

June Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

The final half term of the year is one of the busiest of the whole year. Working out staffing and classes for next year takes an incredibly long time, data has to be sent to the Local Authority and DfE, transition days have to be organised, reports have to be written and checked and the list goes on and on. However, it is also one of the most loveliest half terms because the weather is much better and we are able to do so many more activities outside. Most children love being outside and we are always extremely conscious of this fact when we plan our learning activities.

Over the next few weeks we have a number of events planned. We hope that you will join us on 1st July for the summer fair, 13th July for Sports' Day and the 20th July for the end of year BBQ. Let's hope the weather stays dry!

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 - 28th June 2023 overall school attendance is 93.2% 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.

Class	Attendance
RBa	93.5%
RBe	89.7 %
1F	92.9%
1BP	92.8%
2C	91.8%
2HP	93.1%
3D	94.4%
3G	94.1%
4V	94.2%
4C	94.8% Well Done!
5KH	93.3%
5AH	92.6%
6H	91.0%
6D	93.6%

Wow Moments from home



Silver Medal achieved in sailing in the Sea Cadet Regatta, London.

KS2 Colchester Garrison Athletics Competition

A huge well done and congratulations to the following pupils for their effort, perseverance and sportsmanship at the Garrison Athletics on June 13th: Luke Cant, Jacob Hawkins, Finnley Reynolds, Harry Harper, Nathan Joseph, Anais Kulungwishi, Mia Baines, Evie Grubb, Poppy Pryor, Rosie Phillips, Tommy Baker, Jack Westbrook, Lucy Richardson, Emily Partridge, Jack Hillier and James Morton.

The children competed against 9 other schools in track races, field events and baton relays. A special congratulations to Rosie, who brought home a bronze medal for winning 3rd place in the Year 5 Girls 80m Final. Miss Day and Mr Chandler were very proud of the children and would also like to thank their parents/carers for showing their support.

Governors' Corner

Just recently I found myself in hospital and being operated on by a young female doctor who I had total faith, respect and admiration for. As I lay in my hospital bed I thought that it wouldn't have been many years ago that she would have been at primary school and skipping around the playground enjoying the innocence of youth. Somewhere along the line this young girl decided she wanted to go into the medical profession and clearly followed her passion and achieved her goal; and I for one will be eternally grateful. "Where might all this be leading?" I hear you cry. Well, it is never too early to encourage your child if they show an interest in a particular field; it could be an aeroplane pilot (something my great nephew is training to be) or an equine vet (a goal set out by my 12 year old great granddaughter), maybe a fire-fighter or a solicitor etc. etc. Do please encourage them to find out more, without getting heavy, enthuse with them, and share their ambitions. Yes, it is likely they will switch from one idea to another as the years go by, but they are learning all the time and discovering the amazing opportunities out there. As we all know, and I have said before, the children of

Holland Haven Primary School (and all other schools) are our future; let's give them all the encouragement and support we can in those precious years. The staff at HHPs do an amazing job and we parents, carers, grandparents and great grandparents are so vital in the whole process – from childhood to adulthood. I will finish with advice once given to me (and I am sure Mrs Bardetti will tick me off for mixed metaphors and jumbled sayings) “Keep your feet on the ground, your head in the clouds, and REACH for the stars”.

Richard Walker
Parent Governor

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service: School Nursing and Health Visitor Team

In North East Essex, between the age of 0-8 years your child will be under the Health Visiting Service, from their 8th birthday onward they will be under the School Age Team up until the age of 19 or 25 for those with Special Educational Needs.

The team is made up of Specialist Community Public Health Nurses, School Nurses and Healthy Family support Practitioners, who all specialise in the delivery of care to School Age children and young people.

They deliver health advice and support both within School, within the family home, our family hubs and delivery sites or other community settings.

The team can help with:

- Providing confidential drop- in sessions at every secondary school allowing young people to discuss any health or wellbeing concerns
- Provide community drop in sessions at family hubs and delivery sites.
- Provide support in key stages including school transition from primary to secondary, mid teen and year 11 help to ensure that young people are prepared for their next stage of life.
- Offer support in regard of common childhood issues (Bedwetting, diet, exercise, sleep and emotional wellbeing)
- Complete individual health needs assessments to identify any health and wellbeing needs, then putting support in place.
- Work alongside you to decide the best level of support.
- Work alongside other organisations when required to ensure the best possible outcome for you and your child.
- The school age team will accept self-referrals through school drop in sessions, Parents, teachers, GP and other health care colleagues can refer through to the service by making contact on 0300 247 0015

SEND

SEND Strategy and Innovation have shared some links to new videos which have just gone onto the Essex Local Offer. These are recorded sessions from the online training event that Essex County Council ran last November for parents and carers of children with SEND.

- Understanding and supporting school attendance [If it's not possible to go to school | Essex Local Offer](#)
- One Planning [Make a plan of action to support your child | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Sensory Strategies [Autism and ADHD | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Understanding Behaviour [Mental health | Essex Local Offer](#)
- An introduction to visuals [Help with everyday tasks | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Essex Family Forum [Essex Family Forum | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Preparation and planning for annual reviews [Help for people with high support needs | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Thinking about the future [Help with life skills | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Toileting tips and support [Toileting tips and support](#)
- Strategies to use with your child to develop their early language and communication [Communication | Essex Local Offer](#)
- School focussed anxiety [Help available in mainstream education Essex Local Offer](#)

PTA Corner

We are all very busy with the summer fair plans and we are grateful to the volunteers who have put themselves forward to help. Of course, we can always do with more help, so please feel free to contact us if you are able to help at all.

Whilst planning the summer fair we have been lucky enough to be given a special discount code for 15% off tickets at Wyvernwood, just add the code HOLLANDHAVEN at the checkout.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12th July at 3.30pm and as always everyone is welcome to attend. During this meeting we will finalise our plans for the end of year BBQ on 20th July, which will be our last official fundraising event for 2022-2023.

Heidi and the FOHH Committee

Dates for the Diary

July

Saturday 1st July - Summer Fair

Thursday 6th July - Transition Day

Thursday 13th July - Sports' Day

14th -17th July - Year 6 Residential Trip

Thursday 20th July - Last day of term

September

Tuesday 5th September - First day of Autumn term

HOLIDAY COURSES

Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2 and 3 and Learn to ride courses

To book, please visit link

essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee



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