

# **February Newsletter 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was certainly a mad panic coming back to school in January with one day to, once again, organise another lockdown system. The new variant sent us all into a spin and we have certainly noticed a difference in COVID cases in our school community this term. So far we have had 7 pupils that we have been made aware of, with positive COVID test results. I would like to wish all of our families affected by COVID all the best.

Since lockdown, schools have been told that all SATs tests in KS1 and 2 and the EYFS profile assessment will not be taking place this year. Many children have had numerous absences during the year and with those absences on top of lockdown, it has meant that pupils now have gaps in their learning.

Well done to all of our pupils who are taking part in our remote learning package. We have released 4 members of staff to deliver this package throughout the week. Engagement is excellent. Teachers are also connecting with their classes through Zoom fortnightly. Thank you very much for all of your positive comments and emails.

During half term I will be, once again, supporting Track and Trace. The following information will only be relevant to pupils who have been attending school. If, in the **first 48 hours only**, your child shows COVID symptoms and s/he later tests positive for COVID 19, please can you email me between **9am and 11am** using the email [s.bardetti@hollandhavenschool.co.uk](mailto:s.bardetti@hollandhavenschool.co.uk). You will need to isolate your child and your whole household for 10 days.

If your child shows symptoms **after the 48 hours** you will need to book a COVID test and if this is positive you will need to isolate your child and household for 10 days. Please contact the school on **Monday 22nd February** to report your child's absence.

Obviously we do not know when this lockdown will come to an end and what the procedures will be once it does, but I will keep you all informed, updating you when I am provided with information.

I hope you have a restful half term break.

Mrs Bardetti

Headteacher

## **Governor Corner**

I write to you today not only as a governor but a parent.

Week 5 of this lockdown and I too am feeling the strain. I have children who I am trying to homeschool as well as working from home every day. Homeschooling is stressful for most of us (I'm definitely not a teacher) but remember, we are all in this together and whatever we are managing to do with our children is a bonus. I often find myself in my pyjamas all day trying to juggle the current lifestyle we find ourselves in. These are certainly strange times, but 'well done' everyone, you are surviving this pandemic and whatever everyone's personal circumstances are, you are doing a great job.

The entire teaching team and support staff at Holland Haven have been fantastic. They are all in school, all day, every day, teaching and working tirelessly behind the scenes for all of our children. I know a lot of planning and out of hours work has gone into making this work for everyone. So 'well done' to all the staff too for doing what you do best whilst also fighting this pandemic. Holland Haven teachers and staff are always there to give a supporting hand and we are all thankful for the work they do.

Sharlie Patel

**Governor**

## Golden Awards and Remote Learning Awards

On Fridays we have resumed our Zoom Golden Assembly. Pupils working at home will also be mentioned in these assemblies and they will receive a certificate through the post.

Golden/ home learning certificates were awarded to :

### January Home Learning Awards

#### **EYFS**

Kurt O'Dell, Isla Godfrey, Esme Emery and Romeo Elliott

#### **KS1**

George Serghiou, Theo Serghiou, Evie Rose Hopley, Angelica Vennell  
Dylan Roberts, William Peagram, Freya Cook, Jack Whelan-Abraham

#### **LKS2**

Frankie Taylor, Marcus Tricker-Allen, Ruby Russell, Ellie Cates, Ava Gibson, Grace Cates, Lottie Doy, Vinnie Joyce, Carter Tidmarsh, Poppy Pryor, Tommy Baker, Ben Hamlet and Isla Anderson.

#### **UKS2**

Isla-Rose Cowie, Sydnie Joyce, Finley Woodfine, Alfie Taylor, Chloe Whelan-Abraham, Holly Campbell, Jack Swinbourne, Hollie Nicholas, Elizabeth Williams, Owen Woollard, Lila Baines and Lexie Dean-Doe.

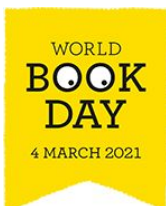
### Golden Awards

#### **29.1.21**

Max King, Zac Rusell, Reggie Rumball, Gabriel Myers, Lilah Philips, Eva Ganderton, Paige Snipp, Daniel Littlewood, Grayson Eley, Oliver McGinn, Ashton Weightman, Romeo Elliott, Esme Emery, Oliver Galsworthy, Jackson Lloyd

#### **22.1.21**

Ruby Gittings, All of UH bubble, Lilly-May Richardson, Tigan Finch, Anais Kalungwishi, Shauna Farrin, Arthur Shaw, Isla Godfrey, Kurt O'Dell, Elsie-May Murphy, Hayden Ellwood, Naomi Green, James Paine, Alexis Will



### World Book Day!

Thursday 4th March 2021 is World Book Day! Although we can't celebrate like we usually do in school, we would still like to invite you all to dress up and take part in some World Book Day activities, whether you are at home or in school!

We will be running two competitions to win some National Book Tokens! There will be winners for EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2. You might also find yourself in the local gazette, who will be publishing the usual World Book Day supplement... but only if there are enough photos to fill it!

### Our Holland Haven World Book Day Competitions



1. Random Reading Competition - ask an adult to take a photograph of yourself reading in a random place in your home. The funnier the better! Just make sure it is safe!



2. Best-Dressed Competition - Spend the day dressed as a book character! Take a photo of yourself dressed up and the best costumes will win! Children of critical workers who are attending school are welcome to come into school wearing their costume.

To enter either competition, please email your photos to Miss Webb at [l.webb@hollandhavenschool.co.uk](mailto:l.webb@hollandhavenschool.co.uk) . If you do not wish for your child's photo to be sent on to the Gazette, please state this in your email.

Competition winners will be announced on Friday 5th March and the book tokens will be posted to you! Good luck everyone!

*Miss Webb*

### **Move 56 Challenge for CRUK**

Throughout February Holland Haven Primary School have been taking part in 'Move 56 Challenge' to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Each day the children have been completing daily exercises. For example, 56 star jumps. Although we are taking part to support an amazing charity, we are also doing this in memory of a wonderful teacher at Holland Haven, Mrs Williams. If you would like to donate to CRUK, please visit our school's Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Holland-Haven-Move56-Challenge>

### **February 2021**

**12th half term**

**22nd return**