



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

19TH JANUARY 2024 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have meant to share this in an earlier bulletin. I am sure you saw the photos of Macey, Iris and Eva volunteering their time over the Christmas holidays helping the Highley Community Project distribute 'Bags of Kindness' to nominated members of the community. Some of the bags were also delivered by Jess and her sister Sophie. These bags were put together by School Council, who asked for donations from businesses to go into them. We were so proud of the children for putting so much thought and effort into this project, so it was lovely to receive a card this week from a resident who wanted to let school know what it meant to receive one:

"My mother (age 94) received a kindness bag via staff at the Highley Community Project. She was most touched and loved the fact things inside were not only useful but many touched the sweet tooth she and a lot of the elderly people have. Since she is unable to thank you herself either in person or via a letter (Alzheimer's). I must say thank you very much for such a demonstration of care towards the elderly in this lovely community."

This week, our kitchen had our hygiene check by the Food Standards Agency. This is a requirement of serving food on a premises and is an unannounced spot-check that happens every 2-years. We received a 5-star hygiene rating with some lovely feedback: "a very well-run, well-equipped and maintained kitchen. Documentation all up-to-date and procedures followed." So thank you and well done to Mrs Mantle, Mrs Walford and Mrs Dalziel!

Finally, I wanted to share Mrs Cook's amazing display of your children's Picasso portraits that they worked so expertly to produce last term in Year 3 and 4. When you are next in school, please go down and have a look - the detail, colour choice and variety of outcomes is super. I have loved listening into conversations children have been having, spotting their own pieces!



Yesterday, we had a site visit by OPAL - we walked our school grounds and planned how we want it to look in the future, looking at where (and how) we can add even more play opportunities to our lunchtime provision! Our new sheds have arrived, these will be essential for storing play equipment - our new Play Policy is attached to the bulletin for you to peruse.

Have a lovely weekend, Mr Plim

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 29th January - Y6 Arthog Trip
- 2nd February - Y6 Return From Arthog Trip
- 5th - 11th February - Mental Health Week
- 6th February - Safer Internet Day
- 7th February - Y4 Pioneer Trip
- 9th February - Y4 Return From Pioneer Trip
- 12th - 16th February - Half Term
- 19th February - Return To School
- 22nd February - Y6 Parent SATs Meeting
- 7th March - Open Morning
- 7th March - World Book Day
- 11th March - STEM Week
- 13th - 14th March - Parent Consultations
- 14th March - Y5 Oliver Trip

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Stageworkz - Thursdays

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 22nd January

Week 1 Menu

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter @highley_school

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[School App](#)

TTRS ROCK HEROES

Lola Rse

Matilda L

Oliver R





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 Clee who were the only class to not have a late arrival this week. With the cold mornings it can be difficult to get to school on time using normal routines, please ensure to allow an extra 5 minutes for cars to defrost and steadier walking on the footpaths. Children should be in class by 8.50am each morning.



This week's Place2Be article is about de-escalation techniques for children when they have heightened emotions.

Children may be feeling overwhelmed about an upcoming event or may find the morning process of coming to school difficult. [Click here for advice.](#)

Attendance Overview – Spring 2024

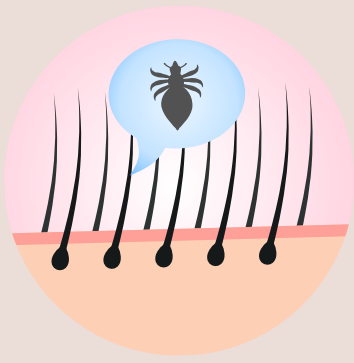
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|--------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|--------|
| Clee | 91% | 96.40% | 90.40% | | | | | | | | | |
| Miners | 94% | 92% | 90.80% | | | | | | | | | |
| Arley | 84.38% | 87.08% | 84.17% | | | | | | | | | |
| Netherton | 94.55% | 96.0% | 96.0% | | | | | | | | | |
| Station | 85.87% | 94.35% | 91.30% | | | | | | | | | |
| Hazelwells | 86.84% | 93.16% | 94.2% | | | | | | | | | |
| Ironbridge | 89.29% | 94.76% | 95.24% | | | | | | | | | |
| Severn | 92.54% | 99.26% | 99.26% | | | | | | | | | |
| Hitchens | 86.54% | 93.85% | 91.54% | | | | | | | | | |
| Wrekin | 91.35% | 91.15% | 85.77% | | | | | | | | | |
| Whole School | 89.84% | 93.88% | 91.87% | | | | | | | | | 92.37% |

96% or above
On Target - well done!

95.9% - 90.0%
Under Target - room for improvement

90% or below
Persistent Absence - concerning

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



Headlice



How are lice normally treated?

If you suspect head lice, check the base of the hairs for eggs. They are oval, yellow or white, and tiny, less than one millimetre long. Also look carefully at the hair to see if you can spot adult lice. Favourite spots for infestation are behind the ears, and at the nape of the neck. If you can't see anything, try combing the hair with a fine toothed comb over a piece of white paper to see if any lice drop out.

Most people prefer to try natural methods to treat this problem first. This is a good idea because lice are becoming increasingly resistant to chemical treatments. The most effective is wet combing but it is hard work and you'll need to be persistent.

According to Great Ormand Street, the best procedure is as follows:

- Wash the child's hair and apply a generous amount of conditioner, which should be left in.
- Use a good quality fine toothed steel comb and comb the child's hair in small sections over a piece of paper so you can see the lice drop out. Wipe the comb clean on a piece of tissue between each stroke.
- Continue until you can't see any more lice or nits after combing. This will probably take at least half an hour.
- Repeat every three or four days for at least two weeks so you remove any hatching lice before they have the chance to lay new eggs. You can't remove the eggs by combing, only the lice.



OPAL



This week we had our first ever 'Golden Broom Award' winner... Ethan. This was for his excellent effort with tidying up outside after play times and going above and beyond to be a great help with tidying and organising the school site.

Well done!





Stars of the Week

Clee

The star in Clee this week is Gracie-Mae. She is working really hard to learn all her initial sounds, practising every day at school. She is also beginning to hear and say cvc words. Gracie-Mae is also a lovely, sensible member of our class. Keep it up Gracie-Mae!

Miners

Roman is Miners star this week. He has been working hard on all his subjects. He has really shown us what he is capable of, in particular producing some excellent written work in English. Added to that, we have been so impressed with his lovely caring attitude towards other members of the class as he demonstrates what a good friend is, Well done Roman, keep it up!

Arley

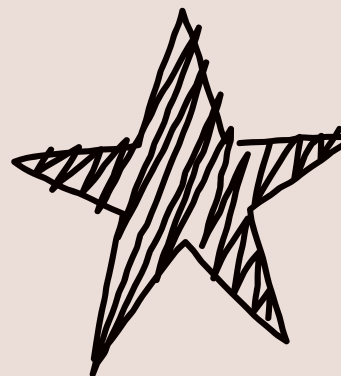
The star of the week for Arley Class is Lilo! Lilo is starting to make progress in her reading, sounding out unknown words and reading her books with more fluency. She is also putting a lot of effort into her writing too, and becoming more independent writing new words. Well done, Lilo, keep it up!

Netherton

The star this week in Netherton is Dulcie. Dulcie could be star every week as she is a superstar all the time. She is an enthusiastic learner who always tries her hardest in lessons. She always has her hand up and gets involved. She is making great progress in her writing and has wowed us with her handwriting this week. She is a supportive and caring friend who will always help her friends when they need it. Keep being wonderful Dulcie and well done!

Station

Station's star of the week is Harper. Harper always works so hard and listens attentively to instructions and teaching. We know that you always try your best in every lesson. You demonstrate our school values every day: you are kind and friendly with everyone, you are respectful to every adult and child in school, and you are incredibly resilient. Keep it up, Harper, and keep being you!





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Hazelwells

This week we have chosen Harley as our superstar. Harley has become a great member of Hazelwells. He is really trying hard in all our lessons and is showing what a good year 3 he is. This week we have been working in small groups to carry out a science investigation. Harley has shown what a valuable person he is to have in your group by working sensibly and methodically on the task. He is a 'superior science super-star'!

Ironbridge

This weeks star in Ironbridge is Lucy. This is because she has made such great progress with her writing, particularly her handwriting. Lucy always tries her hardest in every lesson too. She also a fantastic role model to everyone in our school. Well done Lucy!

Severn

Star of the Week in Severn is Harley for consistently showing a real interest in his own learning and being the best version of himself! Harley has worked so hard in Maths, always asking Mrs Curtis for more arithmetic and totally smashing his short division. What a super star with the BEST attitude to Year 6!

Hitchens

.Our star in Hitchens is Molly. She is working extremely hard and is showing real resilience, particularly when working in Maths and English. She often asks questions and will listen carefully and respectfully to the answers, often applying what she has learnt to her learning straight away. I have also been really pleased to see that Molly is a good friend to other children- she is a great role model for Year 6 and we are very proud of her. Well done Molly!

Wrekin

.Wrekin star of the week is Jack. Jack is working hard to make good behaviour choices in class. He is also trying his best with his handwriting and is now producing work which can be read and is noticeably improved. We hope this award motivates Jack to continue on his path of self-improvement! We are very proud of your efforts so far!

