

## **January Newsletter 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year. Our pupils have come back to school with positive attitudes and are looking forward to earning new awards called 'Learning Warrior Rewards'. These badges are linked to positive learning attitudes and our Core Values. They have been introduced in a whole school assembly and also by each class teacher. They are not for academic achievement; they are accessible to all pupils. This term is a very busy term especially for our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils as they will be preparing for SATs. You can find information about SATs online but teachers will be running workshops to inform you about them nearer the time. Any support you can give your child preparing them for the tests will be of great benefit to your child.

As you are aware the school is planning to expand in September 19. This will inevitably put pressure on traffic around the school. In the past, a lollipop person was employed to support families crossing Frinton Road but this support was withdrawn a number of years ago. We will be trying, over the next year, to put forward a case to the LA for a new crossing which would take the pressure off Primrose Road. I hope that you will support this project. Cllr Colin Sargeant is also organising a written petition which we hope you will all sign to support a crossing. There is a copy of it in the school office.

Last week one pupil from Holland Haven had a near miss with a car travelling rather quickly along Primrose Rd. This car did belong to a parent and I have been informed that the adult was possibly looking at their mobile phone. Please could I ask that all parents, who bring pupils in a car, drive very slowly along Primrose Rd. It would also be very helpful if people did not park on corners of roads so that children could look down the road to see if it is safe to cross. I know that I don't really need to mention the use of mobile phones whilst driving!

### **Coffee Mornings**

These will start again in the Summer Term.

### **Football**

Last Friday, the football team entered a competition at Clacton Leisure Centre which was organised by the Chelsea Football Club Foundation. The team won their group and will now go on to compete at the Essex Area Final on Wednesday 31st January.

## Spelling Bee Competition

Just before the Christmas break, Holland Haven pupils had the chance to take part in a Spelling Bee Competition. The winners from each class took part in the finals which were held in the hall. Classmates enjoyed watching and cheering on their classmates. Well done to all our finalists who each received a certificate and a Spelling Bee pencil and congratulations to our winners who also won an Amazon voucher. This event was a wonderful celebration of the hard work children are putting into their spellings each week and we are hoping to hold another Spelling Bee this term too.



*KS1 Finalists*



*KS2 Finalists*

## **Relay for Life - Do you have 20p to spare?**

Oliver Glasgow, a pupil in Year 2, is a team member with Relay for Life, part of Cancer Research UK . He is fundraising for Cancer Research by asking for 20p pieces to fill as many money tubes as possible. Every penny and indeed every 20p helps this great cause. Money tubes will be located in your child's classroom. Thank you for your support.

## **Governor Corner**

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Happy New Year.

2018 Brings exciting times ahead for our school. The biggest change will be the school expansion which in turn will also bring more pedestrians and traffic during school drop off and collection times.

I am a parent governor and I drive my 3 boys to school each day as it is too far to walk. I experience and understand the stresses of doing this each day!

With this in mind and for the safety of our children, the surrounding neighbours and other road users, please could I urge that we work together in making the busy environment safer. The traffic/enforcements wardens will be outside our school on a regular basis to encourage safer parking and driving.

Thanking you all in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

Sharlie Patel – Chair of Personnel

### **Events**

29th January 2:30pm Upper School Class Teas

30th January 2:30pm Middle School Class Teas

31st January 2:30pm EYFS School Class Teas

1st February 2:30pm Lower School Class Teas

12th Feb-16th Feb - Half term

6th March Parents' Evening for EYFS - 3.20pm-6.00pm

8th March Parents' Evening for EYFS - 5.00pm-7.00pm

6th March Parents' Evening for KS1 - 3.20pm-6.00pm

8th March Parents' Evening for KS1 - 5.00pm-8.00pm

13th March Parents' Evening for KS2 - 3.20pm-6.00pm

15th March Parents' Evening for KS2 - 5.00pm-8.00pm

### **Special Needs and Disabilities**

Essex Family Forum have asked us to publicise their launch event for parents and carers.



**LAUNCH EVENT**

We are the new independent parent carer forum for families of children and young people with disabilities and additional needs aged 0-25 across the whole of Essex.

**Are you a parent carer of a child or young person aged 0-25 with additional needs or disabilities?**

**Do you believe families' voices should be heard to ensure services in Essex meet the needs of our children and young people?**

Then, come along to our Launch event and discover how together we can help shape the future for our families.

PLACES MUST BE BOOKED AND ARE LIMITED, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU BOOK EARLY

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**7th February 2018**

**10am – 2pm**

**Essex County Cricket Ground, New Writtle Street, Chelmsford, CM2 0PG**

*Refreshments & Lunch will be provided*