



HLA News

Friday 21st April 2023



Dear Families,

Welcome back to the summer term! The week started off looking like summer term weather but unfortunately the rain has returned.

Unfortunately I have to start our newsletter with some disappointing news. Due to budget restrictions and the lack of donations to class funds from parents and carers we are going to have to stop our daily toast time with the students as from after half term. Currently this is costing the school approximately £120 per month which we cannot sustain from our school budget. We need to use our funds to invest in staffing and resources to support our learners. This will be a great loss as this was a valuable opportunity to develop independent and life skills with our learners as well as providing those picky eaters with varied experiences. We only ask for a donation of £7.50 per term (Autumn, Spring and Summer) to help provide for this so again we are asking for these donations to be made via ParentPay. If we have sufficient donations then we will consider reinstating this.

You will see from the Class Dojo posts that there will be a school nursing clinic based at Highfield Littleport on Monday 24th April. The aim of these clinics is to give children and families the opportunity to seek advice and discuss any concerns they may have in areas such as toileting, diet, emotional health, sleep, growing up/puberty and other general health advice and support. Please email CCS-TR.SNSN@nhs.net or call 01223 218061 to book your slot giving your child's name, date of birth and brief reason for the appointment.

As you may be aware there is further NEU strike action on Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May. Currently we will be open as normal but if there are any changes to provision or class closures we will inform you via Class Dojo and the website.

This week brings our residential trip to Norfolk Lakes for some students. We aim to leave school at lunch time on Wednesday and will return by the end of the day on Friday. We are looking forward to completing a range of adventurous activities and having lots of opportunities to develop social skills.

This week we were fortunate enough to have the English Touring Opera come to deliver a performance of 'Zoo' to our students upstairs. I will admit the initial reaction of the students when hearing they were going to watch opera wasn't that positive. This soon changed at the end of the performance. The students commented that it was amazing, fantastic and brilliant. It was great to be able to expose them to a great cultural, immersive and sensory experience. We are hoping that funds (including donations) will mean that we can book this for next year as it was a fantastic experience for our learners.

This week we also had a visit from the police force to fit in with the lower green pathway learning on 'Our Community'. The students were brilliantly behaved and really benefitted from the experience. Some of our older students talked to our visitors about careers in the police force and related jobs and they asked some very insightful questions.

I hope you have a great weekend.

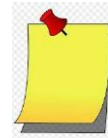
With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- New lunch menu now in operation, we will be week 3 next week.
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. Please email office@highfieldlittleport.org 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.
- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.
- Please remember we are a dog free site (excluding assistance and therapy dogs)
- We understand times are tough but please do donate £7.50 per term towards class funds so that we can continue
- There will be a School Nursing Drop in clinic on Monday 24th April. Please book your slot by calling or emailing the school nurses on CCS-TR.SNSN@nhs.net or call 01223 218061
- There is a bank holiday on Monday 1st May so the school will be closed.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



Emotion of the Week

Our emotion of the week is happy. 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

Not everything online is **reliable**.
Some people online are strangers
and may try and trick us

