

October Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the October newsletter. This half term has flown! I have been amazed how well our EYFS children have settled into school. It is so lovely to see them enjoying their learning each day.

The building work is going very well. We are expecting the main building to be complete by the end of February.

During the next half term pupils may need to bring in wellies so that we can still play on the KS2 field. We have limited hard standing playground currently and we need to prepare for the wet weather.

Thank you to all parents who supported the Spooky Disco. The children thoroughly enjoyed both discos. Unfortunately before the second disco there was an incident on Frinton Rd where one of our pupils was knocked over by a car. He is fine but he was very shaken and spent the night in hospital. I have written to Cllr Colin Sargeant who has been, for a few years, trying to get a crossing for the school on Frinton Rd. He has once again put the wheels in motion to make the council aware of our concerns. Many of our pupils have written to the council to explain how worried they are about crossing Frinton Rd but if you, as parents, can also write to the council we would greatly appreciate it.

I do hope that you all have a lovely and safe half term break

Mrs S Bardetti

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Please see attached to this newsletter a letter from Essex Police regarding exploitation of children.

School Website - Class Pages

Each class at Holland Haven has a webpage, created and maintained by their teacher with the help of the class. Click on the links below to see photos and information about your child's learning, curriculum, classroom, who's who, contact the teacher and more!

Reception classes <http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/reception-class-webpage.html>

Year 1 and 2 classes <http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/lower-school-year-1-and-21.html>

Year 3 and 4 classes <http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/middle-school-year-3-and-4.html>

Year 5 and 6 classes <http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/upper-school-year-5-and-61.html>

The link below takes you to some educational games your child might like to play at home.

<http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/website-links-for-pupils.html>

Learning Outside the Classroom - Winter Weather

The extended classroom - <http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/the-extended-classroom.html>

Our outdoor classrooms - Hadley Hills and Hadley Woods - will continue to be used to support learning and play through the autumn and winter seasons. All pupils participate in a Forest School session (EYFS, KS1 and LKS2) or themed outdoor lesson (UKS2) at least every 3 weeks/1 day a week for a term, in addition to other opportunities taken to enhance the school-day such as play on Hadley Hills at lunchtimes.

Minimum requirement for outdoor-learning kit: a **coat** and a **change of shoes - ideally wellies** and a plastic bag to store them in when they are wet and muddy. Pupils are welcome to bring a whole change of clothes; this could be an old pair of trousers and a jumper or simply an all-in one waterproof to go over school uniform.

Dates for your diary

October

19th Last day of first half of Autumn term

29th First day of second half of Autumn term

November

2nd Swimming starts for Class LM (6 weeks)

6th and 8th November EYFS and Lower Parents' Evenings

8th Year 3 trip to Ipswich Museum

9th Year 4 trip to Ipswich Museum

20th and 22nd November Upper and Middle Parents' Evenings

28th Year 6 Crucial Crew at Bishops Park School



Dear Parent/Carer,

Sexual and criminal exploitation of children – will you spot the signs?

The exploitation of children is, sadly, a growing problem and has a devastating impact on those directly affected and their families. It happens, and it happens here, in Essex. This is not just involving older children, even primary age children are being drawn into exploitation. It is never too soon for our children to learn how to keep themselves safe.

Essex Police is working hard to tackle these awful crimes but we cannot do it alone. As a parent or carer with responsibility for a child I am asking for your help. Please be aware of the warning signs together with the help and advice available to you.

Exploitation - what is it?

Sexual exploitation involves a child being manipulated, forced or deceived into sexual activity often for financial gain or to build status or control.

Criminal exploitation involves a child being coerced to commit criminal activity. This is often associated with gangs and the selling of illegal drugs.

The warning signs

- Is your child regularly going missing, coming home late or persistently absent from school?
- Do they have new or older friends different to their normal social group?
- Do they have money, expensive-looking clothes or a new phone you didn't buy for them?
- Are they being secretive when using their phone or the internet or perhaps making / receiving lots of calls and texts?
- Has their mood changed or have they become withdrawn or aggressive?
- Are they harming themselves or displaying inappropriate sexualised behaviour?

These are indicators. They do not always mean a child is being exploited, but, please see them as a potential 'warning sign'.

A new hotline number – 01245 452058

If you are worried, please call us. You will not be wasting our time. A team of Essex Police officers and staff are on standby to listen, help and offer advice. The line is open Monday to Friday 08:00-16:00 with a voicemail facility outside of these hours.

As a parent of school age children myself I would encourage you to talk to your child / children about these potential dangers. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Prophet
Assistant Chief Constable

You can more information and advice about child exploitation on the Essex Police website
<https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/child-sexual-exploitation>