

# November Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now rapidly approaching Christmas and we are already practising Christmas songs for concerts! However, this year we will be able to invite all of you into school to see our concerts, which is wonderful. It has been a while since our last Nativity in EYFS and I have really missed it. I hope you will all be able to join us for the Christmas events in December.

In the spring term we will be reintroducing class visits again. This year, each year group will host class visits on separate days. See dates at the end of this newsletter.

Many thanks to all of you who have already donated selection boxes for children in hospital over the Christmas period. The RNLI will be collecting the selection boxes on 5th December so there is still time for your child to bring in a selection box if they would like to.

Holland Haven raised £804.79 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This is indeed something to be proud of. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Regards

Mrs S Bardetti  
Headteacher

## KS2 - Playtimes

As we head into winter, the field is often wet at play times. Children are able to continue using the field if they have a change of shoes (trainers/wellies). Please bring these in in a carrier bag with their name clearly marked on the front. We will supply waterproof trousers for pupils to put on over their own uniform.

## The Two Johns- E- Safety

The Two Johns are offering some sessions available for Families to attend. The 2 Johns are both qualified Police Trainers and offer EST E-Safety Training to schools and families. They are both CEOP Ambassador trainers and are qualified to deliver Think You Know (TUK) training courses. They have also trained every Youth Officer within Essex Police.

Please call the following number to book a place at any of the following sessions:

Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service  
0300 247 0015

Here are the next dates for sessions:

Tuesday 6th December 2022

Wednesday 7th December 2022

Monday 12th December 2022

Tuesday 14th December 2022

Wednesday 21st December 2022

## Governor Corner

In addition to my role as a member of staff, I am also on the governing board. Through this time, I can work closely with the governors to keep them informed about our school practice, for example how we implement the curriculum as much as possible through learning outside the classroom. This includes educational visits to places such as Duxford or Colchester Zoo and visitors such as the NSPCC or Essex Wildlife Trust.

At Holland Haven, we have developed all of the school grounds: The Growing Courtyard, The Herb Garden, The Library Garden, The Hills, The Forest, The Haven and Pond and extended EYFS and KS1 classrooms. Pupils also participate in growing projects annually: class bulb lasagne, amaryllis and The Williams Cup - potato competitions and take responsibility for seasonal flowers, vegetables and herbs in the Forest and The Herb Garden.

The agenda of 'climate change' is particularly relevant at the moment with the Leaders of the United Nations meeting for COP27 just days ago in November. Some of your children will have been selected to be an 'eco leader' - this is a new role which will begin fully in the spring term. We aim to develop an Eco Council with

representatives from all members of the school community, including several governors so we can contribute further to some of the positive changes needed.

Deputy Headteacher  
Catherine Humphrey

### **Attendance**

From September 5th 2022-November11th 2022

Overall school attendance is 93.6%. Ofsted expect at least 95% attendance so we are currently below this figure. Only 5 classes are above this figure. Please help us improve our attendance by making sure your child is in school every day. Pupils who have 100% attendance receive their new bronze badge at the end of the Autumn Term.

Class	Attendance
RBa	96.2%
RBe	90.4%
1F	93.1%
1BP	93.7%
2C	90.2%
2HP	95.2%
3D	93.8%
3G	93.5%
4V	95.2%
4C	96.0%
5KH	94.6%
5AH	93.1%
6H	90.5%
6D	95.1%

### **PTA Corner**

The Halloween Disco last month raised £1,401.64. Our next fundraiser was Bag 2 School which raised £36.00. We are still waiting for the official figure raised by the Cauliflower Cards fundraiser but it is likely to be around £528.

So far we have paid £3,500 towards the schools Learning Outside the Classroom which is specifically going towards reducing the cost of the school trips. We have also paid for the Christmas crackers for next week's Christmas lunch.

December will see our first ever Festive Wreath Making event hosted by Karina from Butterfly Flowers which is now sold out. In December we are running Elfridges shopping days for the children to enjoy buying some Christmas presents for the ones they love. Details of this final event are due out very soon.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th December at 3.30pm in the School's DT room where we will start to plan for next term's fundraising events. Everyone is welcome to come along, we have an area for the children to enjoy colouring in and each other's company. The kettle will be on for tea and coffee.

We are still collecting second hand uniform, Christmas jumpers and any other dress up items. Please place in the donation box outside the school office.

Heidi, Chair and the FOHH committee.  
[ptachair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk](mailto:ptachair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk)



## 2ND HAND UNIFORM *Price List*

Holland Haven Logo'd Items	£1.00
Plain Uniform Items & Drawstring PE Bags	50P
Bags, Shoes & Coats	£2.00

Other items may be available please just ask

We have a huge selection of 2nd hand uniform available for sale. All proceeds go towards the Friends of Holland Havens fundraising efforts.

Please message the Facebook page or email [ptavicechair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk](mailto:ptavicechair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk) with details of what you need and we can arrange to meet you.



### Cannons Christmas Holiday Camps 2022

Just a quick message to remind you of our special early bird offer for our Basketball and AllSports camps that we have running during the Christmas Holidays!

#### INFO & BOOKING

Our Basketball Camp is on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd December for 7 - 15 year olds - Please book your space here: <https://cannons.class4kids.co.uk/camp/42>

We are also running our AllSports Camp on Friday 23rd December for 6 - 13 year olds - Please book your space here: <https://cannons.class4kids.co.uk/camp/43>

We are also running our Christmas/ winter themed Active Messy Play Camp on Friday 23rd December at Weeley Village Hall for 2.5 - 7 year olds - Please book your space here: <https://cannons.class4kids.co.uk/camp/41>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Lisa Tight [office@cannonsbasketball.co.uk](mailto:office@cannonsbasketball.co.uk)  
<https://www.cannonsbasketball.co.uk>

**Dates for the Diary**

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 8th December

Christmas School Dinner Day Thursday 8th December

EYFS Nativity Monday 12th December 9.30pm and Tuesday 13th December 2pm

**Middle School - Ancient Egyptian Day *Tuesday 13th December*** (Dressing up costumes optional)

Pupils Christmas Shop Wednesday 14th - Friday 16th December

**Christmas Carol Concerts**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Date</b>
Year 1	Monday 5th December 2:00pm
Year 2	Wednesday 7th December 2:00pm
Year 3	Tuesday 6th December 2:30pm
Year 4	Thursday 15th December 2:30pm
Year 5	Wednesday 14th December 2:30pm
Year 6	Friday 16th December 2:30pm

**Class Visits for parents / carers**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Date</b>
EYFS	8th Feb
Year 1	26th January
Year 2	1st February
Year 3	7th Feb
Year 4	9th Feb
Year 5	31st Jan
Year 6	24th Jan



# eSafety Training

## 'The 2 Johns'

**Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service** and 'The 2 Johns' are pleased to offer **FREE** online parent workshops that will look at the online world, how our young people are using it and how to keep them safe. This includes :

- Favourite apps and games
- Dangers they face
- How young people are being influenced online
- Solutions that parents can adopt to help keep their children safe

**Sessions will run virtually from 8.00pm-9.30pm on dates below:**

Tuesday 22nd Nov 2022

Thursday 24th Nov 2022

Monday 28th Nov 2022

Tuesday 6th Dec 2022

Wednesday 7th Dec 2022

Monday 12th Dec 2022

Tuesday 14th Dec 2022

Wednesday 21st Dec 2022



**To book a place please call our Hub on 0300 247 0015**



Sydney House Family Hub – Tendring District

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