

November Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the November newsletter.

I would like to begin with some good news. Many of our pupils have written to the council to express their concerns about the lack of a school crossing patrol. Cllr Colin Sargeant has worked hard on our behalf to campaign for a crossing and in January we hope there will be a school crossing patrol available on Frinton Rd. This will be organised by volunteers at first with the hope that a pedestrian crossing will eventually replace it.

In order to gain a pedestrian crossing we need to show that we would make good use of one so please can you use our crossing as much as possible.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Holland Haven who have donated £2100 to the school which will be used to reduce the cost of school trips in all year groups so that parents pay less.

On 7th November we had our Ofsted visit. This visit was a section 8 and it was a one day inspection:

'The purpose of a short inspection is to determine whether the school continues to provide a good standard of education and whether safeguarding is effective. A short inspection will not result in individual graded judgements. It will not change the overall effectiveness grade of the school.'

Once a school receives its first short inspection it could be up to 4 years before the school is inspected again.

I would like to thank all of our parents who supported us on Parent View. I will contact all parents once the report is made public.

I would like to thank all of our children, staff and parents for donations for poppies. This year our school collected £288.55 which is the highest amount collected by any school in the Clacton area this year.

Mrs S Bardetti

Family Learning Opportunities (Courses/Workshops)

We will be advertising courses available from ACL Essex Family Learning later this term. These courses can take place at school and they are free to all parents. If you are interested please let the office know. There is a minimum of 8 participants needed for them to take place. If we receive enough interest forms we will organise the event.

Clean Air Heroes (previously Eco Race) - wk beginning 19th November at HH

Clean Air Heroes pilot for schools is a points-based activity for infant, junior and primary schools located within the Essex County Council Authority catchment. It is free of charge and hosted by en-form (registered charity) with the patronage of Essex County Council.

The main aim of Clean Air Heroes is to promote walking, scooting and cycling as a healthy option which also allows each individual to contribute positively towards cleaner air around the school roads.

More specifically we aim to:

- Increase the number of pupils, parents and staff walking, scooting and cycling to/from school
- Increase physical activity of pupils, parents and staff
- Reduce the number of car journeys to school
- Reduce congestion and improve air quality around school roads during the school run
- Nurture positive attitudes towards walking, scooting and cycling in Essex schools
- Raise pupils', parents' and staff's awareness of own contribution to pollution and its consequences to health
- Endorse the health and environmental benefits of active travel

Friends of Holland Haven

The Friends would like to thank everyone for their help and support at the Spooky Disco. The children looked great and had a fun time.

We are looking forward to selling the shopping bags with all your children's lovely self portraits. We are now in full flow of organising the Christmas Party. Please check the noticeboard for ticket sales dates and any upcoming events. If you are able to help at the Christmas Party please contact us personally or through our Facebook page.

Melisa Nicholas
Chair

Governor Corner

I would like to introduce myself as the new Staff Governor. I was appointed in October and will hold this position for the next four years on the Assets Committee. I have worked as KS1 Phase Leader, member of the Senior Leadership Team and Maths Subject Lead at Holland Haven since 2012. In addition to gaining my NPQSL qualification in 2016, I feel I know the curriculum side of things at Holland Haven well and my next development step is to experience how the governing board work and support the school. I look forward to developing this over the next few years.

Miss Murphy (Staff Governor)

Employment opportunity at Holland Haven School

We are in the process of recruiting more Midday Assistants. The role will be for one hour a day and five days a week. If you would like the opportunity to work in a school then please contact Mrs Charles, in the office for an application form. The closing date for applications will be 30th November 2018.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

Our online shop is now open for orders of the Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies!

Visit <https://shop.leavershoodies.com/hollandhavenprimaryschool2019> to place your order by 12th January.

Hoodies will be delivered at the beginning of July, in time for PGL. The reason for ordering so early is that we are able to take advantage of the 'Early Bird' discount. Happy Shopping!

New 'News and Events Blog'

From now on, whole-school news and events information, photos, posters etc will be shared in a news-style feed in 'News and Events' on the school website so check this regularly for updates!

Children in Need: On the 15th November, Year 4-6 school councillors ran a book and toy sale to raise money for children in need. Pupils were also invited to wear non-uniform and attend school in their pjs! Every class visited the sale in the hall and from the two events, over £500 was raised. Thank you for your generous contributions to the sales in both donations of toys and books, and money.

See the blog for a slideshow of photos from the day.

WW1 Centenary in Upper School

WW1 Trenches

Year 5 and 6 had a wonderful morning on the beach on Thursday 8th November, digging trenches in the sand, imagining life as a soldier and reenacting 'The Christmas Truce' of 1914. The children also used their periscopes which they made during Science to peep over the top of the trench!



Poppy Biscuit Sale

Some Year 5 and 6 children made Poppy Biscuits for their Maths homework. As well as learning about weights and measures, this homework also produced some very yummy biscuits. These were sold on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th November to the rest of the school. We managed to raise £120 which was donated to the Poppy Appeal. Thank you!



Dates for your diary

November

Week beginning 19th November - Clean Air Heroes
20th and 22nd - Upper and Middle School Parents' Evenings
28th Year 6 Crucial Crew at Bishops Park School

December

3rd 1:45pm Upper School St Barts Christmas Concert
4th 1:45 pm Middle School St Barts Christmas Concert
6th 1:45pm Lower schools St Barts Christmas Concert
7th EYFS and KS1 Flu Immunisations.
11th - EYFS Nativity Plays 9.30am and 2pm
12th - KS2 Flu Immunisations
12th - KS1 Zoo Trip
13th - Christmas Dinner Day
13th - Christmas Party - Friends of Holland Haven (PTA)
14th - Last day of the term - Children are due back on Thursday 3rd January 2019

