

September Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new term. We have been so lucky to have an extremely sunny summer and I hope that you were able to have a restful break. The term has begun very well indeed. It actually feels like we are back to normal!

We have once again started to do assemblies in the hall and it felt so lovely to see the children's faces all together again.

I would like to welcome all of our new families to our school. Our school is a lovely place to be, whether you are a child or an adult. Your support is very much appreciated and we are extremely keen to have good relationships with all of our parents. Our PTA is incredibly hard working and I hope that you will support them during the year.

From the start of this new year, Miss Cole (Deputy Head) will be changing her name to Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Bradbury (Deputy Head and SENCo) will be changing her name to Miss Wilson.

I would also like to welcome Miss Dunn and Miss Vincent to our teaching team.

If you ever have any concerns about your child, please always speak to the teacher first. You can do this by making an appointment through the school office or contact form on the school website (class pages). Teachers will be able to respond between 08:30 and 17:00 Monday to Friday.

Regards

Mrs S Bardetti
Headteacher

Uniform

Please can I remind you that all pupils need to follow the school uniform policy (see the school website). Items of clothing with logos are not acceptable. Earrings must be removed for PE and only stud earrings can be worn in school.

Attendance

This year we will be giving pupils more rewards for good attendance. We already have our weekly attendance bear award and termly attendance treat for classes with the highest attendance, but this year we will be giving an annual reward for the class with the highest attendance over the whole year, which will be an outing for the whole class. We will also be reintroducing our termly badge system for pupils who have 100% attendance.

From September 5th 2022

Overall school attendance is 95.4%

| Class | Attendance |
|-------|------------|
| RBa | 99% |
| RBe | 95% |
| 1F | 96.3% |
| 1BP | 94.3% |
| 2C | 93.3% |
| 2HP | 98.7% |
| 3D | 93.2% |
| 3G | 96.6% |
| 4V | 97.9% |
| 4C | 97.3% |

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| 5KH | 95.6% |
| 5AH | 93.8% |
| 6H | 93.6% |
| 6D | 94.8% |

Well done to

Governor Corner

On behalf of the Governing Board I will add my welcome to all our families whether they are new or experienced in the ways of Holland Haven. I am delighted to be able to continue in my role as a governor of the school. Now beginning my fifth term of office I cannot tell you how proud I am to be associated with our school. Mrs Bardetti and her team have such aspirations for the children and the governors support the school as best they can.

We will be holding elections this term for parent governors to join our team. There are two parent governor vacancies, so if you feel you would like to play a part in the strategic decision making within the school, please follow the procedure when Miss Nightingale sends out information. The biggest commitment a governor makes is allowing time to prepare for meetings, attending them in school and training. An induction course is mandatory and training is available throughout any governor's term of office.

Being a governor has enabled me to be aware of the changes in the curriculum and how children are taught, how much learning outside the classroom is enhancing our children's education and on a personal level, I have become much more familiar with technology. I would certainly not be able to find my way around the world of technology without Holland Haven!

Jackie Sharman

Chair of Governors

PTA Corner

Welcome back to school to all our returners and a massive hello to our new starters.

In 2021/2022, COVID rules shifted so we were able to run more events than the previous two years and I am delighted to say we raised a massive £11,239.41. We wish to thank all our committee members, volunteers and staff members who helped us achieve this.

During 2021/2022, we paid for the children to enjoy watching the panto live via video stream at Christmas, Christmas crackers for the school's Christmas dinner day (including for all the children who preferred their packed lunch), Easter treats for every child, a medium sized Easter egg per class for their class competition, the Year 6 leavers' do which was bowling and a meal at Clacton Pavilion and finally we contributed £3,500 towards the school's Learning Outside the Classroom, specifically subsidising educational visits and visitors.

Moving forward this year, we have a bumper schedule of events being planned. Please make sure you keep an eye out for our posters going up on notice boards to keep you informed of what is coming up. These are in various places around the school. Our next meeting is the most important of the academic year as it contains our annual general meeting (AGM). Details have been sent out via email and are on our Facebook page (Family and Friends of Holland Haven Primary School) so keep an eye open. We welcome everyone to join us for all our meetings, but it is especially important for this meeting, as if we do not get enough attendees the committee will no longer be able to continue. Children are welcome to attend and we usually have some colouring activities set up for them to enjoy.

Important dates for the committee coming this October:

- AGM Meeting Wednesday 12th October 3.30pm at the School in the D&T room
- Halloween Disco Thursday 20th October after school (letter with details on how to get your child's ticket out soon)

If you would like more information on anything we do or what is coming up please feel to contact me via email at ptachair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk

I look forward to being able to welcome you to a meeting or event soon.

Heidi and the FOHH committee.

Dates for the Diary

12th October 2022 - Friends of Holland Haven AGM at 3.30pm.

13th October 2022 - School Photographer Visit

18th October 2022 - Year 5 and 6 Trip to Duxford

20th October 2022 - Year 6 Heights and Weights

**20th October 2022 - Halloween Disco - 3.30 EYFS and KSI
Halloween Disco - 5.15 KS2**

24th October 2022 - Half Term Break

1st November 2022 - School Flu Immunisation