



# HLA News

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025



Dear Families,

This half term is going at such a fast pace, learners are making excellent progress. It has been lovely for me to get into some classes this week to see some of the great work that is happening at our school.



The builders are making some fantastic progress with the project. This week the steels have been put into place. It was also fascinating to watch them putting the stairs into position. The students were asking some very insightful questions about how the build is coming together. One asked why there was another flight of stairs on top of the first floor – of course, we need a way of accessing the roof!

Following the success of our parent/carer sessions focussed on communication we want to support families with other topics that might be of interest. We are beginning to plan our development priorities as a school for the coming year. We have selected some that may be of interest and put the options on to a Microsoft Form. Please complete the form in the link below so that we can tailor any support sessions to parent/carer needs. The home to school partnership is a very important one and we want to do all we can to make this even stronger. Share your ideas in this link <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/UEZ3H1c6Ep>

Now that the weather is beginning to get warmer (not sure what happened the end of this week though!) we need to ensure that students are well protected. Please ensure your child has a hat and water bottle in school, which is named. Water bottles need to be plastic for health and safety reasons please. Also students need a named bottle of sun cream, also please check that it doesn't contain nuts due to severe allergies. If you use a child friendly applicator for your child's sun cream could you please ensure you send us a photo of the label so that we know what the ingredients are?

Thank you to everyone who supported our mental health awareness week with wearing green, donating and buying cakes. We will let you know how much we raised soon.

I have had the lovely opportunity to be able to get into some classes this week to see the great learning that has been going on. Learners in S5 have been doing some great guided reading. They really impressed me with their inference and understanding of the text and were reading beautifully with fluency and expression. Learners in Robins Class have been working hard on their phonics and attention skills. They all loved taking part in multi-sensory learning based around the 'd' sound. Surprisingly when it came to tasting foods beginning with 'd' most of the learners preferred the dates to the doughnut! These learners attention and engagement during this session was amazing. It is fantastic to see how far they have come. H2 have been working well on their communication skills and recognising how important these skills are for when they move on to college. Staff skilfully modelled asking and answering questions and the students responded very well. They were also extending their learning by reading and writing the ideas they were sharing verbally. Well done everyone!

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



## Important Information



- Please ensure any spare clothes borrowed are returned to school once used.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. **This includes sun creams and other products.**
- Don't forget to connect to your child's Evidence for Learning account. If you need a reminder of your username or to reset your password please do let us know. The domain you need to use when logging in is **highfieldlittle**
- Please can I remind parents that **absence on the day needs to be reported via Arbor**
- We are in desperate need of larger clothes for some of our students. If parents have any spare tracksuit bottoms or tops that are teenager to adults please do send them into the school office.
- We are on **week 3** of the school menu next week (WC 19/05/25).

## School Attendance

Whole school attendance was **93.9%** this week – a great improvement on last week. Thank you for working with us to improve attendance. Please remember any school term time holidays will not be authorised. **Unauthorised holidays during term time will face a penalty notice.**

### Online Safety Tip of the Week

APP	RECOMMENDED USER AGE	APP STORE AGE RATING	
		OS APP STORE	GOOGLE APP STORE*
INSTAGRAM	13	12+	Parental Guidance
TIKTOK	13	12+	Parental Guidance
SNAPCHAT	13	12+	Parental Guidance
FACEBOOK	13	12+	Parental Guidance
FB MESSENGER	13	12+	Parental Guidance
PINTEREST	13	12+	Parental Guidance
DISCORD	13	17+	Parental Guidance
YOUTUBE	13	17+	Parental Guidance
LINKEDIN	16	12+	Parental Guidance
WHATSAPP	16	17+	PEGI 3
CLUBHOUSE	18	17+	N/A

Please be aware of the legal and recommended age ratings for social media apps. These limits are in place to protect all users.

Also, make sure you supervise your child when they are using their devices. We have filters and alerts set up at school but many of the systems at home are not as secure as those we have in school.

Be aware of your child using your phone number or details to register themselves on these apps too – some students can use this to get around security settings.

### Emotion of the Week

The emotion this week is **LOSS**. Discuss this emotion with your child and how it makes their body feel. Explain that different emotions are ok and we are here to help manage them.



### Mental Health Tip of the Week

Talk To Someone You Trust