



# HLA News



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Dear Families,

What a busy week we have had, we are packing in so much learning into this very short half term. There is nothing to report on the extension this week. We have another progress meeting on Monday next week so hopefully we will have more updates after that.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Comic Relief fundraising activities last Friday. There was excellent organisation from the school council and supporting adults. We raised a fantastic £240.40 for the charity.

This Wednesday our students will be running an Easter fair for other students in the school. Students are invited to wear yellow for the day to give the school a spring feel. If you would like your child to take part in the activities and buy things at the fair please send your child into school with money in a named purse or envelope. Adults at school will support them if needed. Parents will not be invited in on this occasion but we will have another open class parent event in the Summer Term. Keep an eye out for letters and messages from class teachers.

Our newly reformed SOHLA group have organised their first fundraising event. We will be holding a Spring Bingo event at Littleport Leisure Centre on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Doors open at 6pm with eyes down at 6.30pm. There will be bingo (£10 per book), a raffle, refreshments and a bar. If anyone can donate any raffle prizes we would be most grateful, please spread the word to local businesses too who might want to donate. We hope you can come along to the Bingo event to support our school. Our first fundraising target is to raise money for some wheelchair accessible play equipment. Children are welcome to attend too.

This week our students have been doing some great work encompassing preparing for adulthood. Some of the H classes have been doing some community and environmental work to contribute to their ASDAN unit. The local area is looking lots cleaner due to their litter picking efforts. Students from S1 and Sparrows have been practising their safety skills out in the community. Behaviour and conduct was impeccable as always – well done for representing the school so well.

Due to Vista Academy providing our meals for the Summer Term rather than Caterlink I need to make an important request. Please can all parents ensure that their Parent Pay accounts are up to date by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024? The catering providers are changing systems and all accounts need to be settled. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

This school term ends on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Students return to school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April after the Easter break.

Lastly I want to say a further well done to the students in KS4 who sat mock exams this week. They all conducted themselves so well for such an unnatural environment. This is a big achievement to make and even though we make adaptations according to the exam board approval it can still raise anxieties. They all did so well and we are very proud.

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.
- Don't forget to contribute £7.50 to class funds 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
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March are Y8 and Y9 catch up vaccinations – consents have already been arranged.
- This term ends on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March with students returning to school after the break on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.
- 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.
- All lunch debts need to be cleared by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at the very latest please

## School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 91.3%. This is an increase on last week. 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.

### Online Safety Tip of the Week:

#### Don't give in to pressure

Keep calm and keep in control; once you've pressed send you can't take it back.

### Emotion of the Week:



This week's emotion is HUNGRY. 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:

If you need support during the Easter break why not take a look at the Young Minds website? There's lots of useful information and signposting which can help <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

