



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

26TH OCTOBER 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 27th October - PD Day (School Closed)
- 30th October - 3rd November - Half Term
- 6th November - Return to School
- 6th November - Y5/6 Vaping Workshop
- 8th November - Outdoor Classroom Day
- 10th November - Remembrance
- 13th November - PTA Non-Uniform Day
- 13th - 17th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- 14th & 16th November - Y3/4 DT Workshops
- 17th November - Children In Need

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Wednesday - KS2 Dodgeball

Thursday - KS2 Writing Club

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 6th November

Week 1 Menu

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whenever I show prospective parents around school, I talk a lot about the school values of Respect, Resilience and positive Relationships. I also share with parents that our aim at Highley is for children to leave here having (1) an appreciation of where they come from and a knowledge and a respect for the history and significance of the village together with the rich opportunities of the surrounding area and (2) that they have the resilience to aspire to be the best versions of themselves and aim high for their lives beyond primary education.

That is part of the reason we have developed the 'Highley 100+' passport which is coming out to you today in electronic format by email. Children will be given a hard copy of this after half term that will stay in school for class teachers to update with the children. The 'passport' is full of over 100 exciting and entertaining 'things to do' at each stage of school - it has been put together by children and staff, and is split into 4 sections: Early Years, Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6), each with some suggested activities. Some are part of our curriculum and will be completed in school, and some are those you can do at home for little or no cost. We hope that the launch of the 'Highley 100+' offers lots of opportunities which sit outside of the subject-based curriculum and will help to contribute towards children's positive wellbeing.

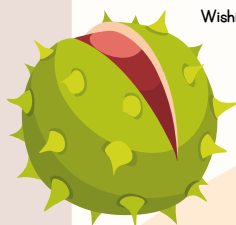
On the subject of positive wellbeing, I was INUNDATED with conker entries this year; over 150 children entered a conker and incredibly, the top 3 were not tied for the podium positions! Congratulations to JJ in 3rd, Camden in 2nd and Arthur in 1st place! A special mention to Jack in Hazelwells who sent in the smallest conker he could find. In celebration assembly, I shared that I spent 2-hours hunting for conkers on Sunday with my own daughter...and despite rooting around, we could not find anything as small as the perfectly-formed tiny conker that Jack handed in, so a special mention for him! I am glad that so many of you were able to get outside for an autumnal walk to collect conkers, one of my favourite things to do at this time of year.

The discos last night seemed hugely successful - judging by the temperature on the dance floor! Mrs Butler did take some lovely photos of children in costume which we will share (once we've established who is wearing which mask!). Thank you to everybody from the PTA who came into school to decorate the hall, run the disco, sell refreshments and tidy everything up afterwards. Thank you also to Mrs Halliwell, Miss Nixon and Mrs Butler for staying after school to ensure children were ticked in and handed over safely (and Miss Nixon additionally for leading the Cha-Cha Slide).

It has been a very long 8-week half term, children are exhausted and in need of a rest so that they can return ready for all of the festivities of next half term. We have lots of exciting things going on after half term and we are already looking forward to it! A huge thank you to staff for their hard-work and dedication.

Please remember tomorrow is a PD day and school is closed to children. Wishing you a restful and safe half term break, see you all on Monday 6th November,

Mr Plim



TTRS ROCK HEROES



Isabelle B



Allanah-Jane

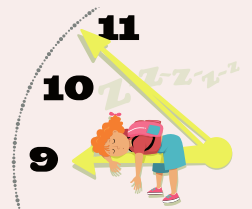


Liberty





Attendance



There has been 24 late arrivals recorded this week, 10 of which were from today.

Please ensure children arrive to school on time unless there is an exceptional circumstance. The gates are opened between 8.40am - 8.50am, children should all be in class for registration by this time. Any children arriving after 9am will be marked with a U code (late after registers). This disrupts their learning so please try to prevent this where possible.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Clee	88%	Hazelwells	94.08%
Miners	91%	Ironbridge	98.21%
Arley	<u>100%</u>	Severn	94.91%
Netherton	96.83%	Hitchens	91.83%
Station	98.91%	Wrekin	94.71%

RED = Under 90% 

AMBER = Under 96% 

GREEN = Above 96% 



HEROES

WooHoo!

No heroes this week!



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 & 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.

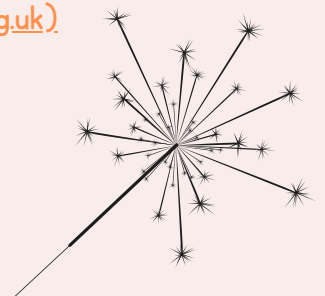
Useful links-

[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 Happy Harry! He is making fantastic progress in reading, has learned all of his first set of tricky words and always impresses me with his answers and explanations in lessons. He is also a lovely, enthusiastic, smiley member of our class. Well done Harry!

Arwen is the Star of Miners class this week. She has been really focusing on her work and making fantastic progress in her reading, as reading so much at home. She is always ready to help others and demonstrates the school values really well. Well done Arwen!

Arley

The star of the week for Arley Class is Mabel! Mabel is such a lovely, bubbly member of our class who always puts maximum effort into everything she does. She is making excellent progress in reading and maths due to her enthusiasm. Her favourite word to use this week is "inspiration". She finds this all around her in nature!

Netherton

Netherton star this week is Lola! She could be the star every week. She is always ready to learn, always smiling and always works her best in everything. She has had a great half a term! Well done Lola!

Station

Station's star of the week is Miya. Miya has particularly impressed us with her maths work this week. She is working hard to use her known number facts and place value knowledge to solve calculations and maths problems. Miya is working well in all of our lessons and is trying especially hard to improve her writing and spellings. Keep up the good work, Miya!



Stars of the Week

Hazelwells

Ironbridge

What a superstar Jack L is. He has shown just how caring and considerate he can be over the past few weeks. He has tried to be friends with everyone in Hazelwells and help them if they need a buddy! This has made us very proud indeed. Jack is also a conscientious worker; his maths is amazing and he always tries his very best with all his other learning. What a great start to life in KS2.

In Ironbridge class, we have had the pleasure of welcoming Ljay, a new member of our class. During his first couple of weeks, he has settled in amazingly well and has proven to be an excellent sportsman. Ljay has earned his star of the week award for his athletic effort and reading every day at home. Well done Ljay, you've made a great start at Highley school and we're excited to see what other sports you are great at!

Severn

Hitchens

The star of the week in Severn this week is Finn for starting Year 5 with a great attitude to learning. You work hard in every lesson, your hand is always up and it is great to see how well you are settling into the new class. You are going to have a great year!

Our star in Hitchens is Lucy who has been trying really hard to help around the school. She has been cheerful, hardworking and is becoming invaluable on the KSI playground and in Calm Class. Well done Lucy. Keep up the good work!

Wrekin

Jasmine is Wrekin's Star of the Week. She continues to be a great friend and support to others and has willingly taken on this responsibility. She has been a calming influence on others and demonstrates patience and resilience. We are very proud of Jasmine and all that she contributes to our class and the Wrekin Team - a real 'good egg'!

