

### HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## THIS TERM'S ATTENDANCE

94.76%

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

14th - 25th April -Easter Holidays
28th April - PD Day - School Closed
29th April - Return To School
5th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed
12th - 15th May - SATs Week
19th - 23rd May - Walk/Scoot/Bike To School Week
26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term
2<sup>nd</sup> June - Return To School - Summer Term 2

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Coming Soon

#### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

W/C 28th April

Week I Menu

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Twitter @highley\_school
Facebook @highleyprimary
Instagram @highleyschool
School App

#### 11TH APRIL 2025 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers

What a glorious week we have had, the sun has shone (again) and the children (and staff) have loved outside enjoying the warm weather – it was lovely to hear the sound of rounders on the field so early in the year! With the dry weather, the last 3 weeks in school have felt calm, filled with many 'buzz moments' where something has 'clicked' for children. There is a real sense of how hard children and staff are working, and it really shows in the progress children are making both academically and pastorally.

Some of those children were recognised as 'Stars of the Term' today, a special accolade voted for by their classmates – how lovely to be recognised by not only staff, but the children too. Autumn team were the first winners of the team trophy this year, and as a team treat, they took part in an Easter craft activity with a treat. Just 78 points separated 1st from 4th place!

Despite the warm weather, Il of our youngest children ran their hearts out at the cross country meeting at Oldbury Wells School on Tuesday. Lots of top 20 finishes, a win for Roman and a podium finish for Finley in Reception. Pippa was our only girl running, and her performance was really impressive, after dropping back through the field after her strong start, she produced an amazing final third of the race to finish a strong 8th! It was also lovely to see the camaraderie of Josh supporting Eli on his way around the track. I was very proud of all the children who took part – showing our Highley values of 'resilience' and 'relationships' in bucket-loads. Thank you to parents for transporting them and helping get them to the start-line!

In the week where Trump's introduction of tariffs have caused a global overnight crisis, you can look no further than our Year 3 and 4s for a new trade deal in the manufacturing sector...

Ironbridge, Hazelwells and Station have been a hive of activity during D&T week, busily sewing away on their finished products that they have designed at the start of the week; the classrooms were a sea of phone cases, purses, Nintendo Switch cases, and in the case of Station class, new pencil cases for the classroom! ...and to diversify our production, Year 5 have been making model guillotines!

Today, we closes for the Easter break. I really do hope that the sun continues to shine over the next 2-weeks and you get some relaxing time with your families. The children return to school on Tuesday 29th April and we look forward to a packed (but short) lst half of the summer term.

Best wishes and keep safe,

TRS ROCK HEROES



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On Saturday 10th May, the Highley Repair Cafe is being held here at Highley School! From 10am onwards, volunteers will be in school as part of the national event 'The Big Fix'.

However, they need your help to advertise the event!

They would really like the children of Highley School to design a poster to advertise the event taking place. Winning entries will go up around the village after the holidays to let people know that it is happening at Highley School.

If you would like to enter, the deadline is Tuesday 29th April (the first day back after Easter) and The Highley Repair Cafe have also shared that there will be some bike repair kits and starter tools for

the best entries!

# Focus On STND

This week, as always, has been a busy week in school SEND-wise, with parent meetings, staff meetings and, of course, chatting with children to ensure that our SEND provision is the best it can be.

Nurture and mentoring is an important aspect of our SEND provision here at Highley.

Our Sunshine Room staff, Mrs Powell and Miss L, liaise with me regularly and assist me me with other nurture opportunities such as Calm Class and indoor break supervision where children are reminded to take turns, speak politely to one another and often to chat about anything that is troubling them using the Zones of Regulation.

We also use Comic Strip Conversations when children struggle to communicate their feelings.

Informal Mentoring opportunities continue in the afternoons with community members visiting the school, often armed with crafts and games; ready to spend time listening to children and sharing life experiences with them that may help them to make sense of the world (as well as assisting them with their work!).

Mentoring has also begun with Year 6 role models who work with a small group of Clee class on a daily basis.

This is wonderful to see as the Year 6s encourage our school values as well as reinforcing manners, being patient and following instructions. These opportunities are part of what makes Highley the 'family' that it is. My hope is that our children will continue to care for those around them long after they leave our school.

In other news, our Mock SATs have finished and the whole school community have come together to ensure that this has run as smoothly as possible. We have borrowed TAs and teachers as well as volunteers from the community to read, scribe, or even just give words of encouragement to our children. I want to say a massive thankyou to all staff at our school for being so accommodating—we really appreciate it!

We have worked hard to ensure that every child has been able to do their best and feel proud of their accomplishments.

I hope that everyone enjoys their Easter break and comes back to school rested and ready for the fun of the

Summer term!

Best wishes, Mrs Williams



The children voted for Martha as their star of the term.

She is always kind and helpful, she is a lovely friend to everyone and a great role model.

Well done Martha!

Arley

Arley's star of the term is Kassie! Her friends have voted her as the star as she is such a kind and happy girl, always extremely helpful. She always tries her best and does so with a smile. Miss Birch and I agree with her classmates, she is a brilliant role model and a pleasure to teach. Well done Kassie

Miners class have voted Camden as star of the term and what a great choice they have made too!

Comments from his classmates show that Camden is a great friend to all and we couldn't agree more. He is very kind, thoughtful and a great encourager, always welcoming anyone to join him at play. What a great example he is of our relationships value!! Keep being your wonderful self, Camden, you are a real gem

Netherton

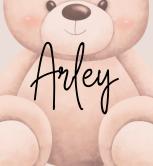
Netherton class voted for Lola this term and we really could'nt agree anymore.

Lola shows amazing resilience, she is a great friend to everyone, her hard work and determination goes a long way in whatever she does! Well done Lola, You really are a super star!

Sajon

Station's star, as voted by the class, is Esmee. Esmee, you consistently demonstrate our school values. You have great relationships with your friends, giving them support and having lots of fun with them. You are always respectful with adults and other children. You work incredibly hard in every single lesson, and we love seeing your confidence continue to grow. Well done, Esmee and thank you for being such a great role model in Station class.

Attendance Bear





Hazelwells class have voted for Sophie to be our star, and I am sure that any adult who has worked with her could not agree more! Her classmates describe her as caring, respectful, hardworking and a good friend who helps others before herself and always does the right thing! Sophie is a wonderful human and should be very proud of herself!

## Severn

Leon is our star of the term! For making great progress with your reading – that's the boring bit from the teachers! The exciting bit is that this has been voted by your class who think you are awesome, a great friend and a fantastic person to have in class. Be proud Leon – you have earned this!!

Nrefin

Felicity is our star of the term! It is of no surprise that her classmates have noted how kind, helpful and friendly she is. Equally, they have spotted how hard working she is in class and the effort she has put into her SATs preparation.

I think all the children and adults alike would agree that she is a fantastic all rounder! We are proud to have Felicity in Wrekin!

Our star of the term is Felicity! This was voted for by the children of Ironbridge class and the adults couldn't agree more. We have all noticed what a great role model and hard worker she is, as well as being a supportive friend. Felicity is always cheery and polite to everyone in school, and she has a fabulous sense of humour.

Congratulations Fliss well deserved.

Hitchens

Hitchens class have voted for Finn to be our star of the term. Here are just some of the lovely comments his friends have written about him

" He's a great friend"

" He is always doing the right thing"

"A fab friend can always rely on him"

"Helpful, caring and calm"

"He's perfection!"

" A great role model, someone to look up to"

Well done Finn! you really are a super star and we are so lucky to have you in Hitchens class.

