



# HLA News

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024



Dear Families,

Here we are on the brink of December. Some of our Christmas activities and work has already begun. Staff will be working hard on Monday to deck the halls and make the school decorated ready for Christmas.



We don't have much more of an update on our 50 place extension plans. The plans are with the local authority currently to agree costings at milestone 4. There is another progress meeting in the next few weeks so we will of course update you when we have more information.

This afternoon I was treated to a first run through of our Rock Band's song. It was fantastic to see everyone playing their different instruments and working so hard. Thanks goes to the staff members who have been able to make this happen too. We will be organising an opportunity for their performance to be shared in the near future.

Don't forget to help support the schools fundraising activities while doing your weekly food shop. If you shop in Asda and nominate Highfield Littleport Academy to receive funds into the cash pot they will donate money to us as a school. Currently shoppers have helped to raise £97.46 for our school. There's 1 day left to fundraise so please do register and shop at Asda to get that total to over £100.

I need to say a huge thank you to some people who have been pivotal in supporting our school with regards to fundraising and sport recently. Some of our students are very interested in football and there are lots of games at playtime. They really wanted to develop their skills and play in competitive matches so we have all worked together to make this happen. We now have a KS4 5 a side football team and their development has been nurtured due to the support given from the community. They played their first competition last week and demonstrated excellent team spirit.

Heartfelt thanks goes to two local businesses and individuals. Lawrence Maskell who runs Active Play sessions on a weekly basis with our learners is supporting us. He comes into school free of charge to train our new football team once per week and has organised for some sports tops for our learners to wear during competitive sports. Thank you so much for him giving up his own time to come and work with our students. Huge thanks also needs to go to Richard Neill and his team at Manit Construction. They have organised for the team to be fully kitted out with boots, kit, socks and even personalised jackets. This is a fantastic opportunity for our learners and they will wear their kits with pride. We are looking forward to continuing to cheer the team on at their next match.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and make sure you keep warm in this chilly weather.

With all best wishes,

*Yvonne Skillern*

Headteacher



## Important Information



- Please ensure that you connect to both Arbor and Evidence for Learning so that you are kept up to date with all school activities. Everyone has been sent a password so please make sure you connect. If you need an invite please do let us know.
- Don't forget about the My Child's Art flyer to see your child's artwork on lots of Christmas gifts. **You have 1 more week to secure delivery in time for Christmas.**
- The next school nursing clinic will be held at Highfield Littleport on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If you would like to book an appointment please email [ccs.childrenscomplexspecialistteam@nhs.net](mailto:ccs.childrenscomplexspecialistteam@nhs.net) or call 01223 218061
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.
- Don't forget your tickets for the Christmas Disco £2 per ticket

## School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 91.4%. This is a slight increase on last week, but please still work with us to improve this figure. Please remember any school term time holidays will not be authorised. **According to new direction from the trust families who take unauthorised holidays during term time will be face a penalty notice.**

### Online Safety Tip of the Week:



### Emotion of the Week – Empathy



Try to talk to your child about empathy is and how this makes them and their body feel. You can explore different words for the emotion and how to appropriately respond. Talk about how we can manage these feelings.

### Mental Health Tip of the Week

It is good to talk. Try to find a trusted person who can give you support and guidance to help see the world a little bit clearer.





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