

September Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you had a wonderful summer break.

Summer has been very busy at Holland Haven School due to the start of the school expansion. The project is going well; we have had a delay with some kitchen equipment which meant that we were unable to serve hot meals the first two weeks of term but that issue has been rectified and the normal school meals service has resumed.

The building site area will be out of bounds to all pupils, parents and staff. For the safety of all pupils, the access to the KS2 playground will be kept locked when not required. We are limited for space and will need to use the KS2 field. If the field is wet pupils are welcome to wear alternative footwear whilst on the field at play and lunch times.

The atmosphere at Holland Haven is super this term. All pupils have come back to school positive and keen to learn. We have welcomed two new teachers Miss Day in Year 3 and Miss Clifton in Year 4. We are all looking forward to the rest of the Autumn Term.

Teacher Training

If anyone is interested in being a teacher, here are the NETT open days for the next academic year:

North Essex Teacher Training – Open Events

Open Mornings, all events 10-12:

Friday 21st September 2018

Friday 19th October 2018

Friday 23rd November 2018

Thursday 20th December 2018

Friday 18th January 2019

Friday 15th February 2019

Friday 22nd March 2019

Friday 26th April 2019

Friday 17th May 2019

Friday 21st June 2019

Open Evening:

NETT Base – Wednesday 3rd October 4.30pm – 6pm

Further open evenings to be confirmed.

Governors' Corner

To all new parents and carers, welcome to Holland Haven. To those returning, it's good to see you all again. As the expansion work progresses, even if there is occasional disruption outside, you can be assured your children's education will continue to be of the highest standard.

This year we are expecting a visit from Ofsted so I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to help us prepare for this by updating Ofsted's 'Parent View'. It only takes a few minutes to complete and there is a link from the school website. The inspectors look at this data carefully, it also helps the Governing Board understand our parents views about our school. Last year there were only 7 responses so we are not able to see these as there needs to be at least 10 for the data to be shown.

The Governing Board are looking forward to continuing their role in challenging and supporting the school this year.

Jackie Sharman
Chair of Governors

ROCKADEMY

At Holland Haven we are very lucky to be offering music lessons through the company Rockademy. At present the tutor comes in on a Friday afternoon and offers guitar lessons. If your child is interested please see the attached letter which details all options available or speak to Miss Belcher for more information.

Secondary School News

Clacton County High School's open evening is on 27th September, 5 o'clock until 7.30pm. There will be presentations at 5.15pm and 6.30pm. CCHS will continue working with our UKS2 pupils this year with weekly spanish lessons in the spring term, delivered by CCHS staff here at Holland Haven and science and p.e. days at CCHS in the summer term.

Applications for secondary schools need to be made by Year 6 parents/carers by the 31st October. Note: there is no longer a reminder letter sent by the local authority.

Infant School Applications

If you or someone you know has a child starting school in September 2019, you are reminded that the submission date for your child's application is from **Monday 12th November 2018 until Tuesday 15th January 2019**. All applications are to be submitted online. The web link for the application is:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Pages/Apply-Online.aspx>

If you do not have access to the internet, please call Planning and Admissions on 0345 603 2200 for a paper copy. Please note that the local authority will no longer send reminder letters out to parents.

Dates for your diary

September

26th September Friends of Holland Haven AGM

October

4th October Lower school class teas

8th October Upper School class teas

9th October Middle School class teas

10th October EYFS class teas

12th October Spooky Disco

15th October School Photographs individuals

November

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

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

School Instruments

Lessons:

Terms & Conditions



Lesson Options...

Weekly lessons can be 20 minutes or 30 minutes long. Group and individual lessons are both offered, group lessons consist of 2 or more students per class (providing other pupils have enrolled for group lessons). Groups may change over time to accommodate pupils' individual needs and in these cases, we will offer the most appropriate group or individual lesson to you.

Please enrol via WWW.ROCKADEMY.CO.UK and click on the page 'how to enrol'.

Prices (10 lesson course)
As of September 2017

Individual 20 min **£130**

Individual 30 min **£179**

Group 20 min **£106 per student**

Group 30 min **£150 per student**

Payment is for a course of 10 lessons which is non-refundable. You will not be charged for any half terms, notified school trips, school closures or notified absences (see below). For these incidences, payment will carry over to the next scheduled lesson.

Ensemble & Band Workshops 30 min **£6.50***

**priced weekly per pupil, subject to course availability, minimum enrolment 4 per group. Invoice will be calculated & charged per 10 lesson course at £65.*

How To Pay...

An invoice will be issued in advance of the course of lessons begins. In order to operate as efficiently as possible, we use an automatic re-booking system. This means that, unless you inform us that you wish to cancel lessons, we will automatically book you onto the next course. If you do not wish to be automatically re-booked it is vital that you inform us by the stated deadline (see below).

CHEQUE: Please make all cheques payable to **ROCKADEMY** and forward the cheque by post.

BANK TRANSFER: To transfer the payment electronically please use the following bank details that appear on the invoice. Please make sure that in the reference field you state the **full name of the student** followed by the **school name**.

We require payments to be made within the first 2 weeks of the invoice date. If this is not possible or you would like to make alternative arrangements please contact rockademy@outlook.com. If no payment has been received after 2 weeks of the invoice date invoice reminders will be sent via email.

Automatic Renewal...

In order to operate as efficiently as possible, we automatically renew all pupils onto a 10 lesson course on the date their 10th lesson is completed. This means that, unless you inform us that you wish to cancel, we will automatically book you onto the next course. If you do not wish to continue with musical instrument lessons, it is vital that you inform us by the stated deadline (see below).

Absent Lessons...

A minimum **24 hours notice** is required if your child is going to be absent. You may alert us either by phone 07793226795 or email rockademy@outlook.com. Failure to do so will result in the normal lesson fee being charged. You will not be charged if any scheduled lessons fall upon half terms, bank holidays, notified school trips, notified school closures or other notified absences. In these incidences, any pre-paid lessons will carry over to the next scheduled lesson.

Cancellations...

If you wish to cancel your musical instrument lessons with Rockademy a written request must be submitted before the pupils 10th lesson. Every 10 lessons, unless otherwise informed, you will be automatically rebooked onto a course of lessons. Rockademy does not offer any refunds, even if you wish to cancel mid way through the course.

Absent Teachers/Supply...

Rockademy will do everything to ensure no lessons are cancelled during the term by way of making all our lessons as productive as possible. Should any of our teachers become absent, your child's lesson could be covered by one of our other specialist teachers. Don't panic! All our teachers have an up to date DBS certificate and are known to the school staff. Any changes to the lessons will be notified at our earliest convenience.

Group Lessons...

Group lessons are offered providing other enrolments have been received for group lessons of the same duration. If no other pupils have opted for group lessons, you will be offered a one to one lesson until further group enrolments are received.

Instruments & Equipment...

It would be an advantage to bring your own instrument along to the guitar lessons. Most beginners learn on nylon string guitars as they are softer on the finger tips but any guitar will be fine. Also, you are welcome to bring along any accessories such as a foot stool, plectrum, capo, tuner, amp etc. For all drum lessons and keyboard lessons, instruments will be provided by the school or by a member of the Rockademy team and it is recommended you can bring along your own drum sticks.

Guitar Hire Available...

Should you need to hire a guitar before committing to purchasing your own, we do offer a hire service (subject to availability). This is charged at **£2.50 per week**. There is a *£50 breakage charge* should something happen to the guitar while it is in your care which you will be required to pay.

Drum Hire...

We can provide a range of different drum kits for your home use with prices starting from **£20 per month** (subject to regional availability).

Contact info...

By phone: 0800 058 2485

email: rockademy@outlook.com

website: www.rockademy.co.uk

QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED HERE: <https://www.rockademy.co.uk/rockademy-faq-s>

WHAT TO DO NEXT?

Once you are ready to enrol for lessons, simply head over to WWW.ROCKADEMY.CO.UK and select the button HOW TO ENROL - Our online registration form should take under 2 minutes to complete.

Agreement declaration:

By enrolling onto lessons you hereby accept the terms stated and agree to all the above information.