



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 18th December - Team Treat
- 19th December - Christmas Lunch
- 19th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 21st December - HAF Christmas Camp
- 21st December - 3rd January - Christmas Break
- 4th January - Return to School
- 18th January - Fundraisers AGM
- 22nd January - Mental Health Week
- 29th January - Y6 Arthog Trip
- 2nd February - Y6 Return From Arthog Trip
- 6th February - Safer Internet Day
- 7th February - Y4 Pioneer Trip
- 9th February - Y4 Return From Pioneer Trip

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Check back next week for information!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 16th December
Week 1 Menu

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15TH DECEMBER 2023

MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the autumn term, this will be the final bulletin of 2023. This term we have settled into new classes and year groups, made new friends, learned lots of new information, raised money for Macmillan and Children In Need, taken part in sports events, visited Oldbury and Bridgnorth Endowed for science and DT workshops, held a 'TTRS Rock Stars' day, invited you in for a poetry workshop, launched the 'Highley 100+', turned our hall into a planetarium, walked to the country park to find fossils, taken KS1 to the cinema, decorated a Highley School tree in Comer Woods, held a Stone Age workshop and numerous PTA events. What a list!

I haven't mentioned Christmas events, which have really come to life at Highley with our final two performances. Year 5/6 got us in the mood on Tuesday with their array of songs, poems and cracker jokes. Cleo then performed A Wriggly Nativity - "a nativity for children who just can't sit still"...but how wrong this tag line was! The children were brilliant, they knew exactly where they needed to be, they used BIG voices and sang their songs beautifully, really bringing to life the greatest story ever told. They certainly left us all beaming with pride.

A special thank you to our families for coming along to support our children with all of their Christmas performances, I don't think we have ever seen so many parents and carers in the school hall, we hope you enjoyed the shows! Thank you for supporting children to learn their lines and for providing any costumes :-)

Next Tuesday (19th December), we are having our Christmas dinner. Originally next Wednesday was our Christmas Jumper Day, but we would like to change this to tie in with Christmas dinner on Tuesday instead. Christmas lunch needed to be pre-booked, children who have not booked do need to bring a packed lunch from home.

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children visited Highley Companions yesterday to sing. I have received such wonderful feedback about the performance - being part of community events is something we absolutely relish as a school and on that theme, some of our Year 5 and 6 are delivering 'bags of kindness' around the village next Tuesday following the success of this activity last year.

Going into the last few days, team points are very close with just 51 points separating 1st from 4th! School Council have decided on a really festive team treat which will take place on Monday afternoon. All will be revealed on Monday morning!

Finally, can I please ask that parents and carers communicate with all of us in an appropriate manner - a lens of kindness and understanding is always hugely appreciated, even more so at this time of year.

On behalf of all the staff at Highley Community Primary School, have a lovely weekend and we wish you all a restful Christmas period filled with festivities, friends and family!

TTRS ROCK HEROES



Josie



George

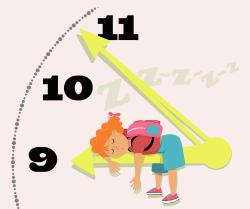


Josh C-R





Attendance



A big well done to Years 5 & 6 who have completed a punctuality challenge over the last 2 weeks. They have arrived on time most days and so will receive their reward of a Christmas movie on Tuesday afternoon!

Despite a strong start to the week, whole school attendance has dipped again this week to 93.93% due to various illness. We hope that children who have been absent this week are starting to feel better soon and they can join us back in school next week for our final 3 days of the term! Please remember that we break up on Wednesday 20th December and return on Thursday 4th January.

| Class | Attendance | Class | Attendance |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Clee | 97.19% | Hazelwells | 95.79% |
| Miners | 96.80% | Ironbridge | 88.57% |
| Arley | 94.58% | Severn | 90.74% |
| Netherton | 96.74% | Hitchens | 93.46% |
| Station | 90.87% | Wrekin | 91.15% |

RED = Under 90%  AMBER = Under 96%  GREEN = Above 96% 

Well done to Clee who have earned golden time for 4 weeks on time arrival & Arley who have earned 15 minutes extra play for 2 weeks on time arrival!

Applications to Reception 2024

The deadline for applications for your child(ren) to start school in Reception in September 2024 closes on
Monday 15 January 2024.

Please ensure that you make an application online via the Shropshire Council's portal – Synergy – Homepage
(shropshire.gov.uk).

Please note that if you do not make an online application, your child will not be allocated a school place.

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact the School Admissions Team via email school-admissions@shropshire.gov.uk



Stars of the Week

Clee

Well done to Ryder who is the star of the week in Clee this week! Keep up the hard work Ryder!

Miners

Lola is Miners star this week. She is such bright and cheerful character, rarely seen without the wonderful smile on her face. Lola is always polite and a lovely, kind and helpful member of our class. Well done Lola!

Arley

The star of the week for Arley Class is Hughie! Hughie has had a great week and been really focused in his work. He has tried so hard to improve his handwriting, and it's really paying off. Well done Hughie, keep it up!

Netherton

Ida is the star in Netherton this week. Ida is such a lovely member of our class. She has really matured since starting Year 2 and has developed a fantastic attitude to learning. She is always ready to learn and always making the right choices. Her confidence has really grown over the past couple of weeks and this is really showing especially with her Maths and it's been great to see her develop into an independent learner in Maths! Well done Ida, keep it up!

Station

Station's star of the week is Luke! Luke, we were delighted by your performance in the Christmas play; you delivered your lines so well and brought us all great joy! We also wanted to recognise that you are continuing to show more resilience in class, and we are very proud of how you are working. Well done Luke and keep it up!



Stars of the Week



Hazelwells Ironbridge

Our Star of the week this week is Zach, for his tireless resilience! Zach has so many fabulous ideas when he is writing that sometimes his letter formation can be a little chaotic. During this last half term Zach has worked phenomenally hard on his handwriting, to make sure that it is consistently-sized and neatly formed with lovely spaces between his words. This means that we can read and enjoy the wonderful content of his writing.

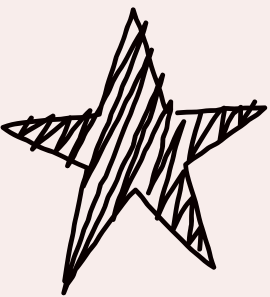
Well done, Zach, keep it up!

Severn

The Star of the Week in Severn Class this week is for Miles for showing such great resilience in everything he does! Miles hasn't let a little thing like breaking his arm get in the way of life and this week jumped in to perform a solo in the Christmas play with no notice. Well done Miles you have a great outlook to life and can always be counted on to overcome obstacles and help people out!

Wrekin

Wrekin star of the week is Tristan. Tristan shone like a guiding star at the recent Y5/6 Christmas performance! His enthusiasm and exuberance was definitely infectious and he gave everybody, who watched his performance, a little bit of joy in their life! Despite the numerous practice sessions leading up to the performance and that we're all a little bit tired at this time of year, he maintained his 'joie de vivre' throughout. Thanks for bringing your enthusiasm to the stage!



Well done to Libby who is star of the week in Ironbridge this week!
Keep up the hard work Libby!

Hitchens

Our star in Hitchens is Ava who always goes 'above and beyond' in everything she does. She has been a consistent helper in Calm Class and is incredibly kind and trustworthy in her role. She forges excellent relationships with other children and adults and always has excellent manners too. In class, she does everything we ask of her and more. Well done Ava!

