

# Highters Heath Community School

## Newsletter

**Friday 29th November 2024**

### Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
December – Tree  
Planting – Daisy Park  
Farm – Pupil  
Parliament**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
– Christmas Lunch**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
– Christmas Jumper  
Day**

**Week beginning  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
December –  
Christmas  
performances and  
Christmas Fair –  
more details to follow**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
December – Year 4  
visit to the theatre**

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

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January –  
Teacher Training Day**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
– School open to  
pupils at the normal  
time of 8.45am**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January  
- Pupil Parliament  
visit to Turves Green  
Primary School**

### Message from the Headteacher

This week we were joined by Mr Smart Deputy CEO / Executive Headteacher, Mr King Executive Headteacher and Ms Arrowsmith Headteacher of Green Meadow Primary School. They spent the day speaking to parents, staff and children, observing lessons and looking at books. They had a wonderful day and were very impressed with what they saw and heard. The children were a delight too! Well done everyone – a really positive day!

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

### Year 6 World War Two Workshop



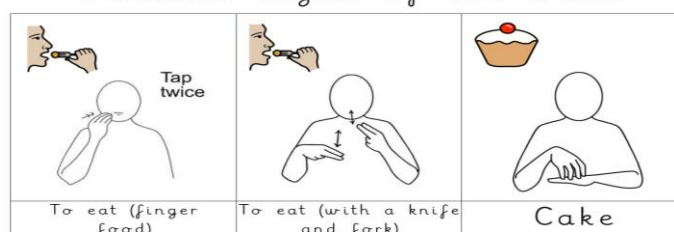
Year 6 had an amazing time during our World War Two workshop on Monday. We found out more about the significant leaders involved during the war and the impact the war had on people living in Britain. We looked at historical artefacts and discussed how and why they were used. We learnt how to use secret codes to send messages and participated in a 1940's military workout. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Well done Year 6!

### Scholastic Book Fair

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who purchased books and stationery from the book fair this week. In total we made £580. As a result, the school received £232 commission which will be used to purchase books to support and develop a love of reading in school.

### Makaton

Makaton signs of the week.



We all love a bit of cake. Can you learn the signs for eat and cake? See if you can learn both signs for eat. Which one would you use to show eating a cake?

## Spotlight on attendance



Well done to Years 4, 5 and 6 who have all achieved over 95% attendance this week. However, the other classes have not done so well, bringing our overall attendance for the week down to a worrying 88.6%.

Whilst we know chickenpox has been affecting the other classes, there are also other absences that could have been avoided. We have had a number of children off absent with coughs and colds in the last couple of weeks and unless they are ill alongside the other symptoms of a cold, they should be in school. Attendance at school is so important for children for so many reasons, so please make sure your child is in school every day they possibly can.

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	Maha and Winner
Year 1	Zaina and Setayesh
Year 2	Harry and Muddabir
Year 3	Haaris and Isla
Year 4	Jacob and Adharshna
Year 5	Archie and Chanel
Year 6	Aaliyah and Stanley

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> 3339	<b>Mercury</b> 3434	<b>Neptune</b> 2938	<b>Pegasus</b> 3555
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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	90.0%
Year 1	80.7%
Year 2	79.6%
Year 3	82.0%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	95.2%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>96.7%</b>
Whole School	88.6%

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	Winner
Year 1	Roxanne
Year 2	Winner
Year 3	Jacob
Year 4	Carter
Year 5	Alexis
Year 6	Ethan

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

