



HLA News

Friday 23rd June 2023



Dear Families,

We have had a great week with lots going on at school which we are pleased that you have been able to join us with.

This week we held our very first Art Exhibition. A huge thank you goes out to the staff and students for their hard work in putting this excellent display together. We welcomed members of the community as well as parents to showcase our students work. There was a great deal of positive feedback which was lovely to hear. Our students in Key Stage 4 also developed their independence and social skills during this event. They acted as guides and confidently showed our visitors around the exhibition. We also had some great news this week about our efforts within the Arts. The school has been awarded the Artsmark Silver Award from the Arts Council England. Thank you to the team for their hard work towards this and well done on our achievement!

Next week we have an external safeguarding audit to recognise our safeguarding practices. A proportion of parents were sent a questionnaire to be completed to contribute to this review. Please ensure these completed questionnaires are returned to school no later than **Tuesday 27th June**. Many thanks for your cooperation in this.

I am excited to share that the Local Authority has approached us to as a school to be part of an expansion project. They would like us to have a two storey extension to create a 50 place extension added on to our school with an estimated completion date of September 2025 if it goes ahead. We have been sent draft plans to consider with a wealth of additional resources. We would like to have an additional sensory room, lift and small kitchen facilities so that we can develop a café and social enterprise provision. We have fed back these ideas to the Local Authority for them to complete a feasibility study. We will share more information when we have it as to if this is a feasible option for us.

With the hot weather continuing please remember to send in sun cream, a hat and a plastic water bottle with your child. We are trying to encourage our older students to apply sun cream themselves with prompting. If you feel they will not be able to manage this we ask that all day sun cream is applied before they come to school.

Just another reminder to ensure that parents can access our Evidence for Learning platform. Using a smartphone you will need to download the Evidence for Learning Family app. This will enable you to log in. If you are unsure of your username and password please contact the office and this can be reset for you. The domain name which you require along with your login details is **highfieldlittle**

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

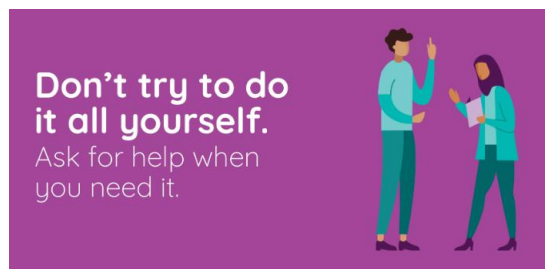


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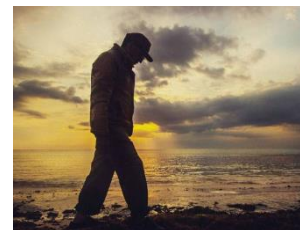
- The school year ends on Wednesday 19th July.
- Our school disco is on Thursday 13th July, tickets have been distributed.
- Please don't forget that students are only allowed to bring in plastic water bottles to school.
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. Please email 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. If we do not have volunteers I am afraid this group may cease.
- We are a **nut free school** so please do not send in any products containing nuts. This also accounts for sun cream too so please keep an eye on the ingredients in the bottles.
- Please remember we are a dog free site (excluding assistance and therapy dogs)
- Our sports afternoon is taking place on 13th July for all classes apart from Wren's, Robins and Owls. Please see individual letters for information and replies.
- Don't forget to download the Evidence for Learning Family app so that you can view progress reports. If you need your password reset please contact the office.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



Emotion of the Week

Our emotion of the week is lonely. 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

Likes and followers aren't really that important