

January Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy new year to you all. I hope that you all had an enjoyable break at Christmas. One thing I hope is that the new year brings us less bugs and illnesses so that we can all be in school. I have included an update on attendance below. Our attendance will be collected weekly by the STPP (South Tendring Primary Partnership) and I will be able to email this information to you on a regular basis.

This term has started off very busy indeed and it is an extremely short term. The PTA have been organising many exciting events for our children and you can find out about these on the PTA Facebook page. I am looking forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks at the Class Visits. Please see below for dates and times.

Mrs S Bardetti
Headteacher

Attendance

The schools in the Clacton area are part of a 15 school cluster. Last week the group met to discuss attendance and we will be sending all parents a letter concerning new attendance guidance, which all schools in this group will be following.

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 - January 23rd 2023 overall school attendance is 92.5% Ofsted expect at least 95% attendance so we are currently below this figure. Only 1 class is above this figure. Please help us improve our attendance by making sure your child is in school every day. Pupils who have 100% attendance in the Autumn Term have received their new bronze badge.

Class	Attendance
RBa	92.9 %
RBe	85.8 %
1F	92.4 %
1BP	91.5 %
2C	89.3 %
2HP	92.3 %
3D	93.8 %
3G	92.6 %
4V	94.6 %
4C	95.7 % Well done 4C
5KH	92.7 %

5AH	91.9 %
6H	89.6 %
6D	93.6 %

Wow moments

Please share achievements from home so they can be celebrated in class as 'wow moments' - we will also be choosing monthly examples for the newsletter.

KS2 - Playtimes

As we head into winter, the field is often wet at play times. Children are able to continue using the field if they have a change of footwear (trainers/wellies). Please bring these in in a carrier bag with their name clearly marked on the front. We will supply waterproof trousers for pupils to put on over their own uniform. All pupils must bring warm coats to school.

Governors' Corner

Last July my great-granddaughter left her primary school, pleased to leave, couldn't wait to move on to secondary school and the exciting world that beckoned. However, come October, she realised what an amazing seven years she had benefited from; at the ripe old age of eleven she appreciated the caring, kindness and consideration that had been shown to her, the vast amount of learning and knowledge that she had acquired, and the friendships she had forged. She was able to return to her primary school just before Christmas and express her feelings to the staff there.

This personal story only highlights that very precious time, from Early Years to Year 6, when all children take their first steps on the path to adulthood and their future; critical years that will result in such opportunities ahead. At Holland Haven Primary School I see that united commitment to providing the children with the very best in education, which is far wider than the amazing array of subjects taught; setting values, standards, showing respect, team building, supporting each other, as well as laughter and (occasional) tears – a broad spectrum of the life that lies ahead for everyone. It takes a special kind of person to commit to working at a school and we, at HHPS, are very lucky to have attracted the cream; and it's not just the teachers, it is every single member of the team. Never a truer saying than "the sum of the whole is greater than that of the individual parts". As (once) a child, parent, grandparent, and great grandparent, I have yet to find a primary school to match ours at Holland Haven; we are so fortunate and I feel sure there will have been, and continue to be, children moving on to later life that will, like my great-granddaughter, look back and realise just how lucky they have been.

Richard Walker

Governor

PTA Corner

We were so happy to present at our January 2023 meeting that during the autumn term we had managed to raise £1,844.91 and spent £3,622.36 on school requested items. These have been £3,500 towards the cost of school trips and the Christmas crackers given out on the Christmas lunch day at the school.

The spring term is now in full swing and we are excited about the upcoming events we are planning. This February we are doing the Pizza and Cookies event again, letters have been sent out and I know we are all excited about making our own pizza and cookies again for the start of the February half term. We have the Mother's Day shop coming back early March and some Easter fun is being planned before the end of the spring term. We have also agreed our summer terms events which include an adults fish & chip quiz night, a Father's Day shop, the summer fair and the end of term BBQ. We will require volunteers for all these events so please let us know if you can help us out even if it is for just an hour.

Have you heard about our school lottery that is running? '**Your School Lottery**', is a great way we are using to raise funds for our school all year round! Our first draw took place on Saturday 14th January but happens every Saturday. Tickets are just £1 per week, and it only takes a minute to sign up and support the school. To

take part, all you need to do is visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Holland Haven, then choose 6 numbers between 0-9. It really is that simple! If your numbers match the weekly lottery draw you win a local cash prize, what's more there is even a chance to win the national £25K jackpot!!! For every ticket bought 40p will go straight to Holland Haven School. This means if 100 tickets are sold per week, we will raise an amazing £2080 a year for our school!

Another way to raise money with no extra effort is by shopping via www.easyfundraising.org, there are thousands of companies listed that will provide us with a free donation when you shop with them.

How it works: Visit www.easyfundraising.org; Sign up providing a few details; Download the browser extension, this will tell you when a donation is available. It also has a phone reminder too, so if like me you forget to check apps and do most of your shopping via your phone you can't forget!! Buy the items you were planning on purchasing and see the funds you have raised for the school!

Don't forget friends and family can join smile.amazon and easyfundraising too....The more people that join up to support us the more donations we receive!

This year we are aiming to raise a whopping £10,253

Christmas Crackers £122.36 (already completed)

LOTC money towards school trips £3500 (already paid)

LOTC 'Growing Courtyard' (approx £2k)

Reading Core Books (approx £2k)

DT Room Furniture (TBC approx £1500)

Year 3 and 4 Headphones (TBC approx £300)

Year 2 Outside Classroom (approx £700)

Easter Egg treats (approx £130)

Total to raise = £10,252.36

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 3.30pm in the school. You can come to the DT room via the door near the Year 3 classrooms or you can pop along to the school office and they will show you the way. Children are welcome and we always have some activities for them to do or bring along their tablet, iPad or games console for them to play with - don't forget the headphones. We also have tea and coffee for the adults and usually a sweet treat too.

Heidi and the FOHH Committee

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LOtC Design and Technology Curriculum



COMING SOON!

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)**



**2ND HAND
UNIFORM**
Price List

Holland Haven Logo'd Items	£1.00
Plain Uniform Items & Drawstring PE Bags	50P
Bags, Shoes & Coats	£2.00

Other items may be available please just ask

We have a huge selection of 2nd hand uniform available for sale. All proceeds go towards the Friends of Holland Havens fundraising efforts.

Please message the Facebook page or email ptapreloved@hollandhavenschool.co.uk with details of what you need and we can arrange to meet you.

FRIENDS OF HOLLAND HAVEN SCHOOL

Dates for the Diary

Parents' evenings

All Year Groups	Date
4:30 start	21st March
3:30 start	23rd March

Class Visits for parents / carers

Year Group	Date
EYFS	8th Feb
Year 1	26th January
Year 2	1st February
Year 3	7th Feb
Year 4	9th Feb
Year 5	31st Jan
Year 6	24th Jan

Half-term holiday - 13th-17th February

29th & 30th March EYFS Heights and Weights checks

Easter Disco - 30th March

Easter Holiday - 3rd-14th April