



HLA News

Friday 30th June 2023



Dear Families,

Even though we are approaching the last weeks of the school year our pace and enthusiasm for learning is still continuing at full speed.

This week we welcomed a representative from Incyte to conduct our external safeguarding audit. Many thanks to all of the parents who returned their questionnaires. There were some lovely comments made within these and it was great to hear such fantastic feedback about our school. Within this process the students were also talked to by the reviewer. They all spoke confidently and affectionately about the support they receive at school and really are a credit to the school and you as parents. We will be receiving the report and grading in a few weeks but the initial feedback from the reviewer was very positive.

Also take a look at the Ely Standard this week as Highfield Littleport are in the news! They have shared coverage of our fantastic art exhibition. It was great to see such brilliant collaborative and creative work. It was also lovely to have visitors back in school again and we look forward to hosting many more events in the future.

As part of our investment into promoting positive mental health at school we are happy to share that we have forged links with the Mental Health Support Team within the Ely locality. This newly formed team will be available to work with schools, groups, families and individuals to support and promote mental health. The team are able to lead interventions about anxiety, low mood, behaviour and self-esteem. We are currently working with the team to support our Year 11 students with anxieties around transition and moving on. Referrals can be made via the school, please do speak to your child's class teacher if you feel that some of the topics may be of interest. We are looking at inviting the team to one of our future coffee mornings so that you can find out more.

Next week we will be hosting two Year 10 work experience students into school from our local mainstream settings. We are looking forward to sharing our excellent practice with them and helping to develop the next generation of potential teachers and teaching assistants. Also next week some of our students from Key Stage 4 will be collaborating with Highfield Ely Academy and going on a residential to Longtown on the Welsh border. Fingers crossed they have good weather for their trip. Next week we will also be welcoming a Warrant Officer from RAF Marham to speak to students about different jobs and careers within the Royal Air Force. A busy week in store!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- The school year ends on Wednesday 19th July.
- Our school disco is on Thursday 13th July, tickets have been distributed and we look forward to seeing you there.
- Please don't forget that students are only allowed to bring in plastic water bottles to school.
- Your child's individual report, Evidence for Learning profile and information about classes for next year will be shared week commencing 10th July.
- 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 afraid.
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

What to do - cyber bullying:

