

April Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you had an enjoyable Easter break despite the weather. It doesn't seem fair that we are now getting hot weather after all the rain in the holiday. On the bright side we are now able to take our children out more often on the school fields, Hadley Hills and the school's forest.

It has been a very good start to the term. During the summer term there will be, as always, a number of events such as sports days, class teas, Language and Culture week, PTA summer fair and induction days just to mention a few. I hope that you will be able to join us for some of these events.

Holland Haven

Science Ambassadors 2017-2018



Selected by their class teacher for their enthusiasm about all things scientific, Holland Haven's new Science Ambassadors have finally had a chance to discover some of the creatures that lurk beneath the surface of our very own Wildlife Pond. Dipping nets at the ready, and with the help of Anna from Essex Wildlife Trust, the group undertook a biodiversity survey to find an answer to the question...."Is our pond healthy?" Highly populated with Smooth Newts, the pond is currently not occupied by many other species - a sign that it needs more oxygenating plants, as well as some marginal shade.

The pond and wildlife area have suffered a little neglect over the past few years, but are now undergoing a makeover, in the hope that it can once again become an outdoor learning resource for children and teachers. Our Science



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Ambassadors will play an integral part in making sure that the whole school is involved in turning the special area into somewhere that both humans and wildlife can enjoy.

St Bart's Church

Family Service Starting at St. Bart's Church

St. Bart's Church (Frinton Road, Holland-on-Sea) is very pleased to announce its brand new Family Service Starting on 6 May, the first Sunday of every month will have a special Family Service at 10.00am. It will feature different types of music and a short, interactive, all-age message. We would love to have you join us!

Nut Allergies

We have several children with severe nut allergies within the school. If your child has a packed lunch from home, please ensure that there are NO NUTS or nut products in their lunchbox. Thank you.

Pierced Ears and PE

Just a reminder that in accordance with Essex County Council's Health and Safety Policy earrings must be removed before P.E. If pupils cannot take their earrings out, they will have to sit out PE and any other sporting activities, until they can remove their earrings. In view of this, we suggest that any ear piercing be undertaken at the start of the summer holidays.

End of the day arrangements.

We have a number of children who are not being collected at the end of the day at 3pm. Please can you ensure that you have organised suitable care for your child at the end of the day so that they can be collected at 3pm.

Events

April

16th April - First day of Summer Term

May

7th May Bank Holiday Monday

14th -18th May Year 6 SATS

May 2018 - Year 2 SATS

18th May Adult Quiz Night

22nd May Middle School Class Teas 2.30pm

23rd May Upper School Class Teas 2.30pm

28th May - 1st June Half term week

June

5th June EYFS Class Teas 2.30pm

6th June Lower School Class Teas 2.30pm

8th June Non uniform day - donations of chocolate or bottles for the Summer Fair tombolas

11-15th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening

14th June Middle School Trip - Abbott Hall Farm

Saturday 16th June Summer Fair