

Highters Heath Newsletter

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Dear Parents

As we approach the end of a very strange and disruptive year, I would like to remind you about a few dates to remember;

- 1st July (today) you should have received your child's annual report.
- Week commencing Monday 5th July, parent consultation week. Please see the letter that came with the annual report for more details.
- Monday 5th – Friday 16th July, Year 4 Swimming lessons
- Tuesday 6th July, Year 6 Drayton Manor visit
- Monday 19th July, Year 6 Leavers Disco 6-8pm
- Wednesday 21st July, school closes at 1pm for the summer holidays.

Sports Day 2021

Key stage 1 sports day is on Tuesday 13th July, and key stage 2 sports day is on Wednesday 14th July. Can you please ensure that children come to

school on those days in their PE kits, Thank you. I am so sorry to confirm that parents will not be able to attend sports day this year, due to Covid. However, we will take lots of photos and share them on social media for you to see. Hopefully next year will see us getting back to normal.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Again, sadly, we are unable to invite parents in for the usual end of year performance (and we all know why!!!). However, year 6 are working on a scaled down version of this with some memories and songs to share. We will put these on DVDs for you all, and ensure you receive them before the end of term.

Door Entry System

You may have noticed that we have a new door entry system as you come into the front foyer. Children who are late in the morning, or leave early in the afternoon for any reason, now need to sign in or out using this system, and this will generate a slip that they take to their class. This is much more effective in terms of safeguarding. Can I ask that if your child arrives late in the morning, that you escort them into the building so that you can help them to sign in please. Thank you.

Website

If you haven't done so already, please check out our new school website. We are very proud of its new, clean and modern look. Thank you to all who have commented back about it, we appreciate your feedback.

School Uniform

Please be aware that **nail varnish and jewellery should not be worn to school**, your child will be asked to remove it with nail varnish remover should they come to school with it on and earrings should be small studs only, please do not send your child to school in hooped earrings. School shoes should be black, and not have any 'labels' on them.

Parking

As always can we ask that all parents park in a safe and appropriate way to enable everyone safe entry and exit from School and the Nursery. Also, if you are blocked in by another parent, this will be for a very brief few minutes while they drop their children off. Please be patient. Thank you.

Dinner / Trip Money

Please remember that dinner money should be paid to the office in advance and that accounts should be kept in credit. Anyone falling more than a week behind will be asked to send in a lunch from home.

There is a black post box on the wall in our Reception for safe deposits of envelopes, please ensure they are clearly marked with your child's name and class.

ATTENDANCE

Best

Year 3	92.9
Year Rec	91.7
Year 5	91.4
Year 4	89.3
Year 1	80.9
Year 2	80.4
Year 6	79.6

Well done to year 3 for the best attendance.

Lates since 21st May

Most

Year 4	117
Year 2	101
Year 5	79
Year 6	73
Year 3	67
Year Rec	61
Year 1	37

Well done to year 1 for having the least late marks.

Finally, once again, I would like to thank you all for your kindness and patience as we continue to work as safely as we can through this pandemic. Currently, infection rates are very high locally and we are needing to send larger numbers of children home for tests or to isolate due to contacts. This is very frustrating for everyone, but please remember that if we ask you to come and collect your child, it will be for very good reason. We are very proud of the fact that we have still closed no class bubbles at all since the very start of this pandemic, and I don't know of any other schools who can say that. I would love this to still be the case when we get to the end of term.

So please, keep on with your social distancing (and forgive us if we remind you!), and be careful who you allow yourself to have close contact with. This will help every one of us in the Highters Heath School community to stay safe and Covid free!!

We still have no idea what September will look like in terms of start times and bubbles etc. However, as soon as we are able, we will let you know. We have 2 teacher training days when we come back, so even if the news comes in late (as is common nowadays), we will be able to share the information before the children come back.

That's about it for now, so many thanks for all you do. I will be in touch again at the end of term, hopefully to give details about the September arrangements.

Kind regards always

Brian Doherty