

Highters Heath Newsletter

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Hi everyone, and welcome to the end of our first 'normal' half term in a long while.

Everything seems to have gone well, with very few Covid-19 alarms in school, and where anything was suspected, families taking a really sensible approach to dealing with them. Moving forward, if you have concerns with this, please give us a call and we will be able to advise you on next steps.

For me, the highlight of this half term has been the Parent's Evening. It has been two years since we had our last one, and it was so lovely to see so many of our families once again in school. It was great to get such positive feedback from everyone, especially from our Reception and Year 1 parents, most of whom who have had very little or no opportunity to come inside the building and see a little more of what we are about here at HH.

We would like to wish Mrs Cooke the very best of luck as she leaves to take her maternity leave, we look forward to seeing her and her new addition very soon.

I wish you all a very happy, restful and safe half term, and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 1st November.

Kindest Regards

Brian Doherty

Morning Messages

Please could we ask that you speak to the member of staff in the playground with any messages regarding your child. This will allow the member of staff on the door to focus on welcoming the children into school. Many Thanks

Pupil Collection

It is very important that if you are sending someone else to pick up your child from school that you inform us beforehand and that their name is added to your pupil collection sheet in the school office. Thank you

Harvest Festival

Once again we will be accepting donations for the Harvest Festival from Monday 1st November, we would be grateful of tinned or packet food but nothing fresh please.

Our Harvest Festival assembly for pupils will be held on Thursday 4th November when donations will be collected by Birmingham City Mission.

Children in Need

We will once again be supporting Children in Need on Friday 19th November, all children are welcomed to come to school wearing something Spotty in addition to their usual school uniform and a suggested donation of £1 per child. Thank you

Bonfire Lunch

To celebrate Bonfire night, on Wednesday 3rd November we will be having a special lunch in school, we will be serving Hotdogs, Quorn Sausage, diced potatoes and baked beans, With an exploding bonfire dessert! If your child does not usually have a school meal but would like one on this day, please let the office know as soon as possible.



Parliament Week

We will be taking part in Parliament Week with a number of activities in school, if you would like to take a look at the activities there are plenty to get involved with by visiting <https://www.ukparliamentweek.org/en/>

Caring Parents

Our Caring Parents group will now once again be meeting in the community room on a Friday morning from 9am, if you feel you could spare an hour or so to help organise things like the Christmas fete and other fund raising activities then please come along and join them.

School Uniform

Please be aware that nail varnish 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.

Earrings should be small studs only, please do not send your child to school in hooped earrings.

School shoes should always be black

We have had a new delivery of book bags; they are available to buy from the office for £9.50 each.

Natasha's Law

You may be aware that there has been a change in legislation regarding pre packed lunches including school packed lunches supplied to pupils when participating in trips.

Therefore, parents/carers will now be asked to choose from a menu that will be attached to every trip letter, please return this with the consent form at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip so that your child's lunch can be ordered from the school meal provider.

Dinner 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.

If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals, please complete the form on the website <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>. Or come to the school office.

Can we ask that if your child decides to change their meal pattern that you inform the office beforehand, our meals are ordered in so we need time to make the adjustments to our order.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 22nd October	Break up	Whole school
Monday 1st November	Return to school	Whole school
Wednesday 3rd November	Bonfire Lunch	Whole school
Thursday 4th November	Harvest Festival	Whole School
Tuesday 9th November	School Photographer	Whole school
Friday 19th November	Children in Need	Whole school
Wednesday 24th November	Old Rep visit	Year 4

ATTENDANCE

Best

Year 6	98.1%
Year 5	96.7
Year 3	95.9
Year 2	94.6
Year 4	93.4
Year 1	91.6
Rec	89.5

Well done to year 6 for the best attendance.

Lates since 21st September

Most

Year 2	22
Year 4	22
Year 3	19
Year 1	18
Rec	18
Year 5	17
Year 6	6

Well done to year 6 for having the least late marks.