

October Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

So far this term, I have had the pleasure of seeing many pupils who have gone above and beyond with their learning at school and also with their homework. Our pupils are such enthusiastic and motivated learners.

This week, we are holding our first attendance raffle(see below) and also this week we will be having our 'silent discos'. I have never been to a silent disco, so I am excited to see how they work.

The PTFA will continue this year as many of the committee members have agreed to stand again for another year. They are an amazing group of people who work incredibly hard to raise fantastic amounts of money for our pupils. We would love to see you at our meetings, as we always need help.

The cold weather has shown its face this weekend, so please provide your child with a coat for play and lunch times. I am sure we will soon need hats and gloves too!

We have welcomed a new MDA, Mrs Anderson, to EYFS this week.

I hope that you have a lovely half term break.

Mrs S Bardetti
Headteacher

Attendance

If you leave a voice message that your child is not feeling well and will not be attending school, the school office may follow this up with a call back to you. If there is no response to the call, we will request a home visit from the Aquinas team.

We will require as much information as possible about your child's illness. If your child has antibiotics prescribed, please can you send us a screenshot of them and if you have a doctor's appointment, please can you send a screenshot of the appointment booking.

Family holidays will **NOT** be authorised.

Overall attendance is 95.2% Ofsted expect at least 95% attendance so we are currently just above this figure. Please help us improve our attendance by making sure your child is in school every day.

New Attendance Raffle and Rewards

This term we have started a new reward for good attendance. Each week, if a pupil has been in school 100% they will receive a raffle ticket. This ticket is placed in a key stage draw. At each half term, a ticket will be drawn from the KS2 box and also from the KS1/EYFS box. The two pupils drawn in the raffles will each receive a **£20 Amazon voucher**.

Class attendance will also be rewarded each term . The class with the highest attendance will have a 'treat afternoon' which the class will choose with the class teacher.

Class	Attendance
RBa	96.2%
RBe	96.1%
1F	96.6%
1BP	95.3%
2CW	96.6%
2HP	98.6%
3HP	94.6%
3G	95.4%

4V	93.6%
4C	92.2%
5KH	93.1%
5AH	95.8%
6H	94.3%
6D	96.0%

Reading - our new Author Cabin and Library Redesign so far



Reading Diaries

Parents/Carers from Year 3-6 please sign your child's red A5 Home School Book every time you read to your child / share a book / hear your child read to you independently. This can be decided based on the age and stage of your child and can be a mixed balance- please speak to your class teacher if you would like any further advice on this. It is recommended that these reading sessions take place at home at least 4x a week. (In EYFS and KS1 please continue to sign the reading diary).

Thank you for your support if you already do this regularly. The research around reading shows it is fundamental in a child's development and understanding.

THE MILLION WORD GAP

New research shows the different numbers of words kids will have heard by age 5 based on how often parents read to them:

- Never read to: 4,662 words
- 1-2 times per week: 63,570 words
- 3-5 times per week: 169,520 words
- Daily: 296,660 words
- Five books a day: 1,483,300 words



My Home Reading Record

Each week, if I have read 4 times at home 😊 I will earn a crystal for my team. If I read more than 4 times, I am a Reading Star ☆ and I will earn a triple crystal for my team.

Week beginning	Pupils are expected to read at least 4 times a week at home. Please tick and sign each session.					Record Book Title / Page Numbers Optional Comment	😊 ☆
11.9.23							
18.9.23							
25.9.23							
2.10.23							

The school homework competition results will be shared next term.

Parking

Please be polite and courteous when parking near the school and do not obstruct our neighbours driveways. Thank you.

HH Football Win!



Our school football team won 1-0 against St Claires in their first match in this league. The goal was scored by Jack and Blake saved a penalty late in the second half.

Wow Moments from home!



Home School Projects KS1 Castles - Shields and Swords!



New Winter Menu

We have a new winter school dinner menu commencing on 30th October 2023 which is shown on the last page of the newsletter for your information. We will be starting on Week 1.

SEND News

InterAct has been granted the Startwell Fund for the district of Tendring. They are delivering a FREE course "Developing Resilience & Wellbeing for parents, carers and care givers in any role, involved with raising children with SEND and/or additional needs, at the Pier Avenue Baptist Church.

The course is delivered over a four-week period from 10:00 to 14:00 per week every Tuesday starting the 31st October followed by 7th 14th 21st Nov 2023.

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Developing Resilience and Wellbeing
A FREE four week course for Parents/Carers of children
(0-19) SEN&D/Emotional difficulties

Resilience Training

Introducing the idea of building resilience (managing the daily family pressures and stress), and using what we know, can help children and ourselves to bounce back when life is particularly tough.

Resilience is the ability to withstand and recover from stressful life challenges, strengthened and more resourceful. The course focuses on what it means to be a parent of a child/children and the particular challenges the family may face on a daily basis



"I enjoyed learning about meeting and knowing my basic needs, resilience in a meeting – learnt skills to have a positive attitude. To put into action all that I have learnt on the course" (Parent comment)

The course aims to build parents' resilience, so they are well placed to enjoy their journey bringing up their children:

- *Share and explore their travels so far*
- *Take note of and celebrate the skills they have acquired along the way*
- *Map their needs in preparation for the next adventure*
- *Practise and rehearse possible strategies for building their skills and strengthening their resolve to journey on*

Course details

Dates: 31 Oct 7 14 21 Nov 23

Times: 10:00 to 14:00

Venue: Pier Avenue Baptist Church,
Pier Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex,
CO15 1NZ

For more information, or to book:

Contact EXTRA on 01255 475001

or email admin@extrasupportforfamilies.co.uk

Free Parking and refreshments including lunch



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Resilience Team

As we enter the colder months, please be advised that CVST run a Winter Coat Rail at both of their sites. A selection of pre-loved Coats & Jackets are available for anyone that needs one.

Collection Points:

Imperial House, 20-22 Rosemary Road, Clacton CO15 1NZ

Harwich & Dovercourt Hubc276 High St, CO12 3PD

Open every weekday between 9am - 4pm

No Forms, No Questions, No Charge

Please can you forward onto your families that you feel will benefit.

The Resilience Team

Governors' Corner

As a parent, a rookie police officer has more chances of getting information from a hardened criminal than I have getting answers from my son about school when he comes home. He travels through the house like a tornado, shoes, bag and uniform flying to all parts as he makes a break for the sanctuary of his bedroom. My questions of "how was school?, what did you do today? and what did you learn about?" are met with "fine, not much and can't remember" as he disappears to wait for his dinner.

Fortunately, I am lucky enough to be a Parent Governor and can visit the school and talk with children who will enthusiastically tell me about their school life, what they are learning about, how much fun they have and how wonderful their days at school are. I am lucky to be able to see for myself the dedication shown by every member of staff to ensure that our children are safe, happy and learning and to be part of a Governing Body that actively works to support the school, children and parents.

I still have no answers as to why we have had summer holiday weather in October and autumnal weather during our summer holidays, but I do understand why our school is so special and a great place for our children to attend and thrive.

Just wanted to say well done to the football team who won 1-0 on Monday in their first game. Great goal and fantastic penalty save to take the victory.

I hope you all have an amazing half term (bad weather guaranteed as we're off), survive the sugar overload of Halloween and dare I say it....it'll be Christmas soon.

Take care
Paul Donaghy

PTA Corner

We live to fundraise another year!

This month we held our AGM, we just met our quorum and the current committee was re-elected with the addition of a new secretary! Welcome Shannon and thank you for taking on this key role.

We would have loved to have seen some new faces, please don't be shy and come along to our next meeting, which will be held on Thursday 2nd November 2023 - 3.30pm at the school.

We have had a wonderful start to this school year and have already raised over £575 through the Wonka raffle, pre-loved sales and the school lottery. Plus we have our Halloween Disco happening on the 19th October.

We have some super exciting events lined up for the next half term including delivery of the wonderful Christmas items from Cauliflower Cards, Elfridges will be back on the 30th November and we are planning a Christmas Fair which will happen on the 7th December! Plus Bag 2 School, FabBricks and our adults' wreath making evening.

Please keep an eye on our facebook page (The Friends of Holland Haven Primary School) and communications via email and text for the full details. And of course you can come along to our meetings!

If you are able to volunteer at any of our events or would like to speak about how you could help the PTFA please email our chair, Heidi on ptachair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk or me on ptavicechair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk

Thank you as always for your continued support.
Sam Cook and the Friends of Holland Haven Primary School.

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket Potato & Baked Beans	Bacon Bap (BLT)	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Turkey	Young's Battered Fish Fillet
Homemade Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian Bacon Bap	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegetarian Sausages	Homemade Vegetarian Quiche
Tuna & Cucumber Roll	Sausage Roll	Ham Roll	<i>Packed Lunches are only available on Mon, Tues & Wed. They come with a choice of: Carrot Sticks Cucumber Sticks Dessert of the day or Fruit Pot.</i>	
Broccoli Salad Bar Coleslaw	Hash Brown Salad Bar Coleslaw	Jacket Potato or Pasta Peas Salad Bar	Roast or Mashed Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Savoy Cabbage or Carrots Gravy	Chips Homemade Bread Baked Beans Salad
Yoghurt Fruit	Winter Fruit Crumble Jelly	Ice Cream Roll Fruit	Homemade Rice Pudding Yoghurt Fruit	Diddy Doughnuts & Chocolate Sauce
Water Milk	Water Milk	Water Milk	Water Milk	Water Milk

Starting Monday 30th October 2023

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homemade Chicken & Sweet Potato Curry	Locally Produced Sausages	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese	Homemade Chicken Pie	Burgers in a Bun
Homemade Vegetarian Curry	Cheese Omelette or Plain Omelette	Homemade Vegetarian Bolognese	Homemade Spinach & Sweet Potato Pie	Vegetarian Burgers
Cheese Roll	Ham Roll	Tuna Roll	<i>Packed Lunches are only available on Mon, Tues & Wed. They come with a choice of: Carrot Sticks Cucumber Sticks Dessert of the day or Fruit Pot.</i>	
Rice Broccoli Salad Bar	Chunky Chips Baked Beans Salad Bar Coleslaw	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Salad Bar	New Potatoes Peas Gravy Salad Bar	Cous Cous Salad Bar
Pancakes Fruit or Raisins	Chocolate Chip Cookies Jelly	Jam Sponge Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt	Selection of Ice Cream Tubs Fruit
Water Milk	Water Milk	Water Milk	Water Milk	Water Milk

Starting Monday 30th October 2023

Dates for the Diary

October

19th Halloween Disco

November

- 6th Parents' evening for all year groups
- 9th Parents' Evening for all year groups
- 22nd Bag 2 School Collection
- 28th EYFS Heights & Weights
- 29th EYFS Heights & Weights
- 30th Wreath making Workshop
- 30th Elfridges Day 1

December

- 1st Elfridges Day 2
- 7th PTFA Christmas Fair
- 8th Year 5 Christmas Concert in school
- 11th Year 6 Christmas Concert in school
- 12th EYFS Nativity in school 9:30pm
- 13th EYFS Nativity in school 2pm
- 13th Year 3 Christmas Concert St Bart's Church
- 14th Christmas Dinner Day
- 14th Year 4 Christmas Concert at St Bart's Church
- 15th Year 2 Christmas Concert in school
- 18th Year 1 Christmas Concert in school
- 20th Last day of Autumn Term

LIGHT PARTY

TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER
4:00-6:00PM
ST PAUL'S CHURCH HALL

Are you in reception-year 6 at school? Do you like games, craft, fun, songs, party food and Bible stories? Then come along to our free light party!

FANCY DRESS THEME. BRIGHT COLOURS!

If your child would like to come then please RSVP by texting us the name and age of your child to 07807 017957 by Friday 20th October.

RUN BY VOLUNTEERS FROM ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Family Breakfast Drop-in & School Uniform Bank

You are invited

to join us for a free family breakfast morning & to find out what help and support there is for you



- tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- cereal, toast and biscuits
- Board games & crafts
- School uniform bank



We will have organisations and services available that may be able to help you with; family finances, housing related issues, benefit checks, family support information as well as activities open to your family during term time.

**Monday 23rd October
10am - 11.30am**

**@ Sams Hall, CVST Imperial House
20-22 Rosemary Road. Clacton**

Please let us know of any dietary requirements in the family call 01255 425692 option 3



Poppies and Poems Story Session Holland Library

Saturday 11 November, 10 to 11am

- We invite you and your children to join us at the library as we remember our fallen armed forces members with a special story session
- We will discover poetry from the First World War, have a go at writing our own, and finish with a craft to make our own poppy
- No booking is required



libraries.essex.gov.uk/events