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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Hello all, we have had a busy week here at Highfield Littleport. Some of our interventions including rebound, hydro and SALT have begun this week and all classes are running with their full timetable. Unfortunately we were unable to start Riding for the Disabled due to an issue with the minibus. This has now been resolved so we will be looking forward to starting this next week



The builders are making some excellent progress. You will now see that the render on the exterior of the building has been added. The internal work is progressing very well and all of the intricate wiring and systems are all going in. They are also busy building kitchen units and adding the fixed elements to the build. It is scary how fast the project is progressing and it will be open with students using it before we know it. It is still on track for the official hand over date of the end of October. Students will start to occupy the building as from January.

I have been so pleased with some of the great caring relationships that are developing between our existing and new students. There have been some lovely caring attitudes and great examples of our Kindness and Team Work learning values.

This week all of our students with consent had school photographs taken and they all went well. If your child had their photograph taken, they should have bought home a slip with them with a QR code on it that you will be able to scan in to access your child's photos and place any orders. Please be aware that this can take up to 5 working days before you are able to view them online.

As we are at the start of the year a reminder about payments to Class Funds. The £10 payment per term is to be processed via Arbor under the 'Class Funds' area. This contribution goes towards the purchase of sensory resources, ingredients for food technology and other resources to enhance teaching and learning.

It has been lovely for me to spend some time in classes this week. Owls and Robins class have been demonstrating some lovely engagement and social skills with each other during their exploration sessions this week. Sparrows class have been exploring different emotions during circle time this week and really developing their emotional literacy skills.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing the students back at school bright and early on Monday morning.

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.
- Advance notice – parents evening is on Wednesday 1st October 3.30 – 6.30. A form to request a timeslot has been sent home so please complete this and appointments will be confirmed via Class Dojo by Class Teachers. Appointments will be offered both face to face and via Teams for convenience.
- 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% this week. This is a decline on last week due to some unauthorised holidays. **Unauthorised holidays during term time will face a penalty notice.**

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Get your children to show you their apps and games


You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced – they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for **Common Sense Media** or **NSPCC's NetAware**. And why not download the **BBC Own It** app?

Emotion of the Week

The emotion this week is SAD. 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



3. Get good sleep

Good-quality sleep makes a big difference to how we feel mentally and physically, so it's important to get enough.

Take a look at the NHS website for help with good sleep hygiene:

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/top-tips-to-improve-your-mental-wellbeing/>