their creativity and imagination in their play. Unfortunately, many of the items that we use have a shelf life and we need regular replacement of items for the children to use to play with. We desperately need board games and puzzles for our indoor fun club but would also appreciate any of the following items for our outside play.

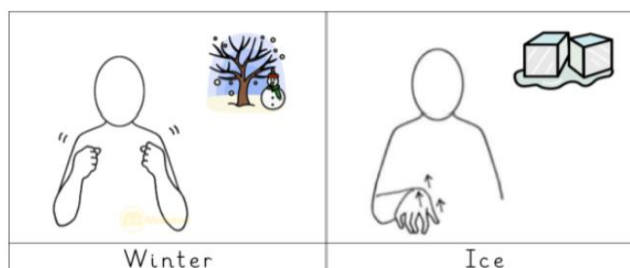
- Garden spades, trowels, gloves and any other gardening equipment (not forks)
- Wellies or waterproof clothing that your children have outgrown
- Musical instrument toys
- Dolls/pushchairs
- Old electronics such as keyboards, headphones, phones

I'm sure many of your children will have had an influx of new toys for Christmas and ask that if you have anything that is no longer wanted or used then please donate it to us. It would be very much appreciated!

Makaton News

This weather has certainly got us all talking this week, winter is most definitely here, and the ice just has not melted. Can you learn the signs for winter and ice? Let's hope it might be a little warmer next week.

Makaton signs of the week.



Spotlight on attendance

A big 'thank you' to all of the parents who are working with us to improve our attendance. We made some good improvements at the end of last term, but unfortunately our attendance for this week is only 91.9%. If your child has a cough or a cold, we still expect your child to be attending school. When dropping off your child, please inform a member of staff in the playground of your worries. Please be assured, staff will look after your child and will contact parents if they are concerned in anyway. Remember our handy traffic light guide to help you decide whether to send your child to school or not.

RED - STAY AT HOME Sickness and diarrhoea - 24 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode.

AMBER - SEEK ADVICE Headache, feeling sick, tummy ache. Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, so if in doubt contact the school for advice, and if appropriate a dose of liquid paracetamol or ibuprofen before school may be all they need to help them feel well enough to attend.

GREEN - COME TO SCHOOL Mild cough, cold, sore throat, feeling tired. We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.

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	Mikha and Khalid
Year 1	Luca and Delilah
Year 2	Kalsoom and Ava
Year 3	Demi and Ezra
Year 4	Kaitlyn and Maryam
Year 5	Jack and Monder
Year 6	Ruby and Taylor

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Winner
Year 1	Shiza
Year 2	Harry
Year 3	Demi
Year 4	Romola
Year 5	Aghna
Year 6	Eleanor

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
4444	4773	4459	4774

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	84.8%
Year 1	90.2%
Year 2	89.5%
Year 3	87.8%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	97.8%
Whole School	91.8%

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