

# **February Newsletter 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers

This term is flying by. At last we are seeing longer days which I certainly prefer. We are due to have some very cold weather with snow this week. I will do my very best to keep the school open (as I have wellingtons and I can walk to school!) but in the event of the school closing we would contact you via the text messaging service .

During this half term we will be holding parents' evenings which we hope you will attend. These will be the last parents' evenings of the year as in the summer term we hold class teas and we have an end of year written report.

I would like to thank Cllr Colin Sergeant for his support in a bid to provide Holland Haven with a pedestrian crossing on Frinton Road. This could ease the traffic situation on Primrose Rd at the start and end of the day. Unfortunately I am still receiving complaints from neighbours and from our own parents about the way some parents park and drive along Primrose Rd. I recently received a letter and photo of a parent's car parked across the whole pavement preventing people passing by. I know I repeat myself in every newsletter but please can we all be more thoughtful about the way we drive and park.

## **Coffee Mornings**

These will start again in the Summer Term.

## **Athlete visit**

On Friday 9th February Gianni Frankis team GB hurdler visited our school and took part in circuit training sessions with each class before delivering an inspirational assembly to all our pupils. The day was enjoyed by all.

On 23rd January some of our children took part in a Boccia taster session with other children from our local area at Holland Haven . The athlete Freya Levy joined the children and it was a very exciting event.

## **EYFS Community Link**

After a very successful Christmas Singing concert for the residents at Little Holland Hall, Miss Belcher decided to set up a community link with the care home coordinator. Once a month, the children walk in small groups to the home to complete different activities with the residents, we then have a snack and a drink before we walk back to school for lunch. The joy on the faces of the children and the residents

working and talking together is very special, and over the next term we hope to develop stronger links and do even more.

### **World Book Day Thursday 1st March**

A variety of exciting events will be taking place in school to celebrate this special occasion. As usual, we invite children to come to school dressed as a book character. Teachers will be choosing the 'best-dressed' from each class; the winners will be announced in assembly and awarded with a book prize!

'Ready Steady Read' is a sponsored reading event which will also be taking place from Monday 26th February to Sunday 4th March. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. So for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books for our classrooms and library. Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to.

### **Eco-Race**

Our Spring Term Eco-Race begins on Monday 26th February and lasts for three weeks. This is a chance to encourage your children to walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride to school to help them get active and look after the environment at the same time. Class competitions will be taking place; the Eco-Race teddy bear will be staying with the winning class each week.

### **Governor Corner**

Dear Parents and Carers

With the Athlete Event and school choir performance at the O2 this month, we have had a busy February at Holland Haven. I was extremely proud to be able to accompany the school choir to the O2 and listen to them sing with the other 7,000 pupils!

This excitement is set to continue throughout February with World Book Day, Ready Steady Read and the Eco Race. I'm sure we will all encourage our children to read that little bit extra this week, not only to raise money for extra books to enhance our children's education, but to encourage our children of the benefits of reading.

I hope the cold snap does not deter, those who live close enough, from walking scooting or cycling wherever possible, especially with the promise of Eco-Race teddy bear for a whole week in class.

Parent Governor Lorraine Rendell

## **Events**

Eco-Race Week 1 - 26.02.18

Eco-Race Week 2 - 05.03.18

Eco-Race Week 3 - 12.03.18

6th March Parents' Evening for EYFS - 3.20pm-6.00pm

8th March Parents' Evening for EYFS - 5.00pm-7.00pm

6th March Parents' Evening for KS1 - 3.20pm-6.00pm

8th March Parents' Evening for KS1 - 5.00pm-8.00pm

13th March Parents' Evening for KS2 - 3.20pm-6.00pm

15th March Parents' Evening for KS2 - 5.00pm-8.00pm

9th March - Cyber Safety Workshops for Year 5 and 6.

20th & 21st March - NHS Height and Weight checks for EYFS

23rd March - Spring Disco

28th March - NHS Height and Weight Checks for Year 6

29th March - Last day of term

30th March - Good Friday