



HLA News



Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Families,

We have had a fun filled week at Highfield Littleport with lots of great learning and activities. Firstly apologies for all of the links in this week's newsletter – the staff have been just as busy as the children!

This week the kitchen and dining room extension has stalled unfortunately. The builders have hit a slight problem with the piling and the project has been delayed by a few weeks. It is hopeful that it will be able to get back on schedule by utilising some work at the weekend and making use of the lighter evenings. The main extension planning is gathering pace. The public consultation for the plans opens today. Information can be found in this link <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highfieldacademy-littleport-extension> and any comments can be emailed to: feedback.hla@rgcarter.co.uk up until 28th June. We have displayed the plans in the school foyer and if you take a look at our website there's lots of information on there too. We will be posting updates as news stories on our website.

In order for us to continually improve our provision and recognise areas of outstanding practice we need your views. Please do complete our parent/carer survey in this link <https://forms.office.com/e/YheJM53NEd> this link will also be active until 28th June.

Due to the expansion of our school we currently have an advert for a part time caretaker (25 hours per week) to expand the capacity in our site team. If you are proactive, have a trade or a bit of a handyperson we want to hear from you. We are also looking for Teaching Assistants to start in September. Take a look at the My New Term websites with details of how to apply <https://mynewterm.com/school/Highfield-Littleport-Academy/140882>.

This week our students have been busy out and about in the community. They have also been on lots of trips and visits applying their skills in preparation for adulthood. Some of our older students went to Wicksteed Park which was provided for free through the Kids Day Out scheme. The weather stayed dry for them and they all had a great time. Thank you to the Rotary Club for funding this activity. Some Key Stage 4 students went to the Frank Bruno Sports Day. They participated in lots of accessible sports and they all came back with medals – well done to all of the students. Students in the lower school went to Treetops this week. As a school we were able to fund exclusive access for our students. They developed their physical and social skills brilliantly. The students came back signing about how much fun they had and there were lots of smiles.

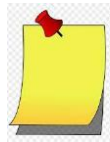
I also need to add a special mention for students in Key Stage 4 who have been sitting exams this week. They have amazed us with their determination and resilience, keep it up guys there is only 1 week left!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information



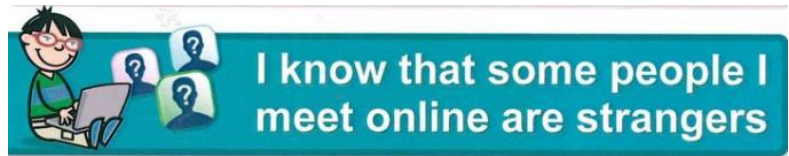
- Please remember to complete and return your parent/carer comments sheets prior to your child's Annual Review meeting. We need to ensure we capture everyone's views.
- There is a school nursing clinic taking place at school on Monday 17th June. For further information or to book an appointment please email CCS-TR.SNSN@nhs.net or call 01223 218061
- Please remember we are a NUT FREE school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.
- Please ensure you **call the office before 9.15am to report your child absent**. If we do not have a call or message we have to make contact with you.
- Wednesday 26th June 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start – Lower School Sports Day
- Wednesday 10th July 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start – Upper School Sports Day

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 89.6%. This is a decline on last week. Please remember that any applications for absences during school term time will not be authorised. **According to direction from the trust families who take unauthorised holidays during term time will be face a penalty notice issued by the Local Authority.**

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Not everyone online is who they say they are. Some might be posing as someone else.



Emotion of the Week:



This week's emotion is RELAXED. Try to talk about how your child might be feeling, what their body feels like when they experience this emotion and what they can do to understand and react to them.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:

Do a good deed, this will make you feel good too! Giving compliments is just as nice as receiving them.

send someone a nice message

Highfield Academy, Littleport Online Public Consultation

On the New SEND Teaching Wing Extension

Viewable between 14th June to 28th June 2024



Cambridgeshire County Council is pleased to announce the development of proposals for the expansion of Highfield Academy, Littleport, to include a new teaching wing extension. The teaching wing will provide an additional 50 places, taking the total capacity to 194 places, extending the critical need for Special Educational Needs and Disability pupil places in the county.

The Local Authority acknowledges the excellent relationship that already exists between the school and the local community that it serves. The Local Authority and the project team would therefore like to invite comments from parents, carers, residents and members of the community on the draft proposals as part of the ongoing development of the scheme, ahead of the submission of a formal planning application, which is currently scheduled for Summer 2024. The public consultation is scheduled to run from June 14th to June 28th inclusive.



Subject to a satisfactory planning process, it is intended that the construction work will commence in Winter 2024, with a view to occupying the new buildings from the Autumn term 2025.

The online event can be viewed at the Cambridgeshire County Councils website by the following website address: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highfieldacademy-littleport-extension or alternatively on the Highfield Academy website.

Please submit your comments by emailing feedback.hla@rgcarter.co.uk up until 28th June 2024.

Please note that Cambridgeshire County Council, the Local Planning Authority, will also carry out consultation on the proposed development whilst the planning application is being considered.

