



HLA News



Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Families,

The School has now become very festive as it is now December and there are twinkly lights and decorations everywhere. Covid is not going to stop us celebrating the festive season!

Due to increased testing as instructed by Public Health we have had a small increase of Covid cases downstairs. We have ring fenced all of the groups concerned to limit transmission and are acting in accordance with the advice given. In many cases the symptoms are mild thankfully. I understand the situation may cause anxiety to some however we are taking all precautions that are necessary and learning is continuing as normal. I need to make you aware that an absence without a medical reason will not be authorised. Government guidance reinforces the need for continued attendance despite the Covid pandemic.

Students in the S Classes continued to learn about their local area this week by conducting visits to Denver Sluice. They were buzzing when they returned and told me a lot about the flood control measures in the Fens that are used to prevent flooding. I was very impressed by their recall of knowledge. It was also reported that the students behaved impeccably and represented the school fantastically – well done! The trip was free so as a thank you to Denver sluice we are donating our takings from the tuck shop tomorrow to Water Aid. Don't forget to bring in your pennies for tuck for classes in S2 – S4.

Students in our Green pathway classes have been learning about Diwali and been creating beautiful diva lamps and rangoli patterns. Their learning about other festivals and religions has widened their knowledge of other cultures well.

Unfortunately due to Covid considerations we have had to conduct our Christmas celebrations a little bit differently this year. We are unable to have large social gatherings so we will again be recording a Christmas showcase to share with you. The students have been busy practising their singing and performances to share with you. We will share this via Class Dojo at the end of term.

If students would like to bring in Christmas cards we have a dedicated post box in reception. Cards need to be in by Friday and we will be emptying the post box each Monday so that cards can be quarantined and covid safe. For the last week all cards need to be in by Wednesday so that we can empty the box on the last day of term. Please ensure you put the students name and class on the envelope so that they get to the right person.

Also as some of you will have seen on Class Dojo we have 2022 calendars for sale made by the students at £5 each. You can pay and order these via Parent Pay and make great Christmas gifts for all of the family.

I hope you have a great weekend and stay safe everyone.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

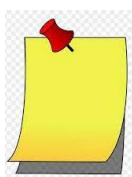
Head of School



Golden Book Stars of the Week



Eagles Student	always tries their best. Their reading and writing is improving so much.
Eagles Student	for forming their letters well and is working hard to improve their hand position and pencil grip. This means their handwriting is really improving.
Two Puffin Students	for showing great determination and resilience during PE when climbing on the apparatus!
S2 Student	for showing excellent resilience during Molly Dancing this week and giving their best efforts! They have also demonstrated fantastic listening and safety skills whilst on our trip to Denver.
S3 Student	for overcoming your anxiety during the preparation of KS3's Hygge Hotspot. For two consecutive weeks you have done amazingly well. Huge well done!
S4 Student	for being a team player and being resilient by joining in Clubbersize and Molly Dancing.
Two S5 Students	for showing maturity and independence during their work experience.



Important Information



- As we are in a designated government Enhanced Response Area, please remember the need for regular hand washing and social distancing at school. Also secondary aged students who are able to are required to wear masks in corridors and communal areas at school. This applies to school transport also but we recognise that if students are exempt they are not required to wear a face covering.
- Can I remind everyone that we are nut free school. If students bring products in containing nuts it will be necessary to confiscate them for the health and safety of all our learners. We also have some learners with other allergies so would request your understanding if we communicate some items are not bought in. This is to ensure the safety of all concerned.
- If students are identified as close contacts we will inform you and you will be required to take your child to have a PCR test. It is important for us to identify potential cases at an early stage.
- Secondary aged students please don't forget to test twice weekly and report results to Covid.HLA@highfieldlittleport.org as well as the government website. This is increasingly important now that we are in an Enhanced Response Area within Cambridgeshire.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Ensure you update your passwords regularly and do not give out any sensitive information particularly on social media. Make sure you use a mixture of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols to make sure your password is as secure as possible.

Mental Health Tip of the Week

