



# HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## 8TH DECEMBER 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12th December - Y5/6 Christmas Performance - 2pm
- 14th December - Reception Nativity - 2pm
- 18th December - Team Treat
- 19th December - Christmas Lunch
- 20th 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

- Wednesday - KS2 Dodgeball
- Thursday - KS2 Writing Club
- Thursday - Choir

### SCHOOL LUNCHES

- W/C 11th December
- Week 2 Menu

### SOCIAL MEDIA

- Twitter @highley\_school
- Facebook @highleyprimary
- Instagram @highleyschool
- [School App](#)

### MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now firmly into December and the conveyor belt of different weather systems rolling in has given us biting cold temperatures and persistent rain, all in the space of a week. It is definitely the season of coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Please can you make sure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled and easily identifiable, that way they won't end up in the lost property bin. School Council are currently judging tidy class cloakrooms to make sure children are hanging up these items every day!

I am in a really lucky position in school where children are sent or brought up to my office to show off their writing, maths or art-work on a daily basis. This week has been no exception with so many knocks on the door to be greeted by beaming smiles and children rightfully proud of their achievements. We really do have some fabulous writers in school.

It has been such a pleasure hearing rehearsals from the hall for Christmas performances over the last couple of weeks. Key Stage 1's Whoopsa-Daisy Angel on Tuesday and Year 3 and 4's A Christmas Carol yesterday were amazing showcases of talent across those year groups. It never ceases to amaze me just how brave children are in front of such a captive audience of grown ups! Around 140 in the audience for Year 1 and 2, and around 110 for Year 3 and 4 - a really sensational turn-out! Next week, our youngest and oldest children have their Christmas performances and I am sure they will be equally fantastic. The first two have certainly set a high bar so far! The Christmas post box is located in our festive foyer. Children can bring in any cards to post to their school friends (and staff). Please can parents check that the envelopes show the first name, surname and class to ensure they reach the right child. School Council will then deliver them to where they need to go in the final week so that children bring home their cards for Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre last Friday, the hall and corridors were packed and many of the stalls sold out or ran out of their tombola prizes. The PTA raised a whopping £2300 for school, absolutely incredible, so a big thank you for buying raffle tickets, refreshments, craft creations or parting with your money on various stalls! The money raised really does come back into school...just this term money raised by the PTA has supported school trips to reduce the cost passed onto parents, money has also contributed towards the Stone Age Workshop and 'Wonderdome' and also the cinema trip for Key Stage 1. Each class also has a PTA budget for nice items for the children to enjoy e.g. wet play games. It also goes towards much bigger projects such as the canopy in our quad.

With the Christmas holidays almost upon us, we have attached a few online safety briefings around some of the platforms children may be accessing over the period. We hope these are helpful guides to go through with your children so that they understand the benefits but also the risks and dangers.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Plim

### TTRS ROCK HEROES



Logan C



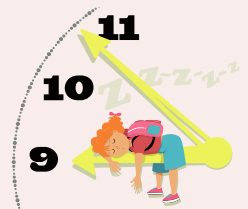
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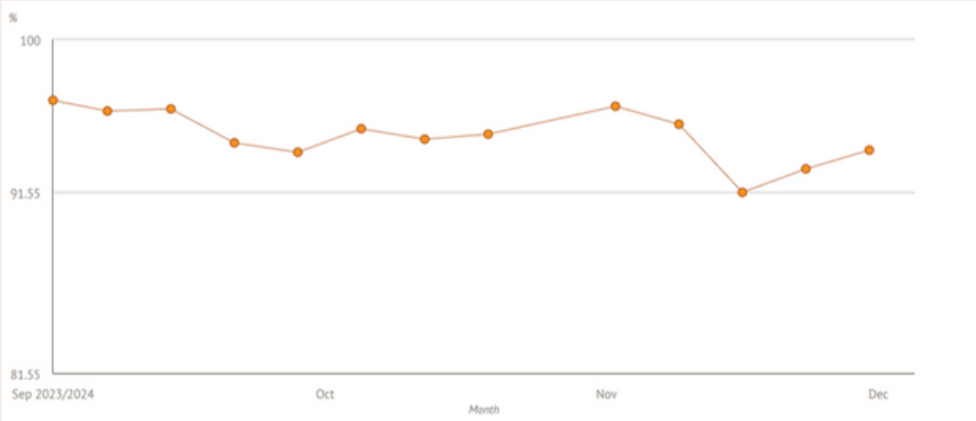
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# Attendance



It's great to see a lot more green classes in this week's attendance data. There are still some classes falling below 90% attendance so hopefully next week this will improve too. A big well done to Years 5 & 6 who have been in school more punctually this week, keep this up for your punctuality challenge!



As you can see from the graph, attendance started off really well this year, but then began to decline. It has started to improve again over the last 2 weeks and we would love to see this continue.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Clee	89.56%	Hazelwells	98.42%
Miners	98.80%	Ironbridge	98.57%
Arley	96.25%	Severn	95.93%
Netherton	91.30%	Hitchens	89.23%
Station	86.25%	Wrekin	96.54%

RED = Under 90% 😞 AMBER = Under 96% 😐 GREEN = Above 96% 😊

Despite Year 5 & 6 having improved punctuality, we have had 32 late arrivals overall in school this week. Children should only arrive late in exceptional circumstances so please contact Miss Francis if you are struggling to get them in on time.



# OUR PLAY THIS WEEK

We need you!

We are in need of skilled people to build covered, outdoor welly storage. If you think you can help, please let the office know.



Our wish list of resources:

- tarps
- large storage boxes with lids
- outdoor brooms



# Stars of the Week

## Clee

The star in Clee this week is Grace. She has really wowed us with her maths, finding all the different parts to make 5 and using her own method of recording. Well done Grace!

## Miners

This week's star is Isla. Really Isla could have had this star award every week because she really does go above and beyond in everything she does. Always working hard, showing real dedication and passion for learning and her overall positive attitude. We love how she just gets on and does but isn't afraid to ask for help if she needs it. You are a real star Isla and an absolute pleasure to teach!!!

## Arley

Arley's star this week is Leo! Leo always puts 100% effort into everything he does at school and it's really paying off! He is making great progress in reading and writing and it's great watching his confidence grow everyday. He has a great sense of humour and is a real role model in our school. Well done Leo!

## Netherton

Daisy is the star in Netherton this week! She has shown real resilience the past couple of weeks. She has pushed herself out of her comfort zone to play the character whoops a Daisy angel in our Christmas play. But we can see it everyday when you come into school with a smile on your face and work your socks off! Well done Daisy, keep being your wonderful self!

## Station

Station's star of the week is Gracie. Gracie is such a lovely member of our class; she is always working hard and joining in fully with our learning. It's been great to watch Gracie continue to grow in confidence lately, especially with her writing. We hope that she is starting to enjoy it a little more now! Gracie has also been brilliant in the school play.

Thank you, Gracie and keep it up!



# Stars of the Week

Hazelwells Ironbridge

This week we have chosen Charlie as our star. Charlie was given the part of Ebenezer Scrooge in our Christmas production and he has been absolutely marvellous. He had an awful lot of lines in the play but he got on with the task of learning them straight away. He delivered them all with super expression too! We are extremely proud of you and we certainly can't say 'Bah! Humbug!' to you, as you performed brilliantly! You're a real Hazelwells' superstar!

Riley is our star this week for being such a superstar in our Christmas play. You learnt your lines quickly and really were a fantastic ghost. Thank you Riley and a big well done!

## Severn

Thomas is our star for putting all your effort into everything you do. You respect the need to focus and work hard in year 6 and its really paying off. You have respect for everyone in the class and would help anyone who needed it. You are a super star through and through and I love the art you share with us and how you help me without being asked. Well done!

## Hitchens

Naomi is our star this week but, to be honest, she is SUPER STAR every single week! She brought the TTRS trophy back to Hitchens class last week, was spotted in ukulele and is always a wonderful example of our school values. She also sings beautifully and I am very glad to see her performing more and more this year. Well done Naomi!

## Wrekin

Wrekin's star is Zane for showing great practical skills, patience and support to his peers at Forest School. Zane also gets involved with group activities, sets up games for everyone to play and helps to get the mud slide in peak sliding condition by providing the muscle needed for lugging water across the site. He's also not afraid to get down and muddy!! Zane can always be trusted with tools, he's listens intently to health and safety discussions and always has good interesting, helpful things to say when I'm giving advice to the group. He's my right hand man outside! What will I do next term?! I know Zane will continue this hard work inside school as well in the following weeks and can't wait to see just what he can do in the future. Keep up the great work Zane!

