



HLA News

Friday 16th June 2023



Dear Families,

We have had a great week full of trips. It has been lovely to hear lots of positive reports from members of public.

We are excited to share that we are undertaking the Wellbeing Award for Schools. This is to recognise all of the excellent work that we already do in supporting pupil and staff wellbeing. By completing this award, we will be further developing our wellbeing and mental health provision, reviewing staff training and improving our current policies and practice. We look forward to sharing this journey with you. To help us measure our current strengths and areas for development, please could you complete the parent feedback survey by 30th June. <https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/648adef142901>

The students have coped very well with the heat and thank you to parents for sending students in with the relevant sun cream and hats. I do have an important safety note to raise with regards to the water bottles that are sent in? **Students are only allowed to bring in plastic water bottles please.** Metal water bottles can present as a health and safety hazard if they are thrown if a child experiences difficulties with their behaviour. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We have been recommended by the Trust to be put forward for an accreditation for our safeguarding practices as they have been recognised as being very strong. In order to help with this accreditation we will be having some visitors in a few weeks to look again at our safeguarding practices. Part of this process will be gathering the views of parents and carers. We require a sample of parents to complete a questionnaire. Next week we will be sending this out and would appreciate it if you could return this promptly to the school. Many thanks in advance!

This week some students went to Wicksteed Park fully funded by the Rotary Club. Others joined Frank Bruno (and yes they did meet him!) at a special sports event. Following both of these trips we had some excellent feedback from members of the public about the politeness and conduct of our students. Well done everyone we are very proud of you.

A date for your diary. We will be holding our sports afternoon on Thursday 13th July at 1.30. Letters will be sent out next week with reply slips for attendees. This will be for all students apart from Wrens, Robins and Owls classes who will be taking part in different activities suited to their needs within school without parents attending.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- The school year ends on Wednesday 19th July.
- Our school disco is on Thursday 13th July, don't forget to buy your tickets!
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. Please email and your message will be sent on to our co-chairs to get involved. Our school desperately needs your support to provide additional funds to help enhance student's school experience. If we do not have volunteers I am afraid this group may cease.
- 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)
- Our sports afternoon is taking place on 13th July for all classes apart from Wren's, Robins and Owls. Letters will be coming out next week.
- 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:

Self-care is important.

The below link has some lovely Self-care Summer ideas for staff and students.

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/self-care-summer/>



Emotion of the Week

Our emotion of the week is guilty. 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

Tell an adult you trust if anything happens online that you don't like

