



# HLA News



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back after the Easter break, I hope you all had a lovely time. It is great to see the children returning to school and hearing all about their adventures!

As some of the visitors to the school would have seen the works for the dining room extension and new kitchen are in full swing. The builders are doing a great job and are very considerate to the needs of the students while working. If you take a look at the video on our school Facebook page you will be able to see what has been done so far. Our sign of the week may also be linked to the building works! There have been lots of surveys taking place for our classroom extension which is planned to start in October 2024. We have a further update meeting on Monday so I will hopefully have more information to share then.

Please can I ask any parents and carers who are coming to collect their children at the end of the day not to arrive on site before 2.30pm? This is the time we have agreed with the contractors and it may be the case that the car park area is used in relation to the works. We need to ensure we maintain all health and safety standards and allow the work to continue while still being an operational school. I have also passed this message on to the transport department of the Local Authority to ensure everything runs smoothly.

As I have communicated previously we need to do everything we can to improve school attendance. Unfortunately last term there was a decline in overall attendance, we are going to improve that this term! Every moment a child is at school matters and we want to work with families to ensure that children attend school regularly. Each term we are now sharing an overview of your child's attendance. If your child attends over our recommended threshold they will be awarded a termly certificate. This will be sent along with your child's attendance figures. Please do share this great achievement if your child is in receipt of a certificate.

This week students have settled brilliantly back into learning. It was lovely to see the children from Owls and Wren's enjoying playing and learning in their outside area this week with some of the new equipment. Students in the classes downstairs also enjoy social time on a Friday afternoon. This is an excellent opportunity for learners to practise their social and interaction skills. They are also learning to communicate effectively with peers and share interests. It is lovely to see all of the teaching in classes being applied during these times.

A reminder that SOHLA will be hosting Spring Bingo on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at Littleport Leisure Centre. Doors open at 6.00pm with eyes down 6.30pm. The cost is £10 per book and children are welcome to attend too. There are some great prizes up for grabs. We hope you are able to make it and support us to raise valuable funds for the school.

Hopefully the sun will shine this weekend!

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



## Important Information



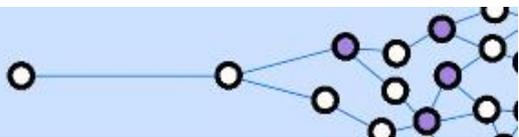
- Please remember to complete and return your parent/carer comments sheets prior to your child's Annual Review meeting. We need to ensure we capture everyone's views.
- Contributions have again been renewed to pay £7.50 to class funds per child for this term via Parent Pay. We try not to charge for each individual activity which would be more expensive to parents. If we do not get sufficient contributions we may have to review this arrangement.
- Please remember we are a NUT FREE school due to severe allergies
- Please ensure you **call the office before 9.15am to report your child absent**. If we do not have a call or message we have to make contact with you.

## School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 92.4%. We aim for individual attendance to be at 92% or above. This is classed as good attendance. We encourage you to continue working with us to improve school attendance and punctuality. Please remember that any applications for absences during school term time will not be authorised. We reserve the right to fine families who take unauthorised holidays during term time.

### Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Take care with what you share.



### Emotion of the Week:



This week's emotion is ASHAMED. 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:

The old saying is 'you are what you eat' Think carefully about your choices and give your body and brain what it needs to flourish.

#### EAT HEALTHILY

Choose a good nutritionally balanced diet to provide energy – your body and brain needs this

