



HLA News

Friday 15th September 2023



Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of our second week back at school and it has been a busy one!

This week we had ITV Anglia coming in to film a piece about new starters to special schools and the pressure of places within specialist provision. The students were impeccably behaved and all interested to interact with the reporters. The report will be featured on ITV Anglia on Tuesday 19th September at 4.45pm and 6pm. Make sure you take a look.

I am pleased to report some more fantastic results we had from last year's Key Stage 4 cohort. Some of our current Year 11 students gained Functional Skills English and Maths qualifications last year. This means they have the opportunity to improve on these grades even further this year. Well done to everyone concerned – we are very proud.

In order to maintain our extra-curricular activities such as food technology and creative arts where students can keep what they have made remind all parents for a payment of £7.50 per term. We understand that times are tough at the moment but would appreciate any payments so that we can maintain this great provision. This can be processed via Parent Pay. If you have not set up your account yet please do speak to Laura in the main office.

Thank you to everyone who attended our coffee morning this week. We had a good level of attendance. Everyone also managed to get connected to Evidence for Learning at the session so that day to day learning and progress information can be shared. If you are still not connected please let us know and we can send your username and a password reset link. Our domain name for access is **highfieldlittle**.

We have scheduled our first parents evening of the year which will take place on Wednesday 27th September between 3.30 and 6.30. This will give you an opportunity to discuss priorities for the year with your child's class teacher. You can choose between meeting at school in the hall or via Teams/telephone call. Letters have been sent out so please return your slip to choose your preference of a 10 minute slot. Teachers will then message to allocate appointments.

Please make sure you check out the important information section below too as we have a variety of different dates for immunisations and health clinics being held at school.

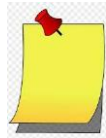
Our school council are already starting to raise money for good causes. On Friday 22nd September we will be supporting Jeans for Genes day. Students can come to school wearing their jeans along with the rest of their school uniform for a £1 donation.

Now a plea for your help! We want to relaunch our parents association as we would love to have as many parents involved in the life of the school as possible. We have had a few parents expressing interest in being part of the group to raise valuable funds for the school. If you are interested please pop a message through to the school office and we can organise a meeting. There isn't much commitment and the rewards for you and the benefits for the school are huge.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- Don't forget to ensure your child's belongings are all named so that they get back to the correct owner if mislaid.
- Parents evening is on Wednesday 27th September between 3.30 and 6.30. Please return your slip to add preference for a slot. If your child has an annual review this term please **DO NOT** book a slot.
- Don't forget to contribute £7.50 per term if you are able towards our extra-curricular activities. This can be done via Parent Pay as we are a cashless school.
- We have the Flu Vaccination Clinic being held at school on 25th September. Forms should already have been returned as today was the deadline.
- There is a school nursing clinic being held at school on 2nd October. If you wish to discuss any health issues the nurses are available. Please book via ccs-tr.snsn@nhs.net or call 01223 218061.
- Letters have been sent out for consent and information about the Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks. Please complete these and return and a date will be finalised soon.
- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.

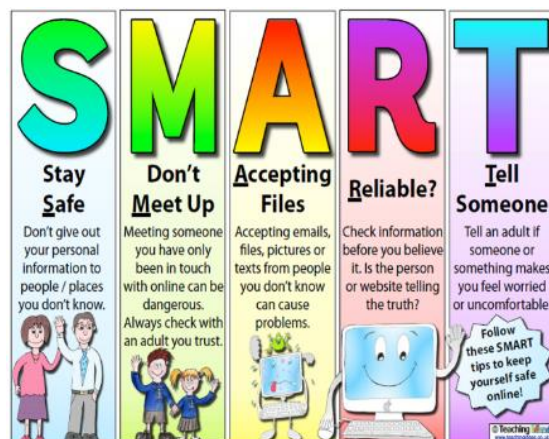
School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 93%. We want to promote high levels of attendance and punctuality as when pupils are not at school they are missing out on valuable learning. A great improvement on last week. Thank you for continuing to work collaboratively with us.

Just a reminder that requests for absence for holidays in term time will not be authorised.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Don't forget to be SMART! Safe, don't meet up, don't accept files, check the information is reliable and tell someone if something bothers you.



Emotion of the Week:



Our emotion of the week is SAD. We will be working with the students to recognise this emotion, how it feels and what induces it. We will also be teaching strategies to manage emotions appropriately.