



HLA News

Friday 26th May 2023



Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of another half term. Although time has gone by so quickly it is also great to see all of the progress our learners have made.

As part of our ongoing work to develop our curriculum we are working on different ways to further prepare our learners for adulthood. You may be aware that this is already embedded within our curriculum but we are exploring different ways we can explicitly teach these skills too. We want to engage parents within this too as all of these skills are transferable. To help us to do this we will be gradually introducing an outcome within students EHCP's which are small steps towards preparing our students for adulthood and life after Highfield. Also you as parents can help work towards these outcomes at home. We love to see evidence of this added to Evidence for Learning.

We highly value the partnership we have between school and parents. So that we can help support and provide the correct information for you at home via Class Dojo we would really value your feedback. We regularly post information from pinpoint and other agencies to share strategies and information at home. If you have watched a webinar or found some information particularly useful could you please hit the 'love' button on Class Dojo? That way we know that the information we are providing for you is useful. Also if there is anything that you would like information about that we don't already provide or would like to see a particular visiting speaker at our coffee mornings please do comment upon the post on Class Dojo that contains the newsletter.

Another reminder as the weather is now getting warmer can I remind parents to please ensure they send in a sun hat and sun cream – both named please. As we are a nut free school please do check the sun cream to ensure that it is nut free due to the allergy considerations for some of our students.

We have been made aware by the Cambridgeshire travel team that some individuals are eligible for free bus passes. You can find out more via this link <https://transport.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/buses/free-bus-passes/cambridgeshire-free-bus-passes/cambs-applying-for-and-renewing-a-free-bus-pass/> It does state that only individuals with severe Autism and other needs are eligible but attendance at a special school and DLA entitlement should assist with the application. We encourage students going into Key Stage 4 to apply for this as this will help greatly with our travel training.

It was great to see students in classes this week when I have been completing our learning walks. In S2 there was some excellent examples of students using their communication devices within social times and cross curricular learning. While writing students were using the vocabulary on their devices to assist with their work which was great to see.

This week we have been focussing on observing some of our learning values in action both inside and outside of school. Students have been demonstrating their resilience in S1 by sticking at some phonics work that they found tough. Also students in Key Stage 4 have been walking independently in the community developing their independent skills and applying money skills at the shop. Fantastic work everyone!

Just a reminder it is half term next week. We return to school on Monday 5th June.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- Next week is half term. We return to school on Monday 5th June.
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. This is unfortunately at risk of dissolving so we are in desperate need of parental support Please email and your message will be sent on to our co-chairs to get involved or send a message via Class Dojo.
- 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)
- We understand times are tough but please do donate £7.50 per term towards class funds so that we can continue enhancing our curriculum

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



Emotion of the Week

Our emotion of the week is excited. 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

Remember anything you share stays online forever.