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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Hello all, welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term 2025. The students didn't take long to settle back in at all which is great. There were a few students who turned up for school on Monday which was a staff training day. All of our term dates are published on our website as well as shared on Class Dojo. Please do keep a look out for messages on there as well as within these newsletters.



You will see that the external works of the expansion are just about complete. This arrangement will reduce the traffic queueing in the local area as well as making things a lot smoother at drop off and pick up. The internal elements of the building are just about complete. The builders are currently snagging and making sure everything is finished to a high standard. The interactive whiteboards will be fitted in the next week and we are hoping that the building will be signed off by building control very soon.

I need to communicate with you some important considerations and actions we need to take with regards to attendance. When your child is not present and contact has not been made with the school for 3 days we are obliged to conduct a safe and well visit so that we can **visually see the student**. This can either be done via Teams meeting or an actual visit to the home. Should we not be able to make any contact and visually see the child after 5 days our policy states that we will contact the police to conduct a welfare check. We take safeguarding very seriously and need to ensure that our safeguarding responsibilities within term time are upheld. I will write to you all next week outlining the policy in more detail as well as providing you with a flowchart which will detail our responsibilities as a school. If you have any questions please do contact our Attendance Champion, Lyn Houghton via email lyn.houghton@highfieldlittleport.org.

With regards to new pupils joining our school we are busy conducting lots of transition and pre-admission meetings for our January 25 starters. We will be opening two classes both with 10 in each. The plan is then to open a further 2 classes of 10 in each in September 26. If we are able to recruit appropriate staff to support these classes we will open an additional class of 10 students too and that will be the school at maximum capacity. We are beginning to meet some of the potential new students for these classes and are aware that there is such a huge demand for specialist places in Cambridgeshire.

Learners in Key Stage 3 have been doing some great work about World War 2. I chaired an annual review this week and it was lovely to hear that the student had been talking about this learning at home. This was a first for him as previously he did not discuss any learning with his family. There are some lovely displays of the students learning created at school. Thank you to the staff for putting this together too – it is great to see the cross curricular approach in action.

This week we had a visit from the English Touring Opera who performed for some of our S and H Classes. It was a great visual and auditory treat with students being exposed to a different musical genre. All came back raving about the experience. Take a look on Class Dojo for some pictures!

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information



- Please ensure any spare clothes borrowed are returned to school once used washed and ready to use again.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. **Please ensure you check packaging carefully as some of these allergies are life threatening.**
- 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**
- **All first aid incidents are notified to parents via email.** You will receive an email from Medical Tracker if this is the case.
- Please can I remind parents that **absence on the day needs to be reported via Arbor**

School Attendance

Whole school attendance was 92.6% this week. An increase compared to the last week of school. Next week let's improve on this figure. **Unauthorised holidays during term time will face a penalty notice.**

Online Safety Tip of the Week

MONITOR YOUR WEB CAM

Ensure your web cam is off when not in use. Go old school if you wish and put some tape over the camera when not in use!

Emotion of the Week

Our emotion of the week this week is focussed. Please support your child to recognise how the body feels and how we can identify and respond to this feeling.



Mental Health Tip of the Week

Start Writing Down
Your Thoughts and
Feelings in a Diary

