

October Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the October newsletter. I am so happy to report that everything is going very well in school so far. Despite cases of COVID rising in Essex we are managing to operate as normal (or as normal as we can be in the current situation).

Our attendance rate is very good indeed and we are at 96.8% currently so well done and thank you.

We are very excited about introducing our new Purple Mash platform this month and I hope that you have all received my email regarding its introduction. You should also have had an additional sheet in your child's homework book with all login information which you can keep at home. It may be that your child is unable to attend at some point due to COVID restrictions, so the additional loose sheet will ensure you have access to your child's online learning logins at all times. Purple Mash is for use in school lessons, homework and for pupils who are self isolating due to them, or a household member, having COVID 19 and isolation is required.

So far we have been able to deliver most of our intended curriculum and last week Year 5 and 6 pupils went to the beach as part of their War and Conflict topic. Everybody enjoyed the visit and it was so good to be able to venture outside of our school site for the first time this school year.

I have recently sent you another letter regarding the wearing of face coverings on our school site. Many parents have expressed their concerns about parents not responding to this request. I hope that you can help us all stay safe and wear a visor or face covering when collecting and dropping off your child each day. Please remember not to ask teachers to discuss issues at the classroom door. If a teacher falls ill with COVID, it would probably mean that the whole class has to self isolate, so please ring the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

On a similar note, if your child is advised by another establishment to self isolate due to having contact with a person with COVID please can you ensure that this advice is adhered to and do not send your child to school.

As a treat for all of our pupils, I have booked an online pantomime (Cinderella Live) which can be watched from the safety of our classrooms. This will take place towards the end of the Autumn Term. We have to try to keep some things normal after all !

I hope that you all have a restful and safe half term holiday.

Mrs Bardetti

Headteacher

Golden Assembly Awards

On Fridays we have our Zoom Golden Assembly and it is such good fun. The following pupils were awarded golden certificates.

Friday 18th September, 25th September, 2nd October, 9th October, 16th October Golden Certificates were awarded to :

Harry West, Poppie Willis, Parker Tarrant, Libby Williams, Sydnie Joyce, Sonny Johnson, Ava Gibson, Betsie Mae Moore, Ethan Swift, Alys Davies-Lowton, Angelica Vennell, Marcie French, Phoebe Junczyk, Isla Murray, Alfie Colwill, Jack Hillier, Joseph Lowman, Naomi Green, Georgia Gooby, Gabriel Myers, Evie Cowlin, Olivia Izzard, Kendall- Rose Sales Smith, Riley McGregor, Charlie Offord, Elsie Hull, Lucy Willis, Albie Eagle, Grace Hopley, Hollie Nicholas, Alfie Joseph, Imani Young, Billy Curtis-Foley, Isla Anderson, Ellie Cates, Kacey-May Messenger, Elsie Spencer, Bella McKay, Tiffany Gees, Charlie-George Wilson-Turner, Emily Partridge, Owen Woollard, Paigton Harris, Maggie-Mai Tulip, Bailey Harrop, Elsie-May Covey, Jessica Siddle, Erin Partridge, Bailey Harrop, Tyler Craig.

Well done everyone !

Governors Update

Where has the first half term of the year gone? Although the autumn term is the longest term of the year it seems to have flown by this time. The children have engaged so well, whatever has been asked of them, they have risen to the challenge. Although it is more difficult to go into school for visits, to talk to teachers and children the governing board still attend socially distanced meetings and complete online training. We are also kept fully informed by Mrs Bardetti and her senior team about all that is happening at Holland Haven.

Looking forward to another positive half term and before we know it, it will be Christmas.

Katie Williams
Vice-Chair of Governors

Dinner Money

Please can I remind parents that dinner money must be paid on a Monday and not be allowed to go into arrears. If your child has dinner arrears, you must send them to school with a packed lunch until the arrears are paid in full. The School Money system should now be working properly again. Any problems please contact the school office

Holland FC Girls

This week, year 5 and 6 girls have taken part in football sessions delivered by coaches from Holland FC. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt new skills for football. If your child is interested in playing girls football please contact Holland FC for more information.

Box2BFit

This week Middle and Upper School have taken part in a workshop run by 'Box2BFit'. The children completed a challenging circuit involving different skills and challenges. All of the children showed fantastic effort and enthusiasm!

Dates for your diary

October 2020

23rd Halloween Themed Non Uniform Day

26th - 30th October Half Term Holiday

November 2020

3rd, 4th & 5th EYFS Height and Weight checks

13th Children in Need (fundraising ideas TBC by School Council)