



HLA News

Friday 10th December 2021



Dear Families,

Wow it is hard to believe we are only one week away from breaking up for Christmas. This half term has gone so fast.

Within Cambridgeshire we continue to be in a designated Enhanced Response Area for Covid. This along with the recent government changes to restrictions mean we need to maintain the measures we have already put in place. We have been one step ahead here at Highfield and already facilitated some separate groupings to manage the spread. At present cases are stabilising here at school which shows all of the measures put in place are proving to be effective. We need to continue these measures for the foreseeable future in order to try to keep everyone safe. To that end just a reminder that all Annual Reviews for the first half of the Spring term at least will be held via telephone or Teams.

This week it has been great to see some of the work within our Key Stage 2 Yellow classes. Puffins class took a walk to the post office developing excellent independent and road safety skills. Swallows have also produced some great work around the Battle of Hastings within their topic Going into Battle. They re-created the Bayeux Tapestry which is proudly on display in school. Check out our art pages on social media to see the work.

Some of our Green pathway students have been doing some great maths work this week. They have applied their learning on Mass and Weight well in the class practising finding out the weight of parcels in their school post office.

Students in S5 have been getting into the Christmas spirit this week and developing their enterprise skills. They have organised a Christmas Shop and they have been serving students from across the school to purchase presents for those at home. Great application of social and money skills in a practical activity.

Don't forget if you are bringing Christmas cards into school they need to be deposited into the post box by Wednesday at the latest. This gives them a chance to decontaminate before being distributed. Please ensure you put the students name and class on the envelope so that they get to the right person.

Another reminder about our 2022 calendars for sale made by the students. These are £5 each and you can pay and order these via Parent Pay. They make great Christmas gifts for all of the family.

I hope you have a great weekend and stay safe everyone.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School

PS – I had a visit

From Father

Christmas and his

Elf today!

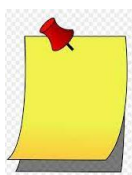




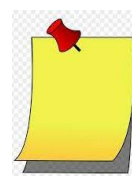
Golden Book Stars of the Week



Puffin Student	for good all round effort.
Robins Student	for some fantastic speaking in circle time and in the classroom.
Robins Student	for amazing problem solving in Maths.
Sparrows Student	for excellent blending and reading of CVC words during phonics.
S1 Student	for completing their tray work independently.
S1 Student	developing their money skills.
S2 Student	for excellent attention to detail during our trip to Snakehall Farm. She listened carefully and asked interesting questions! She was a model pupil on our trip and represented our school perfectly!
S5 Student	for excellent engagement in his English lessons at LECA.
S5 Student	for dealing with an emotional situation in a very mature way.



Important Information



- As we are in a designated government Enhanced Response Area, please remember the need for regular hand washing and social distancing at school. Also secondary aged students who are able to are required to wear masks in corridors and communal areas at school. This applies to school transport also but we recognise that if students are exempt they are not required to wear a face covering.
- All secondary aged students will be required to have an LFT test in school at the beginning of term in January. If you have previously provided consent this will still stand.
- Can I remind everyone that we are not free school. If students bring products in containing nuts it will be necessary to confiscate them for the health and safety of all our learners. We also have some learners with other allergies so would request your understanding if we communicate some items are not bought in. This is to ensure the safety of all concerned.
- If students are identified as close contacts we will inform you and you will be required to take your child to have a PCR test. It is important for us to identify potential cases at an early stage.
- Secondary aged students please don't forget to test twice weekly and report results to Covid.HLA@highfieldlittleport.org as well as the government website. Thank you to those who routinely test and report, this really is making a difference to identify cases at an early stage to help prevent the spread of Covid.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Talk with your child about responsible use of your smart speaker and how it can be used safely and responsibly. Explore the parental controls as there are ways that children can stay safe using these devices too.

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their smart speaker for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the speaker helping with homework or not adding items to shopping lists using the speaker.

Mental Health Tip of the Week

Don't try to do it all yourself.

Ask for help when you need it.

