



HLA News

Friday 10th January 2025



Dear Families,

Happy New Year to all our parents and carers. It was lovely to welcome all of the students back to school this week. Most were very happy to be back and all students have settled back into the school routine very well.



We have had an agreement from the Local Authority that the costings for the extension have been agreed. We are a step closer to the final contracts and the enabling works commencing. There are a few meetings in the next week between the contractors and school to facilitate this. I will of course keep you informed when we make more progress.

This week we had a very special delivery due to a very kind donation from a local Littleport business. Richard Neill who is the Director of Manit Construction has kindly funded full football kits for our school football team. The students really do look the part and love their new kits. Richard has expressed that he is not interested in promotion for the business but is invested in supporting us in the local community. This is such a lovely gesture and will really make a huge difference to our students. This alongside free coaching from Lawrence at Active Play Education will give the team a huge boost. I look forward to cheering the team on from the side-lines soon – hopefully when it is a little warmer!

Next week some of our Key Stage 4 students will be sitting Functional Skills exams. Students have been completing the speaking and listening elements this week. I am so proud of their attitude towards the exams and despite feelings of anxiety and worry that have all risen to the challenge brilliantly. Keep up the great attitude everyone!

As we begin our new term I need to remind parents about making their class funds donation. In order to support students learning and provide lots of practical and multi-sensory resources we ask for a contribution of £10 per term for each student. These funds help to support cooking, sensory activities and accessing the community. We understand that financially some are going through difficult times but without these donations we are unable to provide these excellent facilities for our learners. This is paid for through Arbor, thank you in advance for this.

This week I have seen some great learning in classes across the school. Students in H1 have been working incredibly hard on recognising things that you can do to contribute towards a healthy lifestyle. This is part of an ASDAN qualification. Students really thought creatively about all of the elements of good health including sleep, leisure time as well as diet. Students in H2 have been learning about different types of technology within their ASDAN units. It was great to see them around the school identifying different types of technology. Both of these topics are great preparation for adulthood.

Students in Robins have been exploring their sense of taste in line with celebrating Burns Night. They definitely showed a preference for shortbread rather than the oat cakes which they were given to try. Lovely examples of practical and exploratory learning.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information

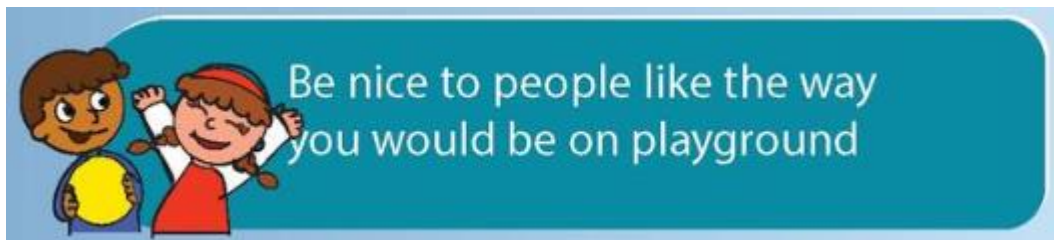


- Don't forget to make your termly £10 contribution to Class Funds. This is paid via Arbor.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.
- Don't forget to connect to your child's Evidence for Learning account. If you need a reminder of your username or to reset your password please do let us know. The domain you need to use when logging in is **highfieldlittle**
- Guitar lessons for those who have signed up will begin week commencing 13th January and will take place each Wednesday.
- We are on **week 1** of the school menu next week (WC 13th January 2025)

School Attendance

Attendance levels were off to a good start this week, whole school attendance was 94.5% Let's keep it up! 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:



Emotion of the Week



Emotions will be running high at this time of the year. Chunk tasks into smaller parts and give your child a manageable goal. Also this application of routine can make all of the difference.

Mental Health Tip of the Week

