



HLA News

Friday 13th December 2024



Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful week here at Highfield Littleport. There have been lots of Christmas festivities but also lots of preparation for adulthood and learning in the process. Despite the excitement our learners have stayed very focussed.



We don't have much more of an update on our 50 place extension plans. The plans are with the local authority currently to agree costings at milestone 4. We will of course update you when we have more information.

This week Key Stage 4 hosted the Christmas Fayre which was a great success. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended to support the school. The initial totals are looking great, our students will be doing some counting on Monday and we will reveal the figure to you all next week. It was lovely to see how students were applying their social skills, communication and maths skills in such a practical context. I am very proud of them all.

It has again been lovely to invite parents and carers into school to share some learning with your children. We have a great turn out and we look forward to hosting more of these events next half term.

This evening we will be dancing the night away at our Christmas Disco organised by the school council. The students are very excited! Students will not be allowed to have mobile phones at the event. If they bring them along to the disco they will be held securely in the office for the duration of the disco and returned afterwards. This is an important safeguarding consideration we need to follow.

This week our students were featured on Star Radio's Sleeps til Santa. The students were interviewed and showed their great communication skills by answering lots of questions about naughty elves and their favourite things about Christmas. It was fantastic hearing them on the radio – I hope you all managed to tune in.

We are having our school Christmas Lunch on Thursday 19th December next week. This will be the only option so if your child has not already had a lunch ordered they will need to bring a pack lunch. On the same day we will also be holding our annual Christmas Jumper day. We are conscious that we have already asked for lots of donations to charity so will not be asking for any donations for this.

Our students have been working hard on their Christmas Video to share with you. We will be sharing this later on next week so keep your eyes peeled!

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information



- Please ensure that you connect to both Arbor and Evidence for Learning so that you are kept up to date with all school activities. Everyone has been sent a password so please make sure you connect. If you need an invite please do let us know.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.
- Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 19th December 2024. There will be no other options available so if you haven't ordered please ensure that a pack lunch is bought in
- Wear your Christmas Jumper to school on Thursday 19th December – there is no need to donate any money just come in looking festive!

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 88.4%. This is a slight decline but there are some nasty bugs around. 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:

Don't download anything without permission.

Emotion of the Week – Excited!



Students will be very excited at this time of the year. Try to keep routines familiar and include calming activities to help your child regulate.

Mental Health Tip of the Week

