



HLA News

Friday 1st December 2023



Dear Families,

We transformed the look of the school this week and Christmas has arrived at Highfield Littleport. The students were convinced that the elves had come in at night to decorate the school.

Could I please remind you that if your child will not be attending school for any reason please can you ensure that you make contact with us at school? Calls need to be made to the office by 9am every day and if no-one answers please leave a message. As always communication is key. Please see the guidance for parents in relation to gauging if your child is fit for school in this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> We want to do all we can to improve school attendance but need to work with you to achieve this.

I also need to alert you again to the fact that we are a NUT FREE school. Last week a student came into school with a peanut butter sandwich. This can be life threatening for some of our learners with severe allergies. Please refrain from sending your child into school with anything containing nut products.

This week the Speak Out Council came to gather the views from our School Council. This is a forum for students aged 14 and above for students with learning disabilities. Our students shared their thoughts on many issues and acted confidently and responsibly. Well done!

Key Stage 4 ran a careers carousel this week. Students learnt lots about interview technique, speaking confidently, different careers and jobs. They had mock interviews where they could put all of their learning into practise to prepare them for adult life.

You will note this week invites were sent out for our Christmas Fairs for the upper and lower school. Just to confirm the dates and types as there may have been a slight miscommunication. The Lower School event will be taking place on 13th December at 1.30pm and the Upper School event on 14th December at 1.30pm. Both events will be held at school. We will not be holding a whole school Christmas performance this year as this raises anxiety for many of our children. We have filmed some acting, singing and dancing which we will be showcasing at both of these events though. Be sure to come and join us and support the school at the same time.

At both Highfield Littleport and Highfield Ely we have a joint governing body. We are always on the look out for new members to join. If you are interested in supporting our school on our journey to outstanding please do get in touch with myself or email Lorna Robinson our Chair of Governors directly on lrobinson@highfield.cambs.sch.uk

I hope you have a good weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- Please ensure you return your computer usage forms back to school as soon as possible so that we do not have any disruption to learning
- We have the catch up Flu Vaccination Clinic being held at school on Monday 4th December.
- We are on week 2 for the lunch menu this coming week.
- Please remember to complete and return your parent/carer comments sheets prior to your child's Annual Review meeting. We need to ensure we capture everyone's views.
- Please remember we are a NUT FREE school due to severe allergies.

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **88.6%**. This is down on last week however we recognise there has been a nasty sickness and flu bug going around. Remember to keep sanitising.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Do not open anything from people you don't recognise.

Always be aware when receiving emails, images, or texts. Harmful viruses and messages can be sent so think carefully before opening something that looks unfamiliar.



Emotion of the Week:

This week's emotion is SHAME. Try to talk about how your child might be feeling, what their body feels like when they experience this emotion and what they can do to understand and react to them.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:

What you eat and drink can have a big impact upon your mental health and wellbeing.

