

## **July Newsletter 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the July newsletter. It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another school year. It has been a super year full of lots of successes for Holland Haven School. Firstly I am overjoyed to report to you that our Year 6 SATs results are outstanding this year.

Holland Haven Reading 81% National 73%

Holland Haven Writing 77% National 78%

Holland Haven Maths 85% National 79%

Holland Haven Grammar Punctuation Spelling 79% National 78%

Combined Reading/Writing/Maths 69% National 65%

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils and all of our staff. My Year 6 pupils are the pupils who arrived in Reception in my first year at Holland Haven and what a fantastic group of children they are. The secondary schools who receive my pupils are very lucky indeed.

Each year Holland Haven goes from strength to strength but this is mainly due to our dedicated staff who show their commitment year on year. I would like to say a very big thank you to my wonderful staff for everything they do for our school. Thank you also to our governors and parents who are incredibly supportive to all of us. Together we make a fantastic team.

I would like to wish you all a very restful and enjoyable summer break.

S Bardetti

### **Staffing**

I wrote to middle school parents earlier this term to inform them that Mrs Williams (middle school Phase Leader) was unwell and would not be returning in the near future. Since we are unsure when Mrs Williams will be returning, we have employed an additional teacher to work in middle school for next year. This teacher is Mr Chandler who has completed his training with us this year. I would like to welcome Mr Chandler to our fantastic team. We have also employed Mr Hutton to be Middle School Phase Leader for next year to cover Mrs Williams. We wish Mrs Williams well and we are looking forward to her return.

We have also employed two new LSAs to support in EYFS next year; Mrs Deacon and Mrs Jennings.

## **Governors**

This term is Mrs Irene Peter's last term serving as a governor. She has been a governor at our school for 16 years and she has supported EYFS for just as long. We will really miss her and I would like to say a very big thank you to her for everything she has done for us.

## **Friends of Holland Haven**

We hope everybody had a great time at the Summer Fayre; what beautiful weather we had! We received really positive feedback and hope everybody particularly enjoyed the Birds of Prey. We would like to thank everyone for all the donations towards our tombolas and cake stall. Also a huge thank you to everybody who gave up their time to help on the day - we couldn't have done it without you. The final total raised is £3770 which is amazing. Our final event, the end of year bbq, is coming up after school on the last day. Please come and join us for a lovely start to the summer holidays.

This September we have 3 committee members standing down from their roles. Unfortunately if these roles are not filled at our AGM in September we will not have a PTA. This potentially means no Disco's, Quiz night's, Summer Fayre next year which also means no money for the extras going into the school. If you are interested in finding out more about a role to ensure the PTA continues please speak to one of us. Alternatively, nomination letters can be collected from the school office.

We hope you all have a lovely summer.

Melisa Nicholas

## **Governor Corner**

I really cannot believe how quickly time has passed since last September, we are now saying 'Goodbye' to our year 6 pupils and we wish them well in year 7 wherever they may be. Unfortunately we are also saying farewell to our longest serving governor, Irene Peters.

As Mrs Bardetti mentioned, she has been a governor for 16 years and has seen many changes in the school building in that time, she has witnessed staff members joining and leaving, supported the teachers in Early Years and helped so many children with reading as they start their journey at Holland Haven. I would not even try to count how many meetings and training courses she has attended in those years but I can confirm that her commitment to our school has been wonderful. I feel sure that we will see her from time to time, but her final meeting will be on 15th July. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING IRENE.

During the year we have welcomed several new governors to the Board: Ti Chase; Abi Murphy; Andy Dunnett; Carolyn Terry and our newest member, Susan Welsh. I would like to thank all our governors for their support and their expertise, they all give their time freely to ensure that Holland Haven continues to be a school that is ever-evolving and successful.

Finally, I wish all our families a great summer.

Jackie Sharman

## The Big Battery Hunt

Every pupil will be taking a 'My Big Battery Hunt Box' home this summer. Please fill this box with used batteries and return them to school so we can dispose of them for you. We will have green Battery Collection Boxes available, at the office, and during the autumn term, in every classroom so pupils can empty the batteries straight into their collection box.



## The Space Race - Library Reading Challenge

Last year, Holland Haven came second in the Library Reading Challenge with the second highest number of pupils taking part in the Tendring area. Each pupil who takes part this summer will be awarded with a triple crystal in school, in September, for their new team; this will contribute towards the winning team totals and additional educational activity at the end of the term such as cooking or gardening. Please support your local library to ensure services like these remain in place.

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

### **20 July – 2 September in all Essex libraries**

There's an out of this world challenge in Essex Libraries this summer!

The Summer Reading Challenge 2019, produced by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries, is **Space Chase**.

Inspired by the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landings, children will help the Rockets, our super space family, track down books that have been nabbed by mischievous space aliens.

By reading or sharing books children will earn stickers (including some special smelly stickers) and once they complete the challenge they will receive a certificate and a medal.

[libraries.essex.gov.uk](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk)



## Summer slide and how to stop it

Tips from our experts on how to make sure kids DON'T fall behind and DO have fun this summer!

Studies have found that a long summer break causes kids to forget 25-30% of their school-year learning. This has been dubbed the summer slide, and 80% of our Instagram community say they're worried about it.

Here's what you can do:

1. **Read quality books full of rich vocabulary** and talk about the narrative
2. **Talk about words.** Words are everywhere, from the back of cereal boxes to street signs
3. **Play games** that increase awareness of the relationships between words

## Lunches

We have noticed a number of pupils bringing chocolate bars into school as part of their packed lunch. Please could you provide a healthier option for your child at lunchtime.

## Talent Show Fundraiser for Essex Air Ambulance

During the week beginning the 17th June, the school council auditioned 55 acts in their lunchtimes. Well done to everyone who auditioned, and, our school council members; the auditionees demonstrated confidence and the skills of planning and preparation, and the school council gave their time, and a responsible attitude, in this role. 17 of these acts (45 pupils) performed to the whole school in the show: Holland Haven's Got Talent on the 25th June (the finalists are listed below). The show was a huge success and we raised £288 for Essex Air Ambulance. Thank you for your support.

### KS1

- ★ Lottie and Erin - singing
- ★ Rosie, Poppy and Evie - dancing and singing
- ★ Jack, Riley, Carter and Tommy - playing instruments
- ★ Evie, Ruby, Ellie, Alexis, Madison and Maya - gymnastics
- ★ Gracie, Mia, Ronnie, Harry, Emily, Alicia and Lacey - singing

### UKS2

- ★ Dylan, Bertie and Charlie - comedy
- ★ Evie - singing
- ★ Hollie and Poppy - dancing
- ★ Harrison, Archie, Shaswhin and Thomas - comedy music
- ★ Nicole - singing
- ★ Libby and Georgia - dancing

### UKS1

- ★ Ben - keyboard
- ★ Brandon - drumming

- ★ Ben and Sophie singing
- ★ Grace, Sophia and Peri - dancing and singing
- ★ Amelia - comedy magic
- ★ Lola and Ellie - dancing

### **School Crossing**

I am very happy to tell you that we have been successful in persuading the Local Authority that our school needs a school crossing patrol. Please see the attached flyer advertising the position of a crossing patrol officer.

### **Dates for your diary**

17th July Year 6 performance to parents - 6pm  
Star Behaviour Beach Trip LKS2 17th July  
Star Behaviour Beach Trip UKS2 19th July  
18th July Lower School trip to Fingrinhoe Wick Nature Reserve  
18th July Year 6 performance to parents - 3.30pm  
22nd July Moving on Day  
23rd July Last day of term  
Wednesday 4th September first day of new academic year

**School Crossing Patrol Officer  
Holland on Sea  
£8.21 per hour  
Permanent  
Part Time / Term Time**

*Please note this is a part time role for 5 hours per week on weekdays for 39 weeks per year.*

*This role will be based at Frinton Road Holland on Sea.*

**STOP!** Are you looking for an opportunity to support your community in a socially rewarding and invigorating way?

The role of School Crossing Patrol Officer/Lollipop Person is ideal for someone who is looking for a good reason to get up bright and early each morning and has a little time to spare (once in the morning and once in the afternoon, both for approx. 45 minutes) to help the community and ensure the safety of all pedestrians crossing the road to and from school and its surrounding locations.

All uniforms, equipment and training will be provided.

**GO!** If you think you can help out your local school, please read on and apply below.

As the school's designated Lollipop person your role will be:

- To have regard for the needs of people with disabilities, especially mobility impaired people wishing to use the crossing point.
- To maintain regular contact with the schools attended by children using the crossing.
- To regularly assess the risks associated with operating at the crossing site in order to identify any problems. Report problems and defects to supervisor.
- To assist in the preparation of reports on accidents and failure to stop incidents and other incidents occurring at the crossing site.
- To ensure that all uniform and equipment provided is maintained in good condition and replacements requested when needed.
- To give clear signals to drivers when stopping traffic and ensuring that the traffic remains at rest until the road at the crossing point is clear of pedestrians.
- When requested, to assist with road safety and pedestrian training.

**Knowledge, skills and experience**

We are looking for a punctual and reliable individual who is approachable and enjoys engaging with the public.

*As part of employment with Essex County Council (ECC) should your role require a DBS check you will be required to register with the DBS update service. The DBS update service ensures all registered DBS certificates are kept up to date and allows authorised parties to view the status of your certificate. This is an annual subscription and you will be responsible for ensuring this is maintained. For further information on the DBS update service please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service>*

*Essex County Council is proud to offer an excellent benefits package to all its employees. More information can be found on <https://www.workingforessex.com/benefits>*

**Essex County Council is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and expects all employees and volunteers to share this commitment.**

We seek the best talent from the widest pool of people as diversity is key to our success.

***If you have any queries regarding this role, or require anything further, please contact Recruitment on 0333 013 5888\****

*\*Calls to this number are charged in the same way as calls to numbers starting 01 or 02, please check with your service provider.*