

September Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome back all of our children without face coverings and bubbles this year. The school certainly feels more 'normal', but we do know that at any point in time, we may need to increase our safety precautions and once again revert to some of the measures, which we had in place over the past 18 months.

We have had, in the first two weeks of the Autumn Term, as many COVID cases as we have had since the first lockdown in March 2020. We are hoping that, as the term goes on, this improves and we are able to move even more procedures to what they were pre COVID. When we make changes, of any kind, we will keep you informed.

On 15th September the Friends of Holland Haven met for the first time this year. We welcomed a couple of new members but in order for the PTA to function in 2021-22, we do need more support. We hope to see you all on 20th October at the AGM where we will be hopefully voting for a committee. The PTA raises money for the children of Holland Haven. Last year they provided EYFS with two wonderful state of the art interactive whiteboards. We hope you can help us continue our good work.

This term we hope to be able to organise face to face parents' evenings, however this depends on COVID rates in school. If we are unable to do face to face meetings, teachers will arrange a phone call with you instead. If you have any concerns about your child please email or call the school office. They will notify the teacher of your concern and the teacher will make contact with you.

Mrs Bardetti

Headteacher

Golden Assembly

Date	Name	Date	Name		
10.9.21	Elsie Spencer	17.9.21	Anais Kalungwishi		
10.9.21	Kayleb Hawke	17.9.21	Freddie Cagehin		
10.9.21	Caelan Napier	17.9.21	Archie Gibson		
10.9.21	Chloe Lucas	17.9.21	Lennie Willis		
10.9.21	Leyla Mott	17.9.21	Danika McGinn		
10.9.21	Ellie Mal Vanner	17.9.21	Romeo Elliot		
10.9.21	Alex Taylor	17.9.21	Eli Bones Riley McGregor		
10.9.21	Charlie Armstrong Finley Gooding	17.9.21	Isla Godfrey		
10.9.21	All of Class LC	17.9.21	Naomi Green		
10.9.21	Madison Brown	17.9.21	Olivia Izzard		
10.9.21	Sophia James	17.9.21	Junior Gallagher		
10.9.21	Erin Knight	17.9.21	Mason Crispin		

Medical Information

If we hold information about your child's medical needs including allergies or intolerances, you **MUST** inform us if anything changes. Please contact the school office if this is the case.

Term time holidays

Term time holidays will not be authorised. Due to COVID restrictions pupils have lost a considerable amount of learning time since March 2020. It is mandatory for all pupils to be in school during term time.

COVID TESTS

Please can I remind you that a Lateral Flow Test is not the test that can be used when a person has symptoms of COVID. If your child has any of the COVID symptoms they **MUST** take a PCR test. If your child takes a PCR test, we will need to see evidence of the result before your child returns to school.

Governor Corner

On behalf of the Governing Board I would first like to welcome all new families to our school community. To those families who have already been part of the Holland Haven community, it is good to be sharing the next academic year with you. Governors will continue to address their core functions and at last will be able to meet face-to-face. Our first committee meeting was yesterday (20th September), it was wonderful to be back in the same room instead of using technology. I did not find it easy to chair meetings on screens and am thankful that part of my role is over - at least for the moment!

May I remind all parents that you are invited to contribute to Ofsted's Parent View which can be accessed via the website. Governors find this tool very useful and we would encourage you to add your views. Information about the governors at Holland Haven and their roles can be found on the school website.

Jackie Sharman
Chair of Governors

PTA Corner

We have had our first committee meeting where we have planned our Halloween fundraisers and started our planning for Christmas events. Our next meeting is also our AGM (Annual General Meeting) on 20th October 2021 at 6.15pm in the School Hall. Please come along and help to keep the committee going because without your support the committee cannot run.

Street Tag - New Inter-School Competition

'With Street Tag, participants record the distance they walk, run, or cycle by collecting **virtual tags** with their **smartphone** at various locations, watching their total distance accumulate to climb up the School's leaderboard, steps are converted into points by syncing their steps. This is designed to encourage families to walk and cycle to school, be physically active, connect with green spaces, rediscover their local area, and earn rewards for their school.'

Holland Haven is joining the competition: you will receive links via text message to these hyperlinks - they explain how to play - then, please **download** the **Street Tag app**.

<https://youtu.be/kcU17-GAsSg>

<https://youtu.be/u7B2jm22d3g>

This is Holland Haven's unique QR code which is required for school players to join the leaderboard.



STREET TAG

PRIMARY SCHOOLS LEADERBOARD

JOIN THE SCHOOL TEAM
 ***Collect virtual tags
 ***Walk, Run, Cycle or Scooter
 ***Accumulate points and steps towards your school team

NEW

LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON

PARENT CAN ADD 2 CHILDREN ONTO THEIR PHONE.

TO FIND OUT MORE
 Enquire at the School reception for QR code

Available on the **App Store** and **Google Play**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

- 06.10.21 - Individual School Photos
- 15.10.21 - Non Pupil Day
- 20.10.21 - PTA AGM in the school hall 6:15pm
- 22.10.21 - Halloween non uniform day and trick or treat sale
- 25.10.21 - 29.10.21 - Autumn half term holiday

November

- 23.11.21 - EYFS Heights, Weights and Vision checks
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December

- 10.12.21 - Santa's Grotto 3:00 to 6:30pm
- 16.12.21 - Christmas themed non uniform day
- 16.12.21 - Last day of the Autumn term
- 17.12.21 - Non Pupil Day