



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

20TH OCTOBER 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 25th October - Halloween Disco
- 26th October - Reception Phonics Drop-In (8.50am)
- 27th October - PD Day (School Closed)
- 30th October - 3rd November - Half Term
- 6th November - Return to School
- 6th November - DT Week
- 10th November - Remembrance

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Friday - Gardening Club

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 23rd October

Week 2 Menu

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter @highley_school
Facebook @highleyprimary
Instagram @highleyschool
[School App](#)

MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear parents and carers,

Rain and Rock Stars...what a recipe for a fun day! Despite the weather being miserable, the children have absolutely loved being in costume and there has been an incredible maths 'buzz' around school!

At the Parent Council meeting earlier this month, we talked a great deal about how children are rewarded in school. In our Friday assembly, on social media and in the bulletin, the rewards you see are our 'stars of the week', our TTRS 'rocker of the week' plus attendance awards, raffle ticket winners and class attendance/punctuality. Some of you will have also received a recognition letter in the post at the end of the half term. We also hold an annual awards assembly recognising outstanding progress, attainment and talents.

However, I thought I would use the bulletin to explain some of the many other ways children are rewarded across school on a daily basis. Children can become a 'reading champion' just to show they have a love of reading, and every day children can earn 'team tokens' for their house team colour with the winning team receiving a 'team treat' at the end of each term. Every class in school also has a 'recognition board', a way of giving positive praise to children to recognise hard work, effort and focus on particular skills such as listening or good manners (this focus changes daily or weekly). Some classes call this an 'above and beyond' board and in Clee class, they call it the 'kindness tree'.

I also wanted to share some of the rewards class teachers give in their own classes. In Year 5 and 6, children have a punch card for reading daily with weekly prizes. Some classes also have a 'dip in' prize box which is for 'instant praise' or linked to team tokens. There are numerous rewards of whole-school jobs and responsibilities given to the children for those who consistently demonstrate our school values. In Hitchens, children are rewarded with time with the class guinea pigs (Lola and Dotty).

In Year 3 and 4, some rewards are linked to daily reading such as punch cards and prize boxes. Some classes use 'table points' to reward cooperation, for being on-task as a group and following instructions. In Ironbridge, the class has a 'WAM' (a woman or man of the day) for being great or doing a good job and like Hitchens, the class guinea pigs are also heavily involved! Some classes have rewards linked to specific lessons, such as 'Language Detectives' in Spanish which Station use every week. In Years 1 and 2, there are many ways children are rewarded for specific subject skills.

In Nethererton, they have a 'reading race' for reading at home where the children move up the ladder to earn team tokens. When they reach the top they have a hot chocolate with marshmallows! In Arley, a prize box for learning tricky words is in place and also pencil prizes for knowing number bonds. Arley also have 'super star learner' cards to recognise effort and working together and in Miners, children earn table points which are added up throughout the week for a table reward on a Friday. Finally, in Clee, they have a 'lucky dip' box for learning their phonics sounds or their tricky words.

I must also add that adults around school use positive praise constantly for recognising children's efforts - I hope this overview gives you a little 'flavour' of just how many things happen outside of our Friday celebration assemblies!

Please remember this weekend is the last opportunity to find a conker for my annual conker competition!

Have a great (and hopefully drier) weekend, Mr Plim

TTRS ROCK HEROES



Savannah



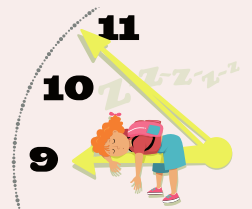
Ethan



Libby



Attendance



There has been a slight decline in attendance this week, with 13 late arrivals. With the weather beginning to change it is so important that children are sent into school wearing warm layers and with waterproof coats.

Please encourage children to try coming into school if they are feeling slightly unwell, we are always able to administer medicine or phone home if they become too unwell to attend.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Clee	88.44%	Hazelwells	89.35%
Miners	92.83%	Ironbridge	97.33%
Arley	96.30%	Severn	97.53%
Netherton	97.20%	Hitchens	89.66%
Station	99.03%	Wrekin	94.87%

RED = Under 90% 

AMBER = Under 96% 

GREEN = Above 96% 



HEROES



Station - Extra Play





HIGHLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



MR PLIM'S



CONKER



COMPETITION

Can you find the biggest conker in Highley?

Bring your conker into school, clearly



labelled with your name to enter!

Entries must be in by 23rd October!

There is a box of Lego up for grabs for

whoever finds the biggest conker!



Good
Luck!



Secondary Applications

Secondary Application Deadline - 31 October 2023

The closing date for secondary applications is 31 October 2023 which falls in the half-term holidays. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible but before the deadline date. This will ensure that if you encounter any problems, you can be supported/helped and to submit your application on time. There is no grace period for late applications.

The link for the website is - [Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council](#)

The School Admissions Team strongly encourage parents to name three preferences, particularly if you reside in the Shrewsbury area. Please see the Parents' Guide to Education in Shropshire Booklet for further information. The link to the document is [Parents' guide to education | Shropshire Council](#)

If you have already made an application and wish to add additional preferences please contact school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk



HALLOWEEN DISCO

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER

HIGHLEY SCHOOL HALL



BOO!

KEY STAGE 1 - 4.15PM - 5.15PM

KEY STAGE 2 - 5.30PM - 6.30PM

£2 ENTRY UNLIMITED SQUASH INCLUDED

PAY ON THE DOOR

SWEETS AND CRISPS WILL BE ON SALE

PRIZES FOR THE BEST FANCY DRESS



Halloween & Bonfire



**TRICK
OR
TREAT**

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging you and your family to stay safe this Bonfire Night and Halloween.

There are several ways you can ensure your family is safe while enjoying bonfires, fireworks and trick or treating.

We advise you to visit an organised event rather than having a bonfire or setting off fireworks yourselves, however if you do decide to celebrate at home please take a lot of our advice for safe handling of fireworks and bonfires here www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/campaign/bonfire-and-firework-safety.

We also work closely with other organisations to ensure you have the most up to date safety advice and information.

StayWise has some fantastic advice for Halloween and you can check out their top tips here [Halloween Safety Advice | StayWise](#)

If you're concerned about teaching your children the dangers of fireworks, or not sure what to do if your child suffers a burn or scolded, the Child Accident Protection Trust (CAPT) has some great advice and you can find a host of information on their website here.

Useful links-

[Burns first aid | Child Accident Prevention Trust \(capt.org.uk\)](http://www.capt.org.uk)

[Firework safety for children: Lessons for little ones \(capt.org.uk\)](http://www.capt.org.uk)

[Firework safety tips: How to have safe fireworks at home \(capt.org.uk\)](http://www.capt.org.uk)

[How to buy fireworks safely UK: A Fireworks buying guide \(capt.org.uk\)](http://www.capt.org.uk)





Stars of the Week

Miners

Clee

The star in Clee class this week is Adam. We have been very impressed with his reading and he is becoming very good at segmenting and blending words to read sentences. He practises a lot at home, which is brilliant.

Well done Adam, keep it up!

Miners Star this week is Aria. Aria has been so focused in class, producing some excellent written and number work this week – she even invented a new adjective in English, describing the three little pigs roof as ‘tilish’! On Wednesday Aria came into school with her own take on the story of the three little pigs. It is wonderful to see so much enthusiasm that inspires our children to carry on writing even when the school day is over. A fantastic and effort Aria, you should be very proud of yourself...do keep it up!

Arley

Netherton

The star of the week for Arley class is Sophie! So always puts in 100% effort at school and perseveres when she finds things a bit difficult. As a result, she is making brilliant progress in her reading and writing. Well done,

Sophie!

Eli is the star in Netherton this week! He always shows the school values every day! He always has a fantastic attitude to learning and tries hard in everything he does!

We are so proud, keep being you and working hard Eli!

Well done!

Station

Station's star of the week is JJ. We are so pleased with how well you've settled into Year 3 and are happy to see you grow in confidence. You've blown us away with your descriptive and persuasive writing this week and are trying really hard with your spellings. Well done JJ!



Stars of the Week

Hazelwells

Ironbridge

Our superstar this week is Jack R. He has settled so well into Year 3 and KS2. We are especially proud of his attitude to maths - he always tries his very best with his tasks and is becoming a more independent learner by using the equipment sensibly and asking when he needs to.

Jack is a real role model for Hazelwells!

In Ironbridge this week, we have decided that Riley deserves 'Star of the week'. This is for making great progress with his handwriting and phonics, doing his best to read more at home and making the new member of our class feel so welcome. Riley has also been a positive role model around school. We're very proud of you Riley!

Severn

Hitchens

The star for Severn this week is the wonderful Macey-Leigh for producing the best piece of writing Mrs Curtis has ever seen from her! You have come into Year 6 with a fantastic attitude to learning - you even smashed long division this week! Keep it up Macey, this is definitely going to be your best year yet!

Our star in Hitchens this week is Ivy who has really impressed us by doing some excellent writing throughout the term as well as working hard to master some tricky concepts in Maths and demonstrating a great amount of resilience. I have also been impressed at how you have worked hard to form good relationships with your classmates and resolve issues quickly. Well done Ivy!

Wrekin

Wrekin star of the week is Mikey. This week Mikey has taken on the responsibility of organising a rota of litter picking in the school grounds. Alongside his classmate, they have already managed to collect a bag full of litter after only two days! We are very proud of Mikey taking on the responsibility, on his own initiative, for keeping our school environment free of litter and we hope it encourages others to not litter in the first place! Thank-you, Mikey for being such a responsible member of our school community!

