



# HLA News

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Dear Families,

We have had a very productive week here at Highfield Littleport. It is hard to believe that we only have 1 week left until half term, time is flying by



There are lots of big holes on the construction site as they dig the foundations for the turning circle. You can tell I am not much of an engineer otherwise I would be able to describe in detail what they are doing! The turning circle will be completed first before the contractors begin work on the main extension in another 4-6 weeks. I am impressed by how well the amendments to drop off and collection time are working. Thank you for being patient and considerate during this time.

Can I please remind parents to ensure that all absences on the day are reported on Arbor? This system makes things a lot simpler for us at school. It means we can dedicate our time to working with the students rather than following up on absences with parents.

This week we have had a SOHLA meeting to discuss new fundraising ideas. It was lovely to see some new faces at the meeting and we really value the support that parents and carers give. We have a Spring Bingo planned for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – get that date in your diaries. We have also started thinking about our summer projects. Watch this space! We are now hoping to focus our fundraising towards some hand bikes that are accessible to those with limited mobility. Help raise money for the school as playtimes are going to be so much fun!

Thank you to everyone who attended our communication session this week. It was so good to have such a high turnout, I hope parents and carers found this session useful. This is a great opportunity to work collaboratively alongside our speech and language therapist. We are looking at focussing sessions around the specific needs of our learners so please do suggest some themes for sessions that you feel would be useful.

This week some of the learners in Key Stage 4 have been learning about different styles of letter writing – formal and informal. I received a letter from some of the students with some very well thought out arguments. They asked if they could have another residential for some of the year 10 and 11 classes this year. The students linked their reasons to our learning values and it was a very comprehensive argument. I have written back to them (of course!) explaining that we need to look into availability and also cost. As per the students request we will do some research and find out with parents and carers if a trip like this is feasible. We will get back to you soon with some more information.

We have also been impressed this week with the social and communication skills of some of our learners in H2. They have shown us some excellent manners as well as a huge development in some students communication skills. Keep it up everyone!

Have a lovely weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



## Important Information



- Don't forget to make your termly £10 contribution to Class Funds. This is paid via Arbor.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.
- Don't forget to connect to your child's Evidence for Learning account. If you need a reminder of your username or to reset your password please do let us know. The domain you need to use when logging in is **highfieldlittle**
- Please can I remind parents that **absence on the day needs to be reported via Arbor**
- We are on **week 2** of the school menu next week (WC 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025)

## School Attendance

Whole school attendance was 90.6% this week which is an improvement on last week. Thank you for working with us to improve attendance. Please remember any school term time holidays will not be authorised. **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



#### Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.

### Emotion of the Week



The emotion this week is SAD. Discuss this emotion with your child and how it makes their body feel. Explain that different emotions are ok and we are here to help manage them.

### Mental Health Tip of the Week

Remember that self-care is important.

You are unable to support your loved ones if you are not 100% yourself.

Do what makes you happy.

Put yourself  
and your  
needs higher on  
your agenda.