



HLA News

Friday 1st July 2022



Dear Families,

It has been a great week here at HLA, lots of productive learning both inside and outside has been happening.

On Monday we had another visit from Chance our emotional support dog who visits weekly. The students taking part have been responding so well to him already and we are only 2 weeks in to the provision. Take a look at the school website where you can find some lovely pictures of the interactions that have taken place. Students are developing their compassion and communication skills brilliantly through this provision.

One of our new teachers, Lucy is visiting us twice per week until the end of term prior to her start in September. Kelly another of our new teachers visited today. Within these visits both will be getting to know the staff and the way the school works. They will also be spending some time with the students to get to know them so that they can hit the ground running in September. We are looking forward to them being part of the team.

This week we also hosted an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) group networking meeting at Highfield Littleport. This was a great opportunity for our staff to network with other ELSA's in the area and share expertise and ideas. Our ELSA provision is proving very effective with students developing their emotional regulation, self-esteem and confidence through participating in these sessions.

We are pleased to be able to announce that we have been successful in obtaining a grant in order to run some activity days for parents and their children who attend Highfield Littleport. These are taking place on 10th and 24th August between 10am and 12pm. Jeannette has sent out letters to book sessions and if you haven't got a letter please contact the office. **You will need to accompany your child** to these sessions but all resources and some staff will be there to support some fantastic creations.

In line with our enhanced method of reporting to parents you will receive a short comment report from class teachers before the end of term. This is to complement parents being able to see all evidence on the Evidence for Learning app as well as the generated reports. If you do not have access to the Evidence for Learning app please contact the office. We will post a how to guide on the Class Dojo page as a reminder. The app really is much better than the old web login method!

We hope you have a great weekend and stay safe and well.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- Don't forget to ensure your child has a named hat, sun cream and water bottle in school with them. **Please note that some Nivea sun creams contain almond oil so check ingredients carefully and do not send any creams in that contain any nut derivatives as we are a nut free school.**
- We are a cashless school so all charitable donations or payments need to be made via Parent Pay. Please ensure you are registered and are able to access the system. If you have any difficulties please contact the office who will be happy to assist. Don't forget you can contribute the voluntary contribution of £5 to class funds via Parent Pay.
- Sports Day for Sparrows, Swallows, Puffins, Eagles, S1 – S5 will take place on **Wednesday 20th July starting at 1.30pm** (arrive at the office to sign in from 1.15pm). Letters were sent out this week and please ensure you return the reply slip by Wednesday 13th July at the latest.



Online Safety Tip of the Week:



If your child is into computer gaming they can now do it in an age appropriate and safer manner. This website is specifically for students who are on the autistic spectrum:

<https://www.spectrumgaming.net/>