



HLA News

Friday 6th December 2024



Dear Families,

The children loved coming in this week to a festive school with lots of decorations. They are getting excited for Christmas already but we are doing our best to continue with their learning.



Unfortunately we still don't have any more news about our 50 place extension. We are hopeful we will hear something before Christmas so that we can share this with you.

As I am sure you have gathered by the requests for festive clothing and accessories on Class Dojo we are busy preparing for Christmas. As we do not have a space big enough to hold a whole school performance we will be again sharing our festive performance with you via video. This is also a lot less stressful for our learners but the students still get to perform. We will be sharing the finished production with you before Christmas. This will really get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Talking of Christmas we took part this week in a festive Santa Dash this week as part of our Daily Move activities. The students are doing brilliantly at the Daily Move and we have seen a huge improvement in physical fitness and attitudes to learning. It has also helps to improve the overall wellbeing of our learners. Even our learners with limited mobility are able to join in and benefit from the change of scenery and fresh air.

Next week our Key Stage 4 learners will be attending the Carol Concert at Kings College in Cambridge. Last week some of our students also recorded 'Sleeps til Santa' for Star Radio. This will air on Star Breakfast with Dan Mills on Thursday 12th December, at 6.30, 7.30 and again at 8.30am. You can listen on 100.7FM, DAB, online at star.radio and on Smart Speakers ('Play star radio'). We also welcomed some classes into school this week for some shared session, it was great to see such good attendance. We look forward to welcoming more parents into school in the coming weeks.

Thank you so much for your support while doing your weekly food shop. Those of you who shopped in Asda and nominated Highfield Littleport Academy helped us raise some much needed funds for the school. At the end of the scheme we raised a grand total of **£100.40**. Once we receive these funds we will let you know what we were able to get for the school.

We were also nominated by a staff member's relation to British Sugar to be one of the beneficiaries of their local fundraising scheme. We were successful in receiving **£250** from them to contribute towards re-vamping our sensory garden. When the weather improves we will make a start on this and look forward to sharing lots of pictures.

Heartfelt thanks goes to a local resident who has supported us this week. We were approached by a Littleport resident who had a small wheelchair to donate. This was gratefully received and will be very beneficial to our students within school.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information



- Please ensure that you connect to both Arbor and Evidence for Learning so that you are kept up to date with all school activities. Everyone has been sent a password so please make sure you connect. If you need an invite please do let us know.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.
- Our Christmas Disco is taking place on Friday 13th December with these timings. SOHLA will be selling drinks and treats so don't forget your pennies!
5.30– 6.30pm – Wrens, Eagles, Owls, Sparrows, Robins, Puffins. S2, S3
6.45 – 8.15pm – S1, S4, S5, H1,H2, H3

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 88.4%. This is quite a decline on last week. Please see this NHS guidance which will help determine school attendance which is health related

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> According to new direction from the trust families who take unauthorised holidays during term time will be face a penalty notice.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

PROTECT SENSITIVE DATA
 For sensitive work related activities use secure connections such as a VPN or encrypt documents or messages before transmission.

Emotion of the Week – Excitement



Try to talk to your child about excitement and how this makes them and their body feel. You can explore different words for the emotion and how to appropriately respond. Talk about how we can manage these feelings.

Mental Health Tip of the Week

tips FOR anxiety

- sleep** FOR 6 TO 8 HOURS EVERY NIGHT.
- breath** USE DEEP BREATHING TECHNIQUES.
- exercise** OR TAKE A WALK.
- laugh** LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE.
- cell break** TAKE A TECHNOLOGY BREAK.
- read** READ SELF-HELP BOOKS.
- talk** TALK TO A PROFESSIONAL.