



# HLA News

Friday 9th December 2022



Dear Families,

Christmas is in full swing at Highfield Littleport – tis the season to be jolly!

This week our students have been working so hard at filming their sections for the School Christmas performance. Staff are busy putting all of the clips together and we cannot wait to be able to share this with you. The link will be available via Class Dojo at the end of term.

This week the upper school held their Christmas Fayre. It was a huge success and we were even graced with a visit from Father Christmas himself. The students applied their money and social skills brilliantly during the fayre and we are very proud of how all of them conducted themselves. At first count we took a grand total of £355.47. Thank you so much to everyone who attended and supported the school. The students enjoyed attending the fayre and spending their pennies again applying their money skills too.

A few weeks ago Le Spice in Ely held a charity curry and quiz night in aid of Highfield Littleport Academy. They raised a fantastic amount of money at the event – over £500. On the night a local business man – Clive Palmer, Director of Roadpacer Limited also donated another £500 to the school. Huge thanks to everyone who was involved. We will be putting the funds towards some new sensory playground equipment. We will share pictures when it is purchased and installed.

Students in Puffins class have been applying their art skills brilliantly this week. They have used a variety of different media and techniques to create a winter picture. They are going to be used on some class Christmas cards. We were amazed by the artistic effects they created.

Wrens class have been working hard with their play skills. They have been doing some great collaborative work and learning to share and take turns. They have been interacting with equipment so well that the batteries in one particular torch have had to be changed twice in the space of a week!

After the Christmas Holiday there will be some staffing and room changes in response to Mary leaving us. Emily will be teaching S3 and Tilly will be moving into Key Stage 4 to teach H1. With regards to rooms S3 will be relocating to the current H1 classroom and H1 will be moving into S3. All staff and rooms are familiar so we do not anticipate this to be a big change for the students. Some transition activities have already begun and the students have responded well.

On Friday our students recorded their 'Sleeps til Santa' piece. Make sure you listen out to Star Radio, we will be aired on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30am, 7.30am and 8.30am. We are singing 11 Sleeps til Santa. The students really enjoyed this experience and were very excited. Some students were also interviewed and they did us proud!

Wishing you a great weekend

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



## Important Information



- Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Slips should have already been returned to pre-order.
- Our Christmas Jumper Day is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.
- Our pupil Christmas performance video will be shared on Class Dojo at the end of the term. You are in for a treat!
- It is our school Christmas Shop on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Students will have the opportunity to buy special presents for loved ones – there is even a wrapping service! Please send you child in with some money, a maximum of £3 will be sufficient.
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. There will be a formal meeting after Christmas but if you want to get in touch in the meantime please email [office@highfieldlittleport.org](mailto:office@highfieldlittleport.org) and your message will be sent on to our co-chairs.
- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.

### Mental Health Tip of the Week:

Go for a walk; let your mind and body wander a little.

Exercise is good for both physical and mental health.

### Online Safety Tip of the Week:

#### Screen Time

Agree a time limit or number of games beforehand, to avoid repeated disagreements around how long they can spend online.

The resource '[Young People and Screentime – A Good Start](#)' is available, which provides some tips and checklists to help parents and carers get children off to a good start using digital devices.