



# HLA News

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023



Dear Families,

Welcome back to the new school year. It is lovely to see existing students returning to school and welcoming new students to our school. Learners have settled extremely well and are already very engaged and focussed on their learning.

Over the summer we have completed the initial split from our neighbouring SEN school whom we share a building with. We are working with the Eastern Learning Alliance to ensure the split from LECA doesn't disrupt teaching, learning and campus operations. From now on LECA has been renamed as Vista Academy, Littleport. We wish them much success in their new venture. Due to the schools now being run by different trusts this limits the amount of joint working that we can facilitate with regards to teaching and learning.

I am pleased to report some fantastic results we had from last year's Key Stage 4 cohort. Students gained Functional Skills English qualifications as well as Entry Level Maths qualifications. All attained recognition of their learning through the AQA Unit Award scheme too. We are immensely proud of them all! This demonstrates the individualised and wide curriculum offer we can give to our students ensuring they are well prepared for their next step whatever that may be.

Next week we have some exciting times ahead. ITV Anglia will be coming into school next week to do some filming and interviews related to new students starting within specialist provision. They will be spending some time in classes filming as well as interviewing staff and talking to students. Please be reassured we have collated all permissions together and will of course ensure consents are respected.

In order to maintain our extra-curricular activities such as food technology and creative arts where students can keep what they have made we ask all parents for a payment of £7.50 per term. We understand that times are tough at the moment but would appreciate any payments so that we can maintain this great provision. This can be processed via Parent Pay. If you have not set up your account yet please do speak to Laura in the main office.

Please remember you can access your child's learning in to see the progress they are making. The Evidence for Learning Family app is available to download from the App Store. Once downloaded you can set up a username and password to log on. Please use the domain **highfieldlittle**. If you need your username or password sent again please do not hesitate to contact us. We love to see the learning that is going on at home too so the app has the functionality to upload pictures and comments. We are hosting a coffee morning this coming **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30** in the school hall, where I will give an introduction to our curriculum and help parents and carers connect to Evidence for Learning. If you are planning to attend please download the app in advance which will make setup much easier.

We have scheduled our first parents evening of the year which will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September between 3.30 and 6.30. This will give you an opportunity to discuss priorities for the year with your child's class teacher. You can choose between meeting at school in the hall or via Teams/telephone call. Letters will be coming out on soon to choose your preference of a 10 minute slot. Teachers will then message to allocate appointments.

A note for new parents (and reminder for existing parents) about parking. Please can parents park in the bays along the stretch coming to the car park as this is a dedicated area for parents and carers. If you need any alternative arrangements made due to difficulties you may experience please speak to a member of staff. This ensures that things move smoothly at this busy time of the day.

Student data collection sheets will be sent home today, please ensure you check the details and amended if needed as it is important we have the correct information. If no changes are needed please still sign the sheet so we know it has been reviewed and return to the school office by Friday 15th September.

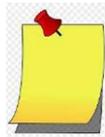
Parents of students who are now in Year 6 may have received a letter about phase transfer into their preferred secondary school in September 2024. You will need to complete the form that has been sent but this will not affect your child's place with us. When you specify the setting please put that you wish your child to remain at Highfield Littleport.

Now a plea for your help! We want to relaunch our parents association as we would love to have as many parents involved in the life of the school as possible. If you are interested in being part of the group to raise valuable funds for the school please do come along to our coffee morning on Monday or make contact with the school office. There isn't much commitment and the rewards for you and the benefits for the school are huge.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



### Important Information

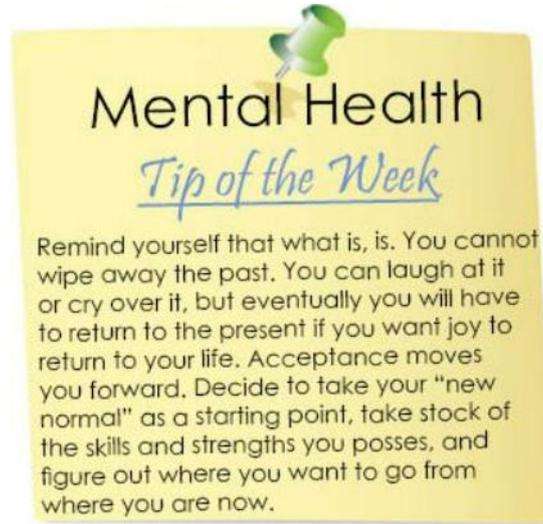


- Don't forget to ensure your child's belongings are all named so that they get back to the correct owner if mislaid.
- Parents evening is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September between 3.30 and 6.30. Letters will be coming out soon to book a slot. If your child has an annual review this term please **DO NOT** book a slot.
- Don't forget to contribute £7.50 per term if you are able towards our extra-curricular activities. This can be done via Parent Pay as we are a cashless school.
- Please be aware that while with your children in the car park to ensure younger student's hands are held and that they are parents and carers responsibility. The car park is very busy and already there have been a few near misses so higher supervision at these times is paramount.
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- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.

# School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 90.3%. We want to promote high levels of attendance and punctuality as when pupils are not at school they are missing out on valuable learning. Let's see if we can beat this figure next week!

Just a reminder that requests for absence for holidays in term time will not be authorised.



## Online Safety Tip of the Week:



## Emotion of the Week:

Our emotion of the week is HAPPY. We will be working with the students to recognise this emotion, how it feels and what induces it. We will also be teaching strategies to manage emotions appropriately