

January Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new year and the new term. I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable break. The staff started the new year with two days of training. The theme of the training was about ways in which we can further enhance the curriculum to make it even more enjoyable and inclusive.

Our pupils have come back really well indeed; behaviour has been excellent and when I had my final new parents' tour, I felt so proud showing them all around our school. Attendance has also been excellent. I hope that this continues as the year moves forward.

I met with the PTFA on 11th January for our first 2024 meeting. Our meetings usually consist of 7 individuals who have over the past few years worked tirelessly to raise money for our pupils. I am extremely thankful for this committee because the children and families have benefitted so much from the additional money raised. However, we have decided that we are unable to continue with the schedule that was originally planned for this year with only 7 of us. The PTFA will therefore only be organising only one event per half term from now on. One event which cannot go ahead this year is the end of year BBQ, which is such a shame because it is enjoyed by so many of our pupils and parents. If you think you are able to support us so that this event can go ahead, please get in touch with the Chair or Vice Chair.

Mrs S Bardetti
Headteacher

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about safeguarding of our pupils at Holland Haven school please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Officers (DSLs) by phone (01255 813704), in person or by email (admin@hollandhaven.essex.sch.uk).

DSL- Mrs S Bardetti - Headteacher

Deputy DSLs :

Mrs C Humphrey Deputy Headteacher

Miss A Wilson - Deputy Headteacher and SenCo

Mrs D Blundell - Learning Mentor and Attendance Officer

Mrs A Cardy- KS1 Phase Leader and Mental Health Lead

All safeguarding concerns will be investigated.

The following policies can be found on our School website:

Child Protection Policy

Follow: Information and Policy - policies

<http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/>

Young Voices Choir - Year 6 Music Curriculum

As part of our music curriculum-entitlement at Holland Haven, from now on, all Year 6 pupils will be invited to participate in the world's largest choir at the Young Voices Concert in London.



During school time, in the autumn term, Year 6 learnt 10 songs from different genres including a Korean folk song. On Tuesday 16th January we sang with 10,000 children from schools across England, at the O2 Arena with a live orchestra and conductor.

We had lots of favourite songs including 'Matilda Medley', the 'Moana Mashup' and of course the 'Pop Medley'. The song we particularly enjoyed was a medley of songs from Matilda! A highlight of the evening was seeing the dance group 'Urban Strides' perform - they were amazing and really had some great moves! Parents were also invited and had a great experience too. Thank you to the PFTA for funding this, this year.

Staff Car Park and Parking

The school car park is a private car park for staff **ONLY**. Please could I ask that parents **do not** park in the school car park.

Please may we remind parents not to park on the grass verges or on double yellow lines. Also, could you please respect our neighbours and do not park over their drives. Thank you.

Attendance

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.

Family holidays will **NOT** be authorised.

Overall attendance is **94.5%** Ofsted expect at least 95% attendance so we are currently just below this figure. Please help us improve our attendance by making sure your child is in school every day.

Resilience Team

As we enter the colder months, please be advised that CVST run a Winter Coat Rail at both of their sites.

A selection of pre-loved Coats & Jackets are available for anyone that needs one.

Collection Points: Imperial House, 20-22 Rosemary Road, Clacton CO15 1NZ

Harwich & Dovercourt Hubc276 High St, CO12 3PD

Open every weekday between 9am - 4pm

No Forms, No Questions, No Charge

Teacher Training

Are you interested in becoming a teacher? Do you have a degree?

If so, why not go along to one of the drop-in coffee mornings to find out more. They are being held between 10am-12noon on:

Saturday 20th January @ Tendring Education Centre, Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8BE

or Saturday 27th January @ The Stanway School, Winstree Road, Colchester, CO3 0QA.

www.advanceteach.org.uk

New Attendance Raffle and Rewards

This term we have started a new reward for good attendance. Each week, if a pupil has been in school 100% they will receive a raffle ticket. This ticket is placed in a key stage draw. At each half term, a ticket will be drawn from the KS2 box and also from the KS1/EYFS box. The **two** pupils drawn in the raffles will each receive a **£20 Amazon voucher**. In the December draw, **Neha Noby and Matilda Grubb** Class attendance will also be rewarded each term. The class with the highest attendance will have a 'treat afternoon' which the class will choose with the class teacher.

Class	Attendance
RBa	93.8%
RBe	93.5%
1F	95.5%
1BP	95.2%
2CW	94.9%
2HP	96.9%
3HP	92.9%
3G	95.1%
4V	94.5%
4C	92.3%
5KH	93.1%
5AH	96.6%
6H	93.7%
6D	94.3%

Well done 2HP!

Scooters and Bikes

- Polite reminder

For safety reasons, at the beginning and end of the day, scooters and bikes brought on to school grounds must be **walked** to the bike-sheds, **not ridden**. Please ensure your child follows this rule. Thank you.

Governors' Corner

When I was first asked if I would be a Governor at HHPS I felt honoured to be considered, but I also thought of the responsibility the role entailed. As a Governor, you are the "checks and balances", the "critical friend", with the clear focus on ensuring the school provides the very best in education to children starting on the first rung of their future in life; a heavy responsibility, but a very important one. One of my first questions was, "is the school meeting the expectations of the parents/guardians?". But then, as I settled into the role, my eyes were opened. The school has an amazing range of facilities and equipment (yes, it could always want for more), it has a very loyal and committed team of teachers and support staff (a team I am very proud to be associated with), and it has an enthusiastic group of children (students, pupils; I am never sure of the correct terminology) eager to learn. However, the school is in no way complacent and is continuously striving to improve (standing still is not an option). Our children are our most precious commodity, they are the future of this world and we need to not only teach them the technical skills but also how to be "model citizens". As a parent, grandparent, and great-grandparent, it is my responsibility, in fact my duty, to lead my family by example; I am not perfect, but I do try my best, which I am certain is the same for all of you.

Richard Walker
Governor

SEND News

Here are the dates and locations of the Essex Local Offer Roadshows for the Spring term. Parents who have attended in the past, have found these helpful.

- Monday 4 March – South Essex - The Holiday Inn - Basildon
- Thursday 7 March – Mid Essex – The Hamptons – Chelmsford
- Wednesday 13 March – NE Essex – Colchester Football Stadium
- Tuesday 19 March – West Essex – The Harlow Hotel

The link to the Essex Local Offer, will have more details about the roadshows as they become available, including which services will be attending.






<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

There will be a marketplace during the morning and parent/carer workshops which will take place during the morning and afternoon. These are being organised with SENDIASS. Parents will be able to drop into the marketplace but will need to sign up for the workshops.

Homework Effort Competition - **October-December**

- crystals for reading **(1: expected four times 3: more than four times)** and effort stampers **(1 = bronze, 2 = silver 3 = gold)**

Adapted for Year 1 system

Classes	Weekly totals of crystals earned	Overall Total Crystals (Effort)	Consistently high effort in reading and hwk	Winning Classes
Class 1BP	107, 74, 97, 96, 77, 74	483	69%	
Class 1F	116, 109, 98, 115, 118, 107	663	80%	
Class 2CW	76, 73, 59, 79, 88, 53	428	31%	
Class 2HP	110, 117, 138, 118, 109, 98	690	77%	
Class 3HP	80, 102, 101, 89, 91, 65	528	37%	
Class 3G	107, 97, 91, 61, 84, 62	502	50%	
Class 4C	73, 80, 86, 81, 64, 60	444	46%	
Class 4V	107, 98, 100, 119, 98, 130	652	70%	
Class 5AH	121, 124, 137, 122, 121, 124	749	79%	
Class 5KH	100, 99, 104, 93, 115, 105	616	81%	
Class 6D	132, 86, 87, 110, 105, 93	613	76%	
Class 6H	118, 124, 100, 79, 104, 102	627	80%	

School Meals

Just to remind you, following the Governors' letter that was emailed to you on the 14th July, the cost of pupil's school meals are increasing to £2.20 per day with effect from the 1st January 2024. Please log onto the School Money Website and pay for your child's dinners in advance. Many thanks.

Essex Highways

Essex Highways are currently recruiting for a Bikeability/Cycling Instructor. Follow the link for more information.

PTA Corner

Happy new year and welcome back to a new term.

After a busy winter term and a fantastic start to our fundraising year we have been a little quiet this month. However there is still lots going on behind the scenes.

We are having a bit of a sort out and soon you will see a new and exciting upgrade to our pre-loved uniform base. We will also have a new donation bin for you to keep donating those items.

Don't forget you can email ptapreloved@hollandhavenschool.co.uk to check stock and request uniforms.

Going forward, due to a lack of committee members and volunteers, we are having to scale down our events for the rest of the school year. We are as keen as ever to provide amazing events creating lasting memories for the children at school along with fundraising for those extras in school. However, as a small team we cannot manage everything on our own. If you can help in any way please come along to our meetings. These are held on the second Thursday of each month straight after school pick up. The next meeting will be on the 8th February.

If you would like some more information about what we do or how you can help you can email me on ptavicechair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk or our Chair, Heidi, on ptachair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon.

Sam Cook and the Friends of Holland Haven Primary School.

Dates for the Diary

February 2024

5th February Year 5 Class visits

6th February Year 6 Class visits

7th February Year 1 Class visits

12th February Year 4 class visits
14th February Year 2 Class visits
15th February Year 3 Class visits
19th - 23rd February Half Term
26th February Return to school

March 2024

5th and 7th March Parents' Evenings



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to
take part



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COMMISSIONER**



