



HLA News

Friday 31st January 2025



Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of January, it seems to have felt like the longest month ever! We have had a busy week with lots of great things happening.



The enabling works have started and we now have lots of contractors and machinery on site. The team have been great at liaising with us to make the site safe and have even helped out with a few of our other day to day logistics! When more starts to happen we will take some photos and share this with you.

The transport arrangements have gone incredibly well this week given the changes with the building work. I have communicated to the transport operators via the Local Authority about a few difficulties which I am hoping will be ironed out. As part of this collaboration could I please remind parents and carers not to overtake the traffic queue as this is a particular hazard at this busy time. The same messages (plus a few more) have gone out to the transport providers.

This week we have had a number of visitors to our school. On Monday our CEO Lynsey Holzer and some of her colleagues came to conduct a Trust behaviour review. They were extremely pleased with the positive relationships that are in place and the clarity in our systems and consequences to promote good behaviour in our learners. Thank you to the parents and carers that spoke to the team to feedback their views. It was a great result!

We have a SOHLA meeting at Littleport Leisure Centre café on Friday 7th February at 3.45pm. We hope to see lots of old and new faces coming to help support our school. On Wednesday 5th February at 1.30pm we will be holding a parent session to help develop early communication. We look forward to seeing you all.

On Tuesday we also had a visit from Ofsted. They were not inspecting the school but currently they are conducting a Local Authority Area Inspection of SEND. Our school was chosen to share our views on local authority support and how this may or may not impact provision. We were honest in our feedback and hopefully this will improve the situation at the Local Authority so that EHCP process rates and communication with them will be improved. I felt very proud to show them how great our school is and they loved speaking to some of the students.

This week some students in Year 11 went on a residential trip to Grafham Water as part of an NCS funded project. This gave our learners a valuable opportunity to develop skills in preparation for adulthood. They had a great time and were all able to develop their social opportunities as students from other special schools also attended. Huge thanks to the staff who organised the trip and gave up their own time to support the students – it is greatly appreciated as we recognise this wouldn't be possible without their support.

Students in Robins class have been improving their engagement and interaction skills beautifully this week. It was lovely to observe lots of intensive interaction and positive communication with students.

Have a good weekend everyone.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information



- Don't forget to make your termly £10 contribution to Class Funds. This is paid via Arbor.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.
- Don't forget to connect to your child's Evidence for Learning account. If you need a reminder of your username or to reset your password please do let us know. The domain you need to use when logging in is **highfieldlittle**
- Please can I remind parents that **absence on the day needs to be reported via Arbor**
- Next week we have some teacher trainee's visiting as part of their professional studies.
- We are on **week 1** of the school menu next week (WC 3rd February 2025)

School Attendance

Whole school attendance was 88.4% this week which is a decline. 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



Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.

Emotion of the Week



The emotion this week is Happy. Discuss this emotion with your child and how it makes their body feel. Explain that different emotions are ok and we are here to help manage them.

Mental Health Tip of the Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week! To celebrate the importance of supporting and looking after mental health **we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday (7th) no charge** and a movie afternoon with popcorn and sweets organised by the School Council. Classes will be completing a range of different activities to promote positive wellbeing.

