



HLA News

Friday 26th January 2024



Dear Families,

Welcome to the end of another great week at Highfield Littleport.

Part of our school development plan is to promote the learning and engagement of student's outdoors and promoting good mental health through musical expression. We really need your help with this. Our outdoor areas are very sparse and there is huge potential to develop them to promote our students engagement. Here are some pictures of the sorts of things that would help to stimulate our learners outside. If you are able to either donate some resources, help construct something like this or give a monetary donation we would love to hear from you. Please contact either Claire Burrows or Hannah Vincent our teachers here at school.



This week I have observed some fantastic developing independence within classes, which is lovely to see. Students in H3 were able to show me how they worked independently and with support on some of their functional maths work. I am also impressed at how independently some of our older learners are moving around the school and coming in from taxi time. All of these are important steps to master as they move into adulthood.

I am excited to share that Canine Concern has approached us and they have identified a therapy dog who would like to explore working with us. They are visiting on Monday so that we can meet and discuss how they can support us. We were hoping to organise this ourselves but health and safety became a bit of a barrier! We will let you know how the visit goes.

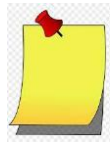
Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in supporting the relaunch of our friends and parents group SOHLA. We will be in touch via Class Dojo or email after half term to arrange a convenient time for us to meet to discuss how we can move forward and raise some valuable funds for the school. If anyone else wants to join us please do comment on the Class Dojo post and we will add you to the invite list.

Have a lovely weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information



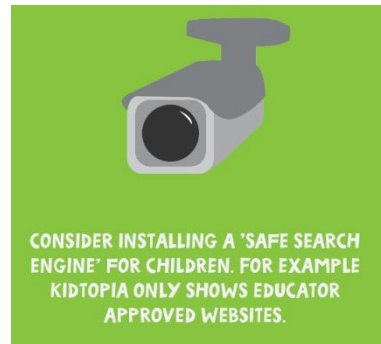
- Please remember to complete and return your parent/carer comments sheets prior to your child's Annual Review meeting. We need to ensure we capture everyone's views.
- Don't forget to contribute £7.50 to class funds for this term via Parent Pay
- Please remember we are a NUT FREE school due to severe allergies
- 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 which uses valuable time!
- We have a school nursing clinic on 29th January. Please email ccs-tr.snsn@nhs.net or call 01223 218061 to book a slot.
- As well as promoting school attendance, punctuality is just as important. Please try to attend at school on time as every moment matters.

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 94%. This is again another 2% increase on last week – well done! 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:

To ensure that appropriate content is being accessed online as your child becomes more independent you can install safe search engines. This filters content and only shows information from approved websites.



Emotion of the Week:



This week's emotion is **FRUSTRATED**. 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:

It is important for us all to look out for each other.

A friend in need is a friend indeed!

Look out for signs that friends, family and colleagues need support.