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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Families,

We are still working hard through this very long half term. Things have been super busy at school but students are all still trying hard to be focussed on their learning.



The builders are making amazing progress and we are only 4 days behind schedule. The project is scheduled to be completed at the beginning of November – it is hard to believe how quickly it has been completed. The internal finishes are now being completed and you will see that some of the external works will be worked on in the last few weeks. A polite reminder to parents and carers to ensure that if they are arriving at school via car please do not come on to site prior to 2.30pm. The transport operators have also been briefed on this too. This is all the more important at this stage of the project as they are trying to work on getting the external groundworks completed.

Attendance has taken a slight dip this week to 91.2% please continue to keep working closely with us to maintain good levels of attendance. Our attendance champion, Lyn Houghton (lyn.houghton@highfieldlittleport.org) is available to contact if you need any support or advice.

This week we held our first Local Trust Committee meeting of the academic year. This is the new term for our local governing body. This group meets half termly to discuss progress and areas for development at school and really get involved in school life. This is a joint group which oversees both Highfield Ely and Highfield Littleport so that we can share expertise. We are actively recruiting additional members and are looking for a parent/carers representative for Highfield Littleport. There is minimal commitment and meetings are held via Teams so you don't even have to leave the comfort of your sofa if you don't want to! If you are interested in playing a part in further developing our school please get in contact with myself via the school office or our Chair of the Trust Committee – Lorna Robinson. Her email is lrobinson@highfield.cambs.sch.uk We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Within our annual review meetings that have been held this week we have had some lovely feedback from parents and carers about our provision. We really do value this feedback and use it to improve. Please use the QR code here to share some feedback with us.



This week learners in Eagles have been showing some great early reading skills. They have been focussing on our Read Write Inc scheme (more information can be found on our website) and it was great to hear how much progress they had made.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

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. **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**
- Please ensure that the **termly contribution of £10 per child is paid via Arbor under 'Class Funds'**. This is to ensure that we can purchase food & resources for our learners to access to enhance their learning.

School Attendance

Whole school attendance was 91.2% this week. This is a slight decline on last week. Please work with us to keep attendance and punctuality levels high. **Unauthorised holidays and persistent absence and lateness during term time will face a penalty notice.**

Online Safety Tip of the Week

SAFETY ALERT

Children's books linked to adult content

The publisher Puffin has paused sales of the popular **Spy Dog, Spy Pups** and **Spy Cat** book series after discovering a website printed in the books now redirects to adult content.

- 📌 The link was originally used to promote the characters but has since been hijacked by an unrelated third party.
- 🚫 The site now shows inappropriate content with no age verification. Puffin is contacting UK schools and local authorities and has urged school libraries to remove the books from shelves.
- ✳️ If you have copies at home, **check for weblinks** and ensure children do not visit them.



Emotion of the Week

The emotion this week is **TRUST**.
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.

Secure trusting relationships are important to help manage behaviour and improve emotional regulation.

Mental Health Tip of the Week

6. Do something for yourself

From enjoying your favourite hobby, learning something new or simply taking time to relax, it's important to do things that make you happy.

Plan things to look forward to.

Taking time for yourself can ease anxiety, boost your mood and it doesn't have to cost a thing!