



# HLA News

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025



Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of another half term. Fingers crossed that the sun stays shining over the half term break.



The builders are making some excellent progress. Unbelievably they are now nearly half way through the build which has gone so fast. Currently they are on schedule and progressing well. All of the foundation brick work is being done this week and next. We are hoping that the weather stays dry so that there are no delays. They are still going full steam ahead!

Following the success of our parent/carer sessions focussed on communication we want to support families with other topics that might be of interest. We are beginning to plan our development priorities as a school for the coming year. We have selected some that may be of interest and put the options on to a Microsoft Form. Please complete the form in the link below so that we can tailor any support sessions to parent/carer needs. Share your ideas in this link <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/UEZ3H1c6Ep> This link will be active until the end of the half term break.

We are currently planning our class arrangements for the coming academic year in September. Sadly, in the last few months we have said goodbye to Cheryl who left us to start her retirement. We wish her well and hope she enjoys a slower pace. We have been actively recruiting recently and two new teachers and an additional Department Leader will be joining us in September. We welcome Kirsty as Department Leader from Riverwalk Special School in Bury St Edmunds, Zoe from a specialist unit in London and Kelsey who has previously worked at Castle School as a TA. We are working on class arrangements for September but as always will try to ensure familiar staff are working with students.

Thank you to everyone who supported our mental health awareness week with wearing green, donating and buying cakes. We raised a grand total of £119.26 that will go towards boosting our student's mental health. We will let you know the exciting activities we have planned soon!

This week we had a visit from the West Norfolk and Kings Lynn Bee Keepers Associated. They bought a bee observations hive in for the students to see up close for their minibeast topic and Science learning. They observed the different types of bees; worker, drone and the queen bee and explored the comb. They were amazed to discover that it takes 6 weeks to make just one teaspoon of honey! The children took the opportunity to ask some interesting questions and engaged brilliantly.

Next week is half term so we will be welcoming the students back to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. I hope you all have a lovely holiday.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



## Important Information



- Please ensure any spare clothes borrowed are returned to school once used.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. **This includes sun creams and other products.**
- Don't forget to connect to your child's Evidence for Learning account. If you need a reminder of your username or to reset your password please do let us know. The domain you need to use when logging in is **highfieldlittle**
- Please can I remind parents that **absence on the day needs to be reported via Arbor**
- We are in desperate need of larger clothes for some of our students. If parents have any spare tracksuit bottoms or tops that are teenager to adults please do send them into the school office.

## School Attendance

Whole school attendance was **87.6%** this week, this is a significant decline on last week. Take a look at our website for information on the impact that poor attendance has on learning – lets work together to improve this. Please remember any school term time holidays will not be authorised. **Unauthorised holidays during term time will face a penalty notice.**

## Online Safety Tip of the Week



### Prevent sharing

Show how damaging 'Fake news' can be when it is shared far and wide. Encourage students to think critically before they share a piece of news that could potentially cause harm to others. Develop understanding around responsible sharing and when not to share content that is potentially misleading.

Be aware of what you share online. Once something is posted it is very difficult for it to be removed.

Your online identity is just as important as your physical identity.

## Emotion of the Week

The emotion this week is **SCARED**. Discuss this emotion with your child and how it makes their body feel. Explain that different emotions are ok and we are here to help manage them.



## Mental Health Tip of the Week

Take Care Of Your Physical Health