

# February Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

At last the lighter nights and mornings are coming! Usually by the end of February we can see a difference in the length of the day which makes a huge difference to our energy levels. I hope that you had an enjoyable half term break. This second half of the Spring Term is always a busy half term, as Year 6 pupils start to prepare for SATs and their transition to secondary school.

In this newsletter I would particularly like to thank our PTA. I enjoy our monthly meetings and I am so impressed with the efficient and effective way they work as a team. They raise such a large amount of money for our children and we have been able to enhance our learning environment in so many ways due to their hard work and dedication. Thank you to all of you who support us. There is now a Holland Haven PTA Facebook page which will enable you to keep up to date with all the events that are happening throughout the year.

Mrs S Bardetti  
Headteacher

## Attendance

From this term, at Holland Haven, if you leave a voice message that your child is not feeling well and will not be attending school, the school office may follow this up with a call back to you. If there is no response to the call, we will request a home visit from the Aquinas team.

We will require as much information as possible about your child's illness. If your child has antibiotics prescribed, please can you send us a screenshot of them and if you have a doctor's appointment, please can you send a screenshot of the appointment booking.

From September 5th 2022 - February 22nd 2023 overall school attendance is 92.6%. Ofsted expect at least 95% attendance so we are currently below this figure. Please help us improve our attendance by making sure your child is in school every day. Pupils who have 100% attendance in the Autumn Term have received their new bronze badge.

Class	Attendance
RBa	92.9%
RBe	86.3 %
1F	92.4 %
1BP	91.9 %
2C	89.6 %
2HP	92.6 %
3D	94.1 %
3G	93.0 %
4V	94.5 %
4C	96.1 % Well done 4C
5KH	92.8 %
5AH	91.8 %

6H	90.0 %
6D	93.3%

### **SEND news**

There is a parent/carer SEND Roadshow on Tuesday 28 March at Colchester Stadium from 9.30am-3pm. This is an opportunity for families to drop-in (no booking is required) to speak to professionals from a range of organisations including representatives from the North East Essex SEND Quadrant Team, Health and social care, as well as SENDIASS, Preparing for Adulthood, the Youth Service and the Multi-Schools Council. Local charities/organisations including Essex Family Forum and Families in Focus will also be represented.

The event is taking place in collaboration with SENDIASS who will be running bookable workshops for parents and carers to attend during the day should they wish. Further information about these will be available via the Essex Local Offer Facebook page in the coming weeks.

### **Governors' Corner**

All of the Governors are responsible for many areas within the school on top of our termly meetings. Each Governor works closely with the teachers and is responsible for a subject to monitor. We look at the curriculum, planning, children's work and assessment. Due to covid this has rarely happened over the last 3 years but thankfully most things are returning to normal. Before the half term break, the Governors attended a staff meeting and met with each teacher. We spent a few hours looking at each subject. This was a great opportunity and we wish to thank Mrs Bardetti and the teachers for their valuable time.

Katie Williams  
Vice Chair of Governors

### **PTA Corner**

Coming in March is our Mother's Day shop on the 9th and 10th. Details were sent out by email on the 10th February. Our exciting Easter event is being planned for the 30th March details to come out soon.

Have you seen our fundraising totaliser near the office which has been updated?

Thank you to all for your support.

Heidi and the FOHH



# 2ND HAND UNIFORM *Price List*

Holland Haven Logo'd Items	£1.00
Plain Uniform Items & Drawstring PE Bags	50P
Bags, Shoes & Coats	£2.00

Other items may be available please just ask

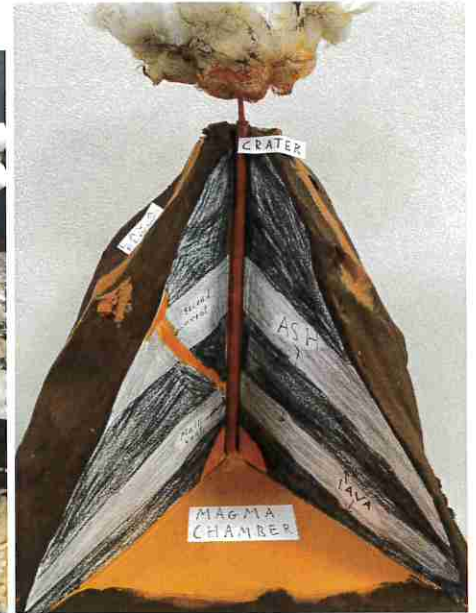
We have a huge selection of 2nd hand uniform available for sale. All proceeds go towards the Friends of Holland Havens fundraising efforts.

Please message the Facebook page or email [ptapreloved@hollandhavenschool.co.uk](mailto:ptapreloved@hollandhavenschool.co.uk) with details of what you need and we can arrange to meet you.

Heidi and the FOHH Committee  
[ptachair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk](mailto:ptachair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk)

## Some of our Star Parent-Pupil Projects...

UKS2 'Pompeii' - Extreme Earth



LKS2 'Rainforests' - Under the Canopy



KS1 'Wizards' - Hogwarts



## Wow moments



Please share achievements from home so they can be celebrated in class as 'wow moments' either through class assemblies or simply recorded on our class displays - we will also be choosing monthly examples for the newsletter.



Daniel's Blue Peter Badges: Green badge - caring about the environment  
Silver - kindness and the community      Blue - sport badge/being active

## LOtC Design and Technology Curriculum



**COMING SOON!**

**CAN YOU HELP?**

**HAVE YOU GOT ANY SPARE TOOLS?**

**CLAMPS, SMALL HAMMERS, PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVERS, SMALL SAWS, SPANNERS, NUTS AND BOLTS, NAILS, SCREWS**

**OR WOOD? OFF CUTS OF WOOD FOR CHILDREN TO PRACTISE THEIR WOODWORK**

**ARE YOU A CARPENTER, BUILDER OR JOINER? IF SO COULD YOU DONATE OFF CUTS ON A MORE REGULAR BASIS  
(collection can be arranged)**

## **School term dates - 2023-2024**

Please find attached term dates for the 2023-2024 academic year

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day** dress-up and 'bring & buy' book sale (please bring books to sell, in by Wednesday the 1st March)

### **Parents' evenings**

<b>All Year Groups</b>	<b>Date</b>
4:30 start	21st March
3:30 start	23rd March

29th & 30th March EYFS Heights and Weights checks

Friends of Holland Haven Easter event - 30th March

Easter Holiday - 3rd-14th April

# Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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= Schooldays

= School holidays

= Bank holidays

= Weekends

= Non Pupil Days

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated,  
or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i>	73 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>	56 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>	66 days
		195 days