

# HICHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN 8TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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#### MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM Dear Parents and Carers,

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96.1% whole-school attendance again this week - that is a fantastic start to the year - a big thank you for your support!

We do fully understand though that there can be many barriers to good attendance. Whether this is issues with sleep, physical and health difficulties, friendships in school or problems around travelling to school, there is help and support at hand! Miss Francis and Mrs Powell form a key part of our pastoral offer to children and families; between them both, they have a wealth of knowledge and experience to help put things in place. This might be signposting to support from other professionals or supporting you to make changes at home or put other things into place at school. Please do drop-in to see them at school or contact them directly using their email addresses overleaf.

In assembly this morning, we talked about the pupil groups that children have the opportunity to be part of this year, whether that is School Council, Eco Council, being a Sports Ambassador, a Librarian or one of Mrs Cooper's Science Helpers. Pupil voice is incredibly important to us and helps us change and introduce new ideas and initiatives throughout the year. Please look out for these upcoming opportunities at the start of this year.

At the beginning of this year, we wanted to give you the opportunity before parents' evening to meet the staff working with your children in their new classes. On Monday 25th September straight after school, please come into classrooms and have a look through your child's schoolwork with them and talk to the new staff working with them. We hope this is a useful opportunity for everybody.

Attached are our diary dates for this term, please jot down any of note and upcoming events will be included on the weekly bulletin as reminders for the following week. Please note these may be subject to change. Mr Plim



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Jacob H

### UPCOMING EVENTS

19th September - KS2 X-Country - Idsall 26th September - KS2 X-Country - OWS 26th September - Reception Welcome Assembly 29th September - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 3rd October - KS2 X-Country - Idsall 4th October - Parent Partnership (3.30pm) 16th October - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Thurs – Choir Fri – Gardening club See the attached letter to book your child's place!

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 18th September Week I menu



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Our whole school attendance is 96.16% this week, which is in line with our target so well done! We would love to see this continue next week, so please continue to encourage children to come into school on time as this will help them to achieve their full potential.

There have been 14 late arrivals this week, 4 of which have been after the register closes (9am). 7 of the lates were on Monday morning, which we know is often the hardest day to wake up on time! A regular bedtime routine can help, attached is a template which you may find useful. Printed copies can be found in the lobby or laminated version available on request. We will start to send late texts again next week to parents of children arriving after 9am.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Clee	99.07%	Hazelwells	92.98%
Miners	95.83%	Ironbridge	96.67%
Arley	95.83%	Severn	97.94%
Netherton	94.84%	Hitchens	96.44%
Station	97.58%	Wrekin	94.02%



Clee's star this week- is Oscar Pallister. He has settled in so quickly and has been saying how much he enjoys school. Every time we come to the carpet, he sits beautifully and listens really well. He also tries his best with activity, even when he finds it tricky. Well done Oscar, keep it up!

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The star of the week for Arley Class is Alfie! Alfie has come back to school full of enthusiasm and is so keen to learn and add his ideas to our lessons. He always has his hand up to contribute. He has also blown us away with his maths work this week. Well done Alfie! Miners star of the week is Darcy. She has been adjusting so well to being in year one, showing great resilience as she tackles her work. We have been impressed by her contributions during carpet time, especially in English this week, where she came up with some really powerful adjectives to describe images of buildings. Well done Darcy, we are so excited to see how you are going to grow in confidence with your learning – keep up the good work!

Thomas is the star this week in Netherton! He has tried really hard with his writing this week which is something he finds challenging. He showed real resilience and persevered through and has created some lovely sentences! Well done Thomas, keep trying!

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Station's star of the week is Maggie. What a fantastic start to year 3! Maggie has been well organised with everything she needs for the school day, has settled straight into the Year 3 work and has been reading at home, which we know is going to help her make great progress this year. Well done Maggie and keep it up!

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We are so proud to be awarding Holly our certificate this week. She has come back to school with such a positive attitude. Her work in all lessons has been super, but her writing has been particularly wonderful; she has been extending her sentences with really interesting description. Holly has been helping the new children in Hazelwells settle in to the ways of our class and KS2.

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What a great start to year 4 Holly; you're a role model already!

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A big well done to Zac who is the star in Severn class this week! Keep up the good work Zac!

This week in Ironbridge, Miss Birch and Mrs Sherry both decided on the same person for Star of the week... Blake. This is because Blake has been working hard in Maths, has been using beautifully neat handwriting in English, trying hard in PE (he is a great shooter in Netball!), and has been helpful around the classroom. Not only has Blake worked hard on all these things, but he has also been using lovely manners since the start of term. His teachers are very proud of him. Keep up the good work Blake!

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Our star in Hitchens class this week is Sebastian who has amazed me with his hard-working attitude. He has been completing all work set to the best of his ability and is showing himself to be an excellent Year 6 role model. Well done Sebastian!

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Star of the week in Wrekin is Josie who has worked her socks off these last two weeks! She has shown a willingness to give everything a go and has frequently had her hand up in class to answer questions – even those more challenging ones! What a fantastic start she has made to Year 5!

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