

## July Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are once again at the end of another school year. As always, it is a privilege to be the Head of Holland Haven School. I am so lucky to have such wonderful children, staff, governors and parents. I would also like to say well done to Year 6 and good luck for the future.

This week I have once again been to the 'Appeals Court'. Every year we have many disappointed parents who have not been given a place at our school for their EYFS child. I find this process very upsetting as parents are so keen for their child to be at our school and their distress at these hearings is hard to witness. I am so delighted that next September (2019) we will be offering 15 additional places to children in our area.

Our expansion begins on 23rd July. I will be coming into school throughout the holiday to see the progress. It is a very exciting time for all of us.

I hope that you all have a super summer break and that the weather holds so that we can all enjoy the beach! I hope you all enjoyed the end of year BBQ and I will see you all on 5th September.

### Teacher Training

If anyone is interested in being a teacher here are the NETT open days for the next academic year:

#### **North Essex Teacher Training – Open Events**

#### **Open Mornings, all events 10-12:**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

#### **Open Evening:**

NETT Base – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 4.30pm – 6pm

Further open evenings to be confirmed.

### Parking at the Oakwood

During the Sport's days many parents parked in the Oakwood Pub car park. The owner of the pub had great difficulty accommodating her customers when she opened at 11:30am due to there being no car park spaces. She has requested that, in future, parents of Holland Haven School do not park in her car park unless they are using the pub.

### Can you help?

A resident who lives in Primrose Road, opposite the school, has asked if anyone saw how her car (a Kia Sportage) was dented. It happened on the 12th July whilst it was parked on the road. If you have any information, please contact the school.

Also on the 9th July, during KS1 Sport's Day (9:30 to 12:15), a parent's car was deliberately scratched. The car was a orange Dodge Caliber which was parked on Hereford Rd. The whole of the car was damaged.

### **Pierced Ears and PE**

Just a reminder that in accordance with Essex County Council's Health and Safety Policy earrings must be removed before P.E. If pupils cannot take their earrings out, they will have to sit out PE and any other sporting activities, until they can remove their earrings. In view of this, we suggest that any ear piercing be undertaken at the start of the summer holidays.

### **Governors' Corner**

As we come to the end of another academic year, the governors firstly, would like to wish our leavers a fond farewell and to say we will miss them. All the staff at Holland Haven have worked extremely hard to ensure your children receive the best education we can offer and I would like to personally thank them on behalf of all the governors. Once again, thanks are needed for your parental support throughout this year and we all look forward to a successful, happy and productive 2018-2019.

Obviously a large focus next year will also be on the expansion project but I can assure you that our main priority will always be the education of your children.

Have a wonderful summer break.

Jackie Sharman

### **Forest Schools Help**

Across the summer holidays, please could you collect sticks - upto ½ inch thick and of similar size - and pebbles - 3cm in width - during your outings to the beach and woodland areas. Then, please bag them up and bring them into school in September so we can use them in our Forest Schools activities. Our resources need continuous replenishment so pupils can keep the arts, crafts, story sticks, for example, that they make, and can continue to develop key skills such as whittling.

### **Friends of Holland Haven Primary School**

By the time you will read this we will have held we hope is a successful end of year barbecue on the last day of term. We have been very lucky with the weather for our outside events this year.

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you all that the Annual General Meeting of the friends will take place on Thursday 20th September at 6pm. This is your chance to get involved with events that take place for your children. Finally we would like to say a thank you to everybody for their support at the events this year. We hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you in September. Mel Nicholas (Chair)

### **School Dinners**

As you are aware, the government provides funding for a free daily dinner for any infant age child who requests one. This covers the reception year up to year 2. Therefore, if your child will be going up to year 3 in September, then they will need to pay for their dinners which cost £1.70 a day. They do need to be paid in advance on a monday. This can be paid on-line. If you qualify for free school meals (are in receipt of Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance or Child Tax credit only) you will need to apply on-line at [www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) by the end of July 2018.

### **Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 5th September - First day back at school for pupils