



HLA News



Friday 21st June 2024

Dear Families,

We have had a great week here at Highfield Littleport Academy and it is great that the sun is now shining. Please remember to ensure your child has sun cream, a hat and a plastic water bottle to keep them protected in the sunny weather. As we are a nut free school please also ensure that any sun cream sent in does not contain nuts or nut products. Also please make sure that items are named so that they don't go missing. Thank you for your cooperation.

This week the kitchen and dining room extension has begun to pick up again. The steels for the piles have arrived which is good news and we are looking at ways that they can make up some of the time delay incurred. The main extension planning is gathering pace. The public consultation for the plans remains open until 28th June. Information can be found in this link <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highfieldacademy-littleport-extension> and any comments can be emailed to: feedback.hla@rgcarter.co.uk. We have displayed the plans in the school foyer and if you take a look at our website there's lots of information on there too. We will be posting updates as news stories on our website.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the parent and carer survey. Your feedback is important to us and helps us get even better so please do complete it in this link <https://forms.office.com/e/YheJM53NEd> this link will also be active until 28th June. It takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

Due to the expansion of our school we currently have an advert for a part time caretaker (25 hours per week) to expand the capacity in our site team. If you are proactive, have a trade or a bit of a handyperson we want to hear from you. We are also looking for Teaching Assistants to start in September. Take a look at the My New Term websites with details of how to apply <https://mynewterm.com/school/Highfield-Littleport-Academy/140882>.

For our end of term medal awards these will be presented at our respective upper and lower school sports days this year. We look forward to having more visitors at school for these events.

Sadly I have some news to share this week. Tilly Newbury who is our Upstairs Department Leader will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She is moving to another special school closer to home and gaining a promotions. We wish her very well and thank her wholeheartedly for the great work that she has done in her time with us. Good luck Tilly – we will miss you! In September we will be sharing our new structure chart so that you know who to contact for any departmental queries.

Classes have been doing some great learning this week. The staff lunches made by Key Stage 4 continue to be delicious and we are all very proud of how independent the students are in the kitchen. Some of our Key Stage 3 students have been learning about healthy eating and a balanced diet which is giving them a great grounding for that menu design and preparing those lunches!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

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.
- Please remember we are a NUT FREE school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.
- Transition into Healthcare online information event is taking place on 8th July between 10-11.30am. For parents of children aged 13 and over. Contact the office to book.
- On Wednesday 26th June we are taking part in NSPCC Childhood Day. Students can wear something Green and staff will be wearing school uniform. We are asking for donations for our Summer Fair which can be used on the tombola stall or made into a hamper for a raffle prize.
- 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.
- Wednesday 26th June 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start – Lower School Sports Day and awards presentations
- Wednesday 10th July 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start – Upper School Sports Day and awards presentations

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 89.3%. This is a slight improvement on last week. Please remember any school term time holidays will not be authorised. **According to direction from the trust families who take unauthorised holidays during term time will be face a penalty notice.**

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Make sure you are aware of what your child is seeing online so that you can see what is safe and what might pose a risk.



Emotion of the Week:



This week's emotion is EMBARRASSED. 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:

Celebrate every achievement!

I am very pleased to share with you all that today after going through the verification process we have been awarded the Wellbeing Award for Schools. Thank you to Tilly and the team for all of their hard work in promoting wellbeing and mental health and collating the masses of evidence for the verification. Also thanks to the parents, staff and students who took their time to feedback to the awards verifier today – it is much appreciated.



Highfield Academy, Littleport Online Public Consultation

On the New SEND Teaching Wing Extension

Viewable between 14th June to 28th June 2024



Cambridgeshire County Council is pleased to announce the development of proposals for the expansion of Highfield Academy, Littleport, to include a new teaching wing extension. The teaching wing will provide an additional 50 places, taking the total capacity to 194 places, extending the critical need for Special Educational Needs and Disability pupil places in the county.

The Local Authority acknowledges the excellent relationship that already exists between the school and the local community that it serves. The Local Authority and the project team would therefore like to invite comments from parents, carers, residents and members of the community on the draft proposals as part of the ongoing development of the scheme, ahead of the submission of a formal planning application, which is currently scheduled for Summer 2024. The public consultation is scheduled to run from June 14th to June 28th inclusive.



Subject to a satisfactory planning process, it is intended that the construction work will commence in Winter 2024, with a view to occupying the new buildings from the Autumn term 2025.

The online event can be viewed at the Cambridgeshire County Councils website by the following website address: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highfieldacademy-littleport-extension or alternatively on the Highfield Academy website.

Please submit your comments by emailing feedback.hla@rgcarter.co.uk up until 28th June 2024.

Please note that Cambridgeshire County Council, the Local Planning Authority, will also carry out consultation on the proposed development whilst the planning application is being considered.

