



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

12TH JANUARY 2024 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I started to talk about some of the changes to our Good To Be Green behaviour system that we use at Highley. Every child starts their day on a positive note with a green card displayed in their pocket of the class chart - the card says 'it's good to be green'. We wanted to make more of this, so that children associate being on Green with a feeling of having done the right thing. Starting this week, every child in Year 1-6 will have their own bookmark stamped daily - if they have remained on green all day. These stamps will lead to certificates and privileges. We are continuing to give children team tokens to encourage working as a collective group, but when children are given a team token, they will now also get a raffle ticket to go into their own class raffle which is drawn at the end of the week! Raffle boxes include all sorts of goodies, including privileges unique to their class, which children have decided upon through discussion.



We have also introduced a 'gold' and 'platinum' card to really recognise children demonstrating our school values in class and on the playground. Again, children in their class groups have discussed what this looks like in their own classes so that there is a shared understanding of what the privileges that gold and platinum are worth. It might simply be getting to sit on the beanbags during golden time, sitting on a special seat in class, choosing something for the whole-class to do, time with the guinea pigs(!) etc. Gold and Platinum behaviours are also worth more raffle tickets in the class raffle.

It has certainly been nice this week to have children proudly telling me that they had a 'gold' card and being able to articulate what they had done to achieve it!

Can I please remind all parents to contact school using the correct lines of communication if you have a worry - this might be giving us a ring, dropping an email to school or simply talking to a member of staff at drop-off or collection. We pride ourselves on having an open-door policy and always welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss anything of concern so that we can address it.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Plim

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- 9th February - Valentine's Disco
- 12th - 16th February - Half Term
- 19th February - Return To School
- 22nd February - Y6 Parent SATs Meeting
- 6th March - Open Morning
- 7th March - World Book Day
- 11th March - STEM Week

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Check back next week for information!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 15th January
Week 2 Menu

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

TTRS ROCK HEROES

Lara

Evelyn

Ethan





Attendance



I shared some information last week about children sometimes finding it difficult to access school which can be caused by a number of factors. Part of overcoming these barriers is building resilience.

Place2Be have put together some advice on helping children to build resilience, [click here to view](#).



I also shared a reminder of our punctuality rewards last week, please do ensure to share these updates with children and encourage them to attend on time regularly.

Here is a reminder of our other attendance rewards children can access in school.

CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

SPELL OUT 'PERFECT ATTENDANCE' TO EARN EXTRA PLAY TIME!

Inside your classrooms you have been given a poster with the outline of 'Perfect Attendance'.

For each day that your class has 100% attendance, you can fill in one of the letters on your poster.

Once you have filled all 17 letters, show your poster to Miss Francis & your class will have earned an extra 15 minutes play time!

You could earn up to 11 extra play times over the whole school year!!

I met with school council on Wednesday who will be discussing our attendance rewards with their classes and we will share updates with you in the near future.



Attendance



Punctuality Rewards – Spring 2024

Class	1st Jan	8th Jan	15th Jan	22nd Jan	29th Jan	5th Feb	19th Feb	26th Feb	4th Mar	11th Mar	18th Mar
CLEE											
MINERS											
ARLEY											
NETHERTON											
STATION											
HAZELWELLS											
IRONBRIDGE											
SEVERN											
HITCHENS											
WREKIN											
WHOLE SCHOOL											

1 week on time arrival Well Done!
2 weeks on time arrival 15 Minutes Extra Play!
4 weeks on time arrival Golden Time!
1 week on time arrival Non-Uniform Day!

Well done to Arley, Hazelwells, Severn and Hitchens who have earned a punctuality reward since returning from Christmas break!

Punctuality has not been great this week with 19 late arrivals across school. It is so important that children arrive in class on time to settle in ready for their day's learning. We would love to see a reduction of lates next week.

As you can see from the chart attendance did not start well last week on our return from Christmas, however we can see an improvement by most classes this week so well done all. It would be amazing to see this trend continue over the next 4 weeks before half term.



Well done to Severn for achieving almost 100% attendance this week!

Attendance Overview – Spring 2024

Class	1st Jan	8th Jan	15th Jan	22nd Jan	29th Jan	5th Feb	19th Feb	26th Feb	4th Mar	11th Mar	18th Mar	Term
Clee	96%	96.40%										
Miners	94%	92%										
Arley	84.38%	87.08%										
Netherton	94.55%	96.0%										
Station	85.87%	94.35%										
Hazelwells	86.84%	93.16%										
Ironbridge	89.29%	94.76%										
Severn	92.59%	99.26%										
Hitchens	86.54%	93.85%										
Wrekin	91.35%	91.5%										
Whole School	89.84%	93.88%										92.73%

96% or above On Target – well done!
95.9% - 90.0% Under Target – room for improvement
90% or below Persistent Absence – concerning



Stars of the week

Clee

The star in Clee class this week is Jimmy. He is a kind and thoughtful boy who always tries his best. He is keen to learn and has made great progress in reading and writing. Well done Jimmy, keep it up!

Miners

Blake is Miners star this week! She is such a lovely member of the class and someone who is always doing the right things at the right time, and always ready to learn. Her enthusiasm for learning not only infectious but is paying dividends as she makes every effort to apply that learning in her work. Well done Blake, we love having you in Miners Class!

Arley

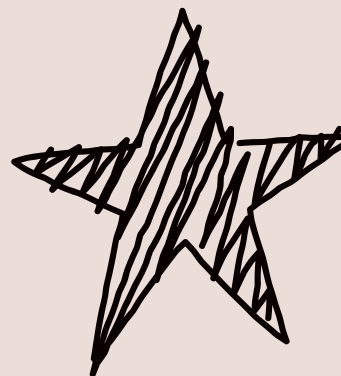
The star of the week for Arley this week is Willow! Willow has come back to school showing so much more resilience; she isn't giving up when faced with a new challenge. She has been working especially hard to improve her handwriting this week, and her efforts are really paying off! Well done Willow!

Netherton

Killian is the star in Netherton this week. He has had a fantastic positive start to the new term. His hard work ethic has shined through and he has been pushing himself to achieve the best he can all week. Not only this but he is a mature, thoughtful, kind and caring member of our class. We are lucky to have you Netherton and you make a fantastic role model! Well done Killian - keep working hard in everything you do!

Station

Station's star of the week is Ana! Ana is one of our most enthusiastic learners in class. She is making great progress thanks to the hard work she puts into every lesson. Ana is a very supportive friend to her peers and helps others when they are struggling. Thank you Ana, and keep up the good work!





Stars of the week

Hazelwells

Ivy is an exemplary pupil who always does her very best, but this week we have noticed a new confidence in maths. We are so proud of the way she has been answering questions and throwing herself into her tasks. A super start to the new year, Ivy!

Ironbridge

Isla is our star for her resilience in class discussions despite finding the work difficult. Isla has also participated in RE and showed enthusiasm during the lesson. Well done Isla, keep up the good work!

Severn

The Star in Severn for the first week back is Olivia for coming back after Christmas with a fabulous attitude to learning and quietly working hard on everything she is given. Olivia is a joy to have in class and Mrs Curtis feels lucky to have you! Well done Olivia, keep up the hard work!

Hitchens

Our star in Hitchens is Khaleesi who is a superstar ALL of the time. She is polite, kind, thoughtful and a great friend to everyone. She is extremely resilient and really tries to respond to any feedback she is given in order to master things that she finds tricky. Khaleesi is also very respectful to everyone she meets and has excellent manners. Well done Khaleesi- you are a wonderful ambassador for our school!

Wrekin

Wrekin's star this week is Georgia! Georgia is an always girl! She can always be relied upon to be ready to learn, sitting beautifully and listening to every instruction. She always works hard, is resilient and she is a fabulous friend! Georgia is a wonderful class member and we are all so proud of her! Keep it up, Georgia!





Highley Carnival Meeting

On Tuesday 16th January at 6pm at the Severn centre

There will be a meeting to discuss this year's carnival.

Up for discussion will be this years carnival prince and princess and we would love for you all get involved.

Anyone who wants to help or be involved in the carnival is welcome to attend.

