

April Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter holiday. We have made a positive start to the summer term. We are now in the 'living with covid' phase which brings new government guidance. Life in school is slowly returning back to normal and this new guidance supports this transition.

The following guidance was issued to schools:

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- Children with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days.

The following guidance applies to education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April 2022:

- Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including SEND, alternative provision, and children's social care settings.

On 20th April I met with the PTA committee for the first time since October. It has been difficult to meet over the past two years, but we hope that face to face meetings will encourage parents to support the PTA committee once again. They have agreed that over the next two years, the money they currently have and the money they will receive through events, will support educational visits. The cost of visits has increased significantly, especially when using coaches, and so the PTA are planning to support these events which will mean parental contributions will be lower.

This term our Year 2 and 6 pupils have SATS tests. It is essential your child is in school during these times as they are government assessments. In school, we reassure pupils and support them through this process. Year 2 pupils will talk to you about quizzes, which is how we refer to the tests. If your child has any worries or concerns please let us know so that we can support them.

Finally, can I please remind all parents that school begins at 8:40am and all pupils should be in school at the very latest 8:50am. We are seeing a growing number of pupils arriving at school after this time. Your child misses early morning work and the start of lessons, which has a detrimental effect on their learning for the rest of the day.

Regards
Mrs Bardetti
Headteacher

Collection of pupils

If you have arranged for your child to be collected by someone other than yourself, at the end of the school day, where possible please can you call the school office in the morning, to let us know. It must only be someone with parental responsibility who changes the arrangements.

Golden Assembly

Date	Name	Date	Name	Date	Name
1.4.22	Bobby Pirota Henry Byers Libby Parish-Williams Ava Adams Maisy Taylor Frankie McDougall Nathan Joseph	25.3.22	Yvette Anderson Shay Elliott Evie-Lynn Gittins Ronnie Ferris Aaron Grant Willow Weightman Ted Wigley Maddie Markham Ethan Swift Alf Russell Riley McGregor Olivia Hopley Joe Eames Kaiden Chaney	18.3.22	Sam Robinson Lennie Willis Oliver Mcginn Benjamin Cook Ruby-Rose Wolstencroft Olivia Wolton Bradley Siddle Reggie Rumball Dulcie Westbrook Ava Cox Phoebe Brading Kendall-Rose Sales-Smith Sidney Chapman Ethan Wilson Bailey Gilchrist Zac Russell Henry Clements Finley Woodfine Ashton Weightman
11.3.22	Lilly-May Richardson Isaac Quince Harvey Tilbury Teddi Johnson Bertie Ebsworth Graham Olivia Izzard Betsy Lawrence Carol Wood Abigail Shillito Olivia Beach-Lloyd Lila Baines Elsie Hull Daniel Littlewood				

School Lunchboxes and KS2 Fruit 'Snack'

Just a reminder that at Holland Haven, these are the expectations for school lunches...

'As we are a 'healthy school' we encourage parents to supply their child with fruit or vegetables – **chocolate bars and sweets are not allowed.**

No nut products are allowed on the premises as we do have children who are nut allergy sufferers.

Grapes, cherry tomatoes and olives must be cut in half as this food can be a choking hazard (0-5 years); as a setting, we include the primary age range of 5-11 years for food prepared on site'. School Prospectus

Healthy Snack

In EYFS and KS1, fruit or vegetables are provided by the government as a daily snack. *In KS2*, parents/carers are encouraged to provide their children with *a piece of fruit or vegetables* to eat mid-morning. This aids concentration and focus, along with their water bottle for hydration. Please do not send pupils in with an alternative snack or drink, unless agreed on a care plan. Thank you.

Governor Corner

I'm a Governor and a grandparent. My oldest grandchild Alba is now ten years old. Her father Gregg (my younger son) is a novelist and his latest book is called *All but Gone*. It's a psychological thriller about a young girl.

Gregg does his own covers and when I saw this one I welled up inside. The cover is an image of a young girl in a summer dress riding her bicycle along the seafront with the blue background of the sea. The image of the girl is photoshopped and so faint you can hardly make out, if it is there at all. But I know it is a real photograph taken last summer, and it is unmistakably Alba. My lovely girl who as a baby I took all the way to the pier and back in her pram while she slept one sunny April day ten years ago. And now my little girl is all but gone.

So next time, as a parent, your children get on your nerves and you cannot wait for them to grow up and be less annoying, just think. You don't have them for very long. All too soon they will turn into teenagers with attitude and then they will be gone.

So make use of these precious years and spend time with your children. Sit down with them every evening and read to them and get them to read to you. Get them to love books and language and the pattern of numbers. Explore the world through their eyes. Enjoy them while you have them. They will soon be gone.

Andrew Dunnett - Governor

Dates for the Diary

2nd May Bank holiday

9th - 13th May Year 6 SATs

16th - 31st May KS1 SATs

18th May PTA Meeting 3:15pm

27th May Jubilee Lunch

6th -10th June Phonics Screening

6th -10th June Year 4 Multiplication tables check



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