



HLA News



Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Families,

Despite the challenges that Covid has brought this half term we have made it to the holiday.

Along with the Covid challenges we have also had a spate of sickness and diarrhoea. I need to remind you of the NHS policies which we are required to follow as a school:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea/pages/introduction.aspx/amp/>

Preventing sickness & diarrhoea:

Sickness and diarrhoea is often caused by an infection. You can reduce your risk by making sure you maintain high standards of hygiene.

For example, you should:

- [wash your hands](#) thoroughly with soap and warm water after going to the toilet and before eating or preparing food
- clean the toilet, including the handle and the seat, with disinfectant after each bout of diarrhoea
- avoid sharing towels, flannels, cutlery or utensils with others
- wash soiled clothing and bed linen separately from other clothes and at the highest temperature possible
- You must not **return to work or school until at least 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea**

We recognise that sometimes loose bowel movements and vomiting can be associated with some student's additional needs. If this is the case please ensure that a medical professional has provided evidence of this and it is included this within your child's EHCP. The class team will then be made aware of this. Please understand that we need to adhere to NHS advice particularly if there is a cluster of cases within a class or department.

Within daily circle time session's students in Sparrows are getting fantastic at recognising the date and month of the year. They were very careful to remind me that the month is February and not August! Learners in Eagles have been working very hard at recognising and describing 3D shapes. Brilliant work.

Swallows have been doing some great learning about different continents and countries. This week they experienced everything Chinese to link in with Chinese New Year. S2, S3 and S4 have been working extremely hard this half term on their persuasive writing skills. I have had lots of letters with requests that are trying to convince me to purchase lots of new things. Each are going to get an individual reply – I am working through each letter!

Wishing you all a happy and safe half term. We look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Monday 21st February.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Golden Book Stars of the Week



Owls Student

for engaging well and participating in everything they have been asked to do.

S5 Student

for a responsible and mature approach to their role as Head Librarian.

Wren Student

for engaging well during activities and using good eye contact and gesture to communicate.

It is fantastic to see so many of our learning values demonstrated both in class and within the award certificates. Don't forget if you see any great learning at home you can post it on your child's Evidence for Learning profile via your personalised link. The app will be coming soon!

Our Learning Values at HLA

Independence



Creativity

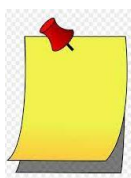


Resilience

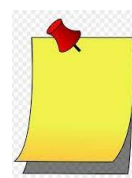


Thinking

Team Work



Important Information



- In consultation with other Special Schools within our cluster we have decided to keep our current Covid measures in place for at least a week after half term. This is in response to a high level of cases in the area and for now we want to take a cautious approach.
- Can I remind everyone that we are nut 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.
- Please ensure any Covid related questions or queries are sent to the Covid inbox. 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.
- School photographs have been rearranged for Friday 4th March in the morning.
- Students return to school on Monday 21st February.
- Covid Vaccinations for students aged 5-11 will be available to be administered at school on Thursday 24th February. Please complete the online consent as within the letter circulated on Class Dojo. Should you wish to accompany your child for this we recommend booking your appointment with your GP.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Learn your way around!

Most devices have controls to ensure that kids can't access content that you don't want them to. Make sure your 'in-app' purchases are disabled to avoid nasty surprises.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:

