

# Highters Heath Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the first newsletter in a very long time!!

Although we know the virus is still around, and we must be on our guard at all times, things are thankfully starting to feel like they are getting back to some kind of normality again. However, if you or anyone in your family tests positive for coronavirus within 2 days of the last contact with school, please email me on [b.doherty@hightersheath.co.uk](mailto:b.doherty@hightersheath.co.uk) so that I can do a track and trace on any possible contacts.

Educational visits and trips have started up again, and I have really enjoyed hearing the children talk excitedly about their days out at Mount Pleasant Farm and the Malvern Hills. The 'Dates for your Diary' section at the end of the newsletter will inform you of the other trips that are taking place this term.

Just a few word about trips. With the way things have been this past year, money has become incredibly tight in school. Our Caring Parents who have done a tremendous job raising money for school for a number of years now haven't been able to do their work, so income has dropped hugely. Therefore, it has become even more important now that families pay for the trips and visits that we go on. We only ever charge the amount that we are charged, and if we have a shortfall in money, this has to come from somewhere else, meaning that there will be something else we can't buy to benefit the children. So I ask you most

respectfully, to please pay the money requested, or come and talk to us about it so we can work out a solution.

We would like to say how very grateful we are to those parents who continue to send in regular school fund payments, your donations are much appreciated in these difficult financial times.

Look out for the brand new school website that will be launched in the next few weeks!

Please enjoy the rest of the newsletter, and have a fantastic half term break. School reopens as usual on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

If you need anything, you know where we are.

Brian Doherty

### **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 be black.



### **Book Bags**

We have had a new delivery of book bags; they are available to buy from the office for £8.95 each.

### **Parking**

As always can we asked that, all parents park in a safe and appropriate way to enable everyone safe entry and exit from School and the Nursery.

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.

# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	All pupils return to school
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 6 Swimming lessons
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 5 Think Tank visit
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 5 Botanical Gardens visit
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 2 Weston Visit
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photographer
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Olympic Athlete visit
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 4 Swimming lessons

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Yr 6 Drayton Manor visit

Annual school reports will be sent home on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July, we are hoping to be able to have Parents evening but we are still waiting for Government guidance, we will let you know as soon as we can.

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **Best**

Year 6	95.8%
Year 3	94.9%
Year 5	94.1%
Year 2	92.9%
Year 4	92.8%
Rec	91.5%
Year 1	89.9%

Well done to year 6 for the best attendance.

## **Lates since 8<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Most**

Year 4	40
Year 2	38
Year 3	24
Year 5	23
Rec	21
Year 6	13
Year 1	11

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