

May Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We are quickly approaching the final half term of the school year. This term is usually the busiest part of the year. SATs are now over for our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils. Assessments for Years 3-5 will be the week beginning 5th June and Phonics Screening will be the week beginning 12th June.

You will have seen reports in the news telling you how difficult the Reading SATs papers were for Year 6 pupils, but what they did not tell you, was that the Maths and GPS papers were also very difficult. I can actually say that I have the same opinion of the Year 2 SATs. The approximate time a pupil in year 6 had to answer a question on the reading paper, which included referring back to the text to find an answer, was 49 seconds. I do hope that whilst I am still in the post of Headteacher, the government not only finds a better way of judging schools' work, but also a better way to check pupils' learning. I live in hope!

There are many forthcoming events this term. Year 6 pupils have an especially busy half term ahead. I hope that you are able to join us for the PTA organised events, in particular the summer fair on 1st July.

Mrs S Bardetti
Headteacher

Attendance

From this term, at Holland Haven, 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.

From September 5th 2022 - 22nd May 2023 overall school attendance is 93.2% Ofsted expect at least 95% attendance so we are currently below this figure. Please help us improve our attendance by making sure your child is in school every day.

Class	Attendance
RBa	93.3%
RBe	88.9 %
1F	93.1%
1BP	92.4%
2C	91.3%
2HP	93.2%
3D	94.2%
3G	93.8%
4V	94.6%
4C	95.7% Well Done!
5KH	93.2%
5AH	92.5%
6H	91.2%
6D	93.9%

Wow Moments from home



These pupils have been participating in a range of extracurricular activities and their hard work has resulted in the following achievements: 8 matches won in a netball tournament, recognition as footballer of the match at a football presentation, many medals from charity events such as Pier to Pier, St Helena's Hospice and Race for Life, Cancer Research UK and a distinction LAMDA performance grade.

Home School Projects

KS1



LKS2



UKS2 Flexi Week Homeworks



Governors' Corner

As I reach six months in my role as Parent Governor I would like to put on record my thanks for the warm welcome I have received from everyone at Holland Haven. Being a Parent Governor puts you in a unique position of being on both sides of that 'school gate' and what has impressed me the most is the passion and enthusiasm that each member of staff has to equip our children for the future.

I had the pleasure of being invited to join the Coronation celebrations and given that the English weather was kind I joined Lower School with their picnic in the playground. It was great to see the school come together to celebrate such a key moment in our history.

Congratulations to our Years 2 and 6 for getting through their SATs weeks which I know was hard for Children and Parents alike.

Wishing you all the best for the half term break

Mark
Parent Governor

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service: School Nursing and Health Visitor Team

In North East Essex, between the age of 0-8 years your child will be under the Health Visiting Service, from their 8th birthday onward they will be under the School Age Team up until the age of 19 or 25 for those with Special Educational Needs.

The team is made up of Specialist Community Public Health Nurses, School Nurses and Healthy Family support Practitioners, who all specialise in the delivery of care to School Age children and young people.

They deliver health advice and support both within School, within the family home, our family hubs and delivery sites or other community settings.

The team can help with:

- Providing confidential drop- in sessions at every secondary school allowing young people to discuss any health or wellbeing concerns
- Provide community drop in sessions at family hubs and delivery sites.
- Provide support in key stages including school transition from primary to secondary, mid teen and year 11 help to ensure that young people are prepared for their next stage of life.
- Offer support in regard of common childhood issues (Bedwetting, diet, exercise, sleep and emotional wellbeing)
- Complete individual health needs assessments to identify any health and wellbeing needs, then putting support in place.
- Work alongside you to decide the best level of support.
- Work alongside other organisations when required to ensure the best possible outcome for you and your child.
- The school age team will accept self-referrals through school drop in sessions, Parents, teachers, GP and other health care colleagues can refer through to the service by making contact on 0300 247 0015

SEND

SEND Strategy and Innovation have shared some links to new videos which have just gone onto the Essex Local Offer. These are recorded sessions from the online training event that Essex County Council ran last November for parents and carers of children with SEND.

- Understanding and supporting school attendance [If it's not possible to go to school | Essex Local Offer](#)
- One Planning [Make a plan of action to support your child | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Sensory Strategies [Autism and ADHD | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Understanding Behaviour [Mental health | Essex Local Offer](#)

- An introduction to visuals [Help with everyday tasks | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Essex Family Forum [Essex Family Forum | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Preparation and planning for annual reviews [Help for people with high support needs | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Thinking about the future [Help with life skills | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Toileting tips and support [Toileting tips and support](#)
- Strategies to use with your child to develop their early language and communication [Communication | Essex Local Offer](#)
- School focussed anxiety [Help available in mainstream education Essex Local Offer](#)

PTA Corner

We are very busy at the moment planning the summer fair (Saturday 1st July) and we will have lots of information coming your way over the next few weeks to help us make the day as much fun as possible whilst raising money for the school.

Our quiz night is on 24th May and we have a few teams already booked to quiz the evening away. Still plenty of time to sign your team up. See our posters or drop me an email for more information.

Non uniform day in exchange for tombola prizes will be 9th June letter due out soon.

We have organised another Bag 2 School collection which is on 14th June details out soon.

Father's Day Shop is on 15th and 16th June, details coming out very soon.

As always preloved uniform is available all year around via ptapreloved@hollandhavenschool.co.uk.

Best Wishes

Heidi and the FOHH Committee

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LOtC Design and Technology Curriculum



COMING SOON IN THE FOREST!

CAN YOU HELP?

HAVE YOU GOT ANY SPARE TOOLS?

CLAMPS, SMALL HAMMERS, PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVERS, SMALL SAWS, SPANNERS, NUTS AND BOLTS, NAILS, SCREWS

OR WOOD? OFF CUTS OF WOOD FOR CHILDREN TO PRACTISE THEIR WOODWORK

**ARE YOU A CARPENTER, BUILDER OR JOINER? IF SO COULD YOU DONATE OFF CUTS ON A MORE REGULAR BASIS
(collection can be arranged)**

Dates for the Diary

June

Monday 5th June- Children back to school after the half term holiday

Wednesday 7th June - Year 5 & 6 trip to Colchester Zoo

Friday 9th June - Non uniform day

Wednesday 14th June - Bag 2 School

15th & 16th June - Father's Day Shop

Wednesday 21st June - Class photos

July

Saturday 1st July - Summer Fair

Thursday 6th July - Transition Day

Thursday 13th July - Sports' Day

14th -17th July - Year 6 Residential Trip

Thursday 20th July - Last day of term

September

Tuesday 5th September - First day of Autumn term