



# HLA News

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of the last full week before Christmas. The students are having a great time (but still learning of course!) with more planned for next week.

I need to remind you of our continued expectations for good attendance despite the Christmas activities. Our students will be continuing to learn right up until we finish for the break. This is still important learning time and should not be missed.

This week we held our Christmas Fairs for the Upper and Lower School. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their day (and pennies out of their pockets) to support us. We will share the grand total raised when we have completed the big count up. It was great to see the students applying their money skills at each of the stalls as well as their communication and interaction with others.

If you didn't get to see our filmed Christmas Video at the fair you missed a great performance. We shared the students work on the big screen and there were lots of proud reactions as well as chuckles at H4's contribution. We will be sharing each classes video on Class Dojo so please do look out for it.

Today we have our Christmas Disco for the students organised by the School Council. The lower school students are invited between 5pm and 6pm. Upper school students are between 6.05pm and 7.30pm. Students need to have bought a ticket in advance to attend. The School Council will be selling drinks and treats so don't forget to bring along some pennies.

Our Key Stage 4 students are continuing to visit the Grange Care Home in Littleport as part of their studies. They have made some lovely connections with the residents and both groups are benefitting from excellent social and verbal opportunities.

This half term some of our green pathway classes are learning all about recycling and sustainability. We had a visitor come into the school from the recycling centre at Milton. The students engaged brilliantly in a lot of practical activities related to recycling. It is great to see they have applied their knowledge this week too when photocopying after I was asked if I needed my printing and if not I needed to recycle it!

Wednesday next week is our last day at school before the Christmas holidays. Students are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on that day with no donation. We will also be having our Christmas Dinner that day so it will be a day full of Christmas fun!

As a proud member of the Active Learning Trust I would also like to share their end of term newsletter. Please use this link to view:

[https://files.schudio.com/activelearningtrust/files/Newsletters/Autumn\\_PARENTS\\_CARERS\\_FINAL.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/activelearningtrust/files/Newsletters/Autumn_PARENTS_CARERS_FINAL.pdf)

I hope you have a good weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



## Important Information



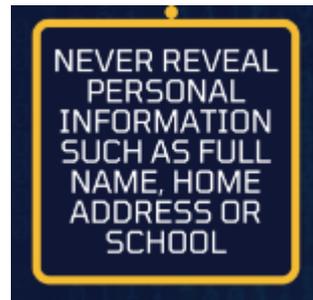
- Please ensure you return your computer usage forms back to school as soon as possible so that we do not have any disruption to learning.
- We will be having our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Lunches will only be provided to those who have pre-ordered due to the volumes being prepared.
- 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.
- We will all be wearing our Christmas Jumpers on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December as it is our last day at school. There will be no charge for this. We will not be taking part in the paid charitable event.
- Please remember we are a NUT FREE school due to severe allergies.

## School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 89.8%. We encourage you to continue working with us to improve school attendance. Please remember that any applications for absences during school term time will not be authorised.

### Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Please remember to keep personal information private.



### Emotion of the Week:



This week's emotion is EXCITED. 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:

Here at Highfield Littleport we value diversity. We are all amazing in our own way. It would be boring if we were all the same wouldn't it?

#### Accept who you are.

Some of us make people laugh, some are good with numbers or words, others cook amazing meals. We are all different in some way - and that's OK.