



HLA News

Friday 14th July 2023



Dear Families,

We have had a busy week with lots of events at HLA, all being of huge benefit to our learners.

Thursday we had a disco and our very first prom for our Highfield Littleport Leavers. It was a fantastic event and all of the learners seemed to enjoy it. I want to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who gave up their own time to support the event. Without this the event would not have been possible. Particular thanks to Cheryl and the team for organising such great prom arrangements, Lindsay for the brilliant tunes and Paula for the yummy tuck shop. Students have also enjoyed activity days and a great sports event hosted by Hannah.

This week our students have had lots of trips and activities where they have applied their preparing for adulthood learning. Trips to Ely, Treetops and the Recycling Centre were very successful and the students represented the school impeccably.

As you will have seen via Class Dojo we have communicated some different collection arrangements for parents and carers. I hope you will appreciate we are doing everything we can to ensure that these are the best arrangements for all concerned. I want to say a personal thank you to the parents who have made contact with positive comments around this arrangements, it really is appreciated. Parents are requested to ensure they follow the communication protocol to communicate any feedback as this will mean you get the most efficient response.

I am pleased to announce to parents that following our external safeguarding review we were awarded a Platinum safeguarding award. This is the highest level of recognition possible from the organisation and there was only one point for improvement which was a date on a policy. This was immediately rectified! This award is a testament to our school what was quoted as being "highly committed to keeping pupils safe and have created a strong safeguarding culture" with it being recognised that pupils "are well cared for and feel safe." Well done to all of the team and we are committed to continuing to uphold these high standards.

Today we had our first joint sports football match at Highfield Ely. Unfortunately we didn't win but the students showed great sportsmanship and really enjoyed the experience. We look forward to more matches in the future.

Please can I ask parents to ensure that they clear any outstanding Parent Pay balances before the end of term? This will ensure that we start the new academic year with a clear balance.

We are back in school Monday – Wednesday next week, finishing for the Summer on Wednesday 19th July. Next week we have a variety of end of year events with invites all sent out separately. We will be welcoming the students back to school on Monday 4th September 2023.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- The school year ends on Wednesday 19th July.
- Our leavers assembly is on Tuesday 18th July at 2pm for invited guests only.
- We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 4th September.
- Please don't forget that students are only allowed to bring in plastic water bottles to school.
- We are a **nut free school** so please do not send in any products containing nuts. This also accounts for sun cream too so please keep an eye on the ingredients in the bottles.
- Please remember we are a dog free site (excluding assistance and therapy dogs)
- Don't forget to download the Evidence for Learning Family app so that you can view progress reports. If you need your password reset please contact the office.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:

KINDNESS
is a gift
everyone can
afford to give.

Emotion of the Week

Our emotion of the week is proud.
We are revisiting previous emotions and now exploring the way they make us feel and how to respond appropriately.



Online Safety Tip of the Week

