



HLA News



Friday 19th July 2024

Dear Families,

Here we are at the last newsletter of the academic year. The year has flown by but I am so proud of all of the students achievements.

This week the kitchen and dining room extension has begun to speed up again. There is now a metal structure to the building of the kitchen and dining room. We have been told that there will be lots more to see happening now. I will continue to update Class Dojo with pictures so that you can see progress. The main extension planning is gathering pace with the formal planning application being submitted.

Due to our new kitchen provider and a change of school management system over the summer all accounts will need to be clear. It is **essential that all school dinner debts are cleared before the last day of term**. Also if your child has any medical or dietary requirements it is parents responsibility to inform the new catering provider. There is a link on our website to register this information with them or you can do this by clicking the link below:

<https://orders.lunchhound.co.uk/medicaldiets/request>

As mentioned earlier we will be having a new school management information system called Arbor ready to start in September. All payments will be processed through this platform and ParentPay will be replaced. There will also be a messaging facility and ability to report absences via the app to the office. We will still be keeping Class Dojo for now until we can learn what the new system can do! Please see the attached letter for further information.

This week we said our formal goodbyes to our Year 11 students at the leavers assembly. I was very proud to see how much progress each and every student had made from their starting points. I have no doubt they are fully prepared for their next steps into college. There have been lots of fun and practical activities this week with visits into the community and even a bake off. It was great to see how the students apply their skills learnt in their preparation for adulthood sessions. I have ended the week as a very proud headteacher!

This week we say goodbye and good luck to Tilly and Jeannette as they move on to pastures new. I want to take this opportunity to thank them wholeheartedly for the great work that they have done in their time with us. In September we welcome 21 new students and some new teaching assistants to our team. We also welcome Sam as a new Department Leader and Millie to the teaching team.

Don't forget tomorrow is our Summer Fair where we will be raising some valuable funds for the school. It is running between 11am and 4pm and there are lots of fun activities to join in with. The headteacher may even be put in the stocks...

We look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Thursday 5th September. I hope you all have a great Summer.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information



- Class Dojo classes will be allocated over the Summer Break. Keep a look out on the school story for activities and events.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.
- Don't forget to take a look at the registration details for Arbor so that you are connected to our new school management system.
- All ParentPay debts need to be cleared as soon as possible please.

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 89.1%. Please remember any school term time holidays will not be authorised. **According to new direction from the trust families who take unauthorised holidays during term time will be face a penalty notice.**

Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Emotion of the Week:

Emotions will be running high this week with changes in classes, routines and things coming to an end. Try to talk about how your child might be feeling, what their body feels like when they experience different emotions and what they can do to understand and react to them.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



We recognise that the holidays can be a difficult time particularly when you have a child with additional needs. There are lots of support agencies that you can access to help you along the way.



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Dear Parents and Carers

Set up your new Arbor Education account today!

I am excited to introduce you to Arbor Education, an app for parents and carers which we will begin to use here at Highfield Littleport Academy and all other Active Learning Trust schools from September 2024.

Arbor is easy to use, it is highly rated by parents for school communications and payments and it is cost-effective for schools.

Arbor will replace ParentPay for all payments and will be used for our school letters and messages. We will also still be using DoJo in September.

Please be assured that all dinner money balances, and other payments you currently have on ParentPay, will be transferred across to your new Arbor account.

You can also use your account to keep all your contact details up to date.

To get started, **please follow the directions in the email you will receive soon which will explain how to set up your account.**

Once you have done this, you can search for **Arbor Parent App** wherever you get your apps to add Arbor to your phone.

[Further information is available here.](#)

Please note, this change will take place from September 2024, at which point ParentPay will no longer be available.

If you have any queries please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher

