



HLA News

Friday 20th May 2022



Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of another week. The week started with thunderstorms which developed into lovely sunshine. That is typical British weather to a tee!

I need to share a potential safety concern which we all need to be aware of with regards to sun creams. We have been made aware that Nivea Sun Kids 'Protect & Care 5 in 1', 50 + sun cream now contains 'Prunus Amygdalus Dulcis Oil', otherwise known as almond oil. As we are a nut free school we cannot have any products containing nuts on the school premises. Could I please ask you to check the ingredients of any sun cream that you send into school to ensure that it doesn't contain anything with any potential allergens? Many thanks for your cooperation.

I need to make you aware of a staff change for after May half term. Kirsty, one of our Lower School Department Leaders has gained a promotion opportunity and will be leaving Highfield Littleport. She is moving into the schools advisory service to share her skills in SEN with a wider audience. We wish her well and thank her for all of the great work she has done with us for the last few years. We are working on recruiting a replacement teacher for September but until then Owls will be in safe hands with Nicola and the team. If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with Barbara, Lower School Department Leader.

It has been great to get into classes this week. I am very impressed by the resilience that some members of S5 are demonstrating in preparing for their Functional Skills English exams. Last week they did brilliantly at the speaking and listening element and this week they demonstrated excellent effort in the exam. Well done everyone and fingers crossed for a great result!

Students on the yellow pathway in the S Classes have been learning all about the Stone Age. They had a visitor who showed them some great artefacts and they applied their learning practically to make a bow and arrow and model woolly mammoth. It has been great to see the learning come alive and students apply their skills across the curriculum.

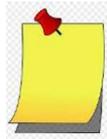
Eagles class applied their learning well in the community this week. They travelled to Ely on the train and used their number skills to do some shopping in Tesco. All of the students were so well behaved and we are so proud of how they represented the school.

Swallows class have been doing brilliantly at Clubbercise this week. They were completing routines from memory and really keeping to a steady rhythm. They also were working on one of their songs for our Summer performance. It showed my age when I was able to join in with some of the dance moves to one of the songs! I don't want to give it away but you will really be in for a treat when watching the performance.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- Can I remind everyone that we are nut free school? If students bring products in containing nuts it will be necessary to confiscate them for the health and safety of all our learners.
- Don't forget to ensure your child has a named hat, sun cream and water bottle in school with them. **Please note that some Nivea sun creams contain almond oil so check ingredients carefully and do not send any creams in that contain any nut derivatives.**
- We are actively recruiting parent governors. If you have an analytical mind and want to support and challenge our school please contact either Yvonne or Simon.
- In order for us to provide extracurricular experiences such as visiting the shop, participating in food technology and DT **we ask that parents and carers make a termly donation of £5.** This can be made via Parent Pay. Unfortunately we have not received many donations recently and we wouldn't want this to impact upon our provision here at school.
- We are a cashless school so all charitable donations or payments need to be made via Parent Pay. Please ensure you are registered and are able to access the system. If you have any difficulties please contact the office who will be happy to assist.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Down time is good. Constant texting and talking can affect sleep, concentration, school, and other things that deserve your thought and focus. You need your sleep, and real friends understand there are times you just need to turn off the phone.