



HLA News

Friday 3rd February 2023



Dear Families,

This week has brought a raft of logistical challenges around staffing with the national teachers strikes. Luckily there was a minimal impact upon our school and we were able to keep all classes open as normal. The next planned strike date is on 1st March. If we need to make any changes to provision we will of course keep you up to date via Class Dojo or the school website. I want to take this opportunity to thank staff for their support over this tricky period because without their dedication we would not have been able to maintain full time provision for our learners this week.

Just a reminder for parents and carers. At morning taxi times we will always give priority for staff coming to collect children from taxi's first before collecting students from the care of their parents. I hope you understand we do this because many of the students who are transported via taxi can be on the vehicle for up to an hour and we want to ensure they are supported into school as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

After half term we are going to be starting the Daily Mile programme with our students. We have adapted this to meet their needs and are calling the Daily Move. We recognise the benefits this has to physical and mental health and will help our students engage and focus. We plan on using the school grounds for this. Please ensure your child attends school in the appropriate clothing for the weather as well as flat, sensible shoes. We aim to complete this at least 3 times per week and will be getting outside in all weathers!

This week our School Council have been taking part in a Speak Out Council project with Voiceability. This gives students with additional needs the opportunity to comment and contribute to current affairs in the local area. Our students demonstrated confidence and great communication skills. We are very proud of them.

I want to take this opportunity to say a big well done to Lyn and Barbara, two of our senior leaders here at Highfield Littleport. They have been studying over the last 18 months towards a national professional qualification. They were notified on Tuesday that both of them passed and now hold the National Professional Qualification in Leading Teacher Development (NPQLTD). This has been hugely impactful on our work here at school particularly with developing our subject leadership skills.

Students in S2 have been doing some great work in English this week. Their writing is really improving and some students loved to confidently read their writing back to me. It is great to see the improvements they have made. Students in S3 have been learning about fiction and non-fiction texts. They were great at recognising the differences and gave lots of examples.

We hope you all have a great weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- Friday 10th February – Men/Dip vaccinations to all those Y9 students and up that have given consent.
- Friday 10th February S2 and S1 students will be visiting Castle Rising in with their learning about Castles.
- Please ensure parents and carers report any online safety or child protection concerns that occur outside of school to the relevant authorities. It helps if we are informed of incidents so that we can support students at school but if you feel a child is in danger parents must report this to the police or social care.
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. Please email office@highfieldlittleport.org and your message will be sent on to our co-chairs to get involved.
- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



Emotion of the Week

This week's emotion
of the week is ANGRY



Online Safety Tip of the Week

Stop all contact with anyone
online who asks you to do
anything you don't want to do.
Report and block them.