

March Newsletter 2023

Spring is coming

Despite the persistent cold weather, we are beginning to see signs of spring around our school. We have welcomed some visitors: a duck who is nesting in our Library Garden and a woodcock - a shy, wading bird that got lost in our forest. Our pupils have been busy planting potatoes, watching bulbs push out from the earth and seeing buds on trees start to blossom.



Attendance

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 - March 27th 2023 overall school attendance is 92.9% Ofsted expect at least 95% attendance so we are currently below 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	93.4%
RBe	88.0 %
1F	92.7%
1BP	92.0%
2C	90.5%
2HP	92.8%
3D	94.0%
3G	93.1%
4V	94.6%
4C	96.1% Well Done!
5KH	92.8%
5AH	92.1%
6H	90.5%
6D	93.8%

Governors' Corner

There is something about the spring season that sees things flourish. All of a sudden the clocks spring forward and we have more light, spring colours seem to burst overnight and everything has a surge of growth and energy. As teachers we see the parallels to spring in our children at Holland Haven. A burst of growth, energy, potential and sunshine in the children's attainment, progress, maturity and character. The children are feeling their achievements and the effect it has on them is as warming as the first burst of life of spring.

A Cardy KS1 Phase Leader and Staff Governor

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service: School Nursing and Health Visitor Team

In North East Essex, between the age of 0-8 years your child will be under the Health Visiting Service, from their 8th birthday onward they will be under the School Age Team up until the age of 19 or 25 for those with Special Educational Needs.

The team is made up of Specialist Community Public Health Nurses, School Nurses and Healthy Family support Practitioners, who all specialise in the delivery of care to School Age children and young people.

They deliver health advice and support both within School, within the family home, our family hubs and delivery sites or other community settings.

The team can help with:

- Providing confidential drop- in sessions at every secondary school allowing young people to discuss any health or wellbeing concerns
- Provide community drop in sessions at family hubs and delivery sites.
- Provide support in key stages including school transition from primary to secondary, mid teen and year 11 help to ensure that young people are prepared for their next stage of life.
- Offer support in regard of common childhood issues (Bedwetting, diet, exercise, sleep and emotional wellbeing)
- Complete individual health needs assessments to identify any health and wellbeing needs, then putting support in place.
- Work alongside you to decide the best level of support.
- Work alongside other organisations when required to ensure the best possible outcome for you and your child.
- The school age team will accept self-referrals through school drop in sessions, Parents, teachers, GP and other health care colleagues can refer through to the service by making contact on 0300 247 0015

SEND

SEND Strategy and Innovation have shared some links to new videos which have just gone onto the Essex Local Offer. These are recorded sessions from the online training event that Essex County Council ran last November for parents and carers of children with SEND.

- Understanding and supporting school attendance [If it's not possible to go to school | Essex Local Offer](#)
- One Planning [Make a plan of action to support your child | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Sensory Strategies [Autism and ADHD | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Understanding Behaviour [Mental health | Essex Local Offer](#)
- An introduction to visuals [Help with everyday tasks | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Essex Family Forum [Essex Family Forum | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Preparation and planning for annual reviews [Help for people with high support needs | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Thinking about the future [Help with life skills | Essex Local Offer](#)
- Toileting tips and support [Toileting tips and support](#)
- Strategies to use with your child to develop their early language and communication [Communication | Essex Local Offer](#)
- School focussed anxiety [Help available in mainstream education Essex Local Offer](#)

PTA Corner

March is ending and the Easter holidays are coming.

What's been happening....

We have set the year 5 and 6 pupils a competition to design our new logo. The sheets for this should have come out via their classrooms and need to be **returned by 19 April** to the school office. We are still looking for a year 5 and 6 class representative, if this interests you then please get in touch.

Our new Communication's Secretary, Sam, has updated our school page to make it more user friendly and this will be updated regularly with what is going on, minutes of the meetings. Why not check it out and let us know what you think? <http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/friends-of-holland-haven-pta.html>

Have you seen our fundraising totaliser near the school office? We are working hard to raise the money and keep the community informed of how we are doing.

We have a new treasurer, Hayley, and we welcome her into the role at a busy time.

Our Easter disco is on Thursday 30th March and we are eggcited to say the least. We will update you next term with how much we managed to raise.

What's coming up....

In May we will be holding an adults fish and chip's quiz night so look out for those details after the Easter break.

In June we are back with our Father's Day shop. We will also be holding a non uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize as you've guessed: we are very busy planning the summer fair for Saturday 1st July. Look out next month for details of this and our amazing raffle we are building. Then finally we are going to do our end of term bbq on 20th July. As always we would like volunteers, donations and ideas from as many people who can help as we can get.

We continue to collect preloved uniform, coats, bags, shoes and dressing up outfits, so please do keep this coming in. Thank you to everyone who has donated and purchased for us so far. Our dedicated email address for more details and available stock is ptapreloved@hollandhavenschool.co.uk

We welcome everyone to our next meeting due to be held on Wednesday 10 May at 3.30pm at the school. Children are welcomed to come along and we always have activities for them to do.

Have a great Easter Break!!

Heidi and the FOHH Committee

ptachair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk

More of our KS1 magical wizards...



Dates for the Diary

Easter Holiday - 3rd-14th April

First day of Summer term - 17th April

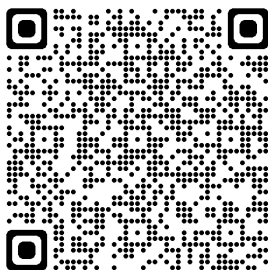
May Bank Holiday - 1st May

Bank Holiday for King Charles Coronation - 8th May

School Holiday Activities in Tendring

<https://www.cvstendring.org.uk/what-we-do/resilience-project/school-holiday-activities-in-tendring/>

Scan the QR Code



Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket Potato with Tuna	Bacon Bap (BLT)	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza	Roast Turkey	Butchers Sausage in a Hotdog Roll - Onions optional
Homemade Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian Bacon Bap	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Quorn Roast Slice	Vegetarian Sausage in a Hotdog Roll
Ham Roll	Sausage Roll	Tuna & Cucumber Roll	Packed Lunches are only available on Mon, Tues & Wed. They come with a choice of: Carrot Sticks Cucumber Sticks Dessert of the day or Fruit Pot.	
Broccoli Salad Bar	Hash Brown Salad Bar	Chips Peas Fresh Salad		
Coleslaw	Coleslaw		Roast Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Cauliflower Cheese Gravy	Cous Cous Pasta Salad
Pancakes & Strawberry Sauce	Homemade Cookies	Ice Cream Roll	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fruit Lollies
Fruit	Yoghurt	Fruit	Jelly	Choc Ices
Water Milk	Water or Banana Milkshake	Water or Banana Milkshake	Water Milk	Water Milk

Starting Monday 17th April 2023

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Noodle Stir-Fry	Cold Ham Salad	Chicken Wraps	Homemade Meatballs	Omega '3 Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Stir-Fry	Cheese & Egg Salad	Cheese Wraps	Vegetarian Meatballs	Cheese or Plain Omelette
Cheese Roll	Tuna Roll	Sausage Roll	Packed Lunches are only available on Mon, Tues & Wed. They come with a choice of: Carrot Sticks Cucumber Sticks Dessert of the day or Fruit Pot.	
Broccoli Salad Bar	New Potatoes Bread Roll Pasta Salad	Savoury Rice Salad Bar		
Yoghurt	Apple Crumble & Custard Jelly	Chocolate Gateaux	Ice Cream Tubs	Mini Jam Doughnuts
Fruit		Fruit	Yoghurt	Fruit
Water Milk	Water or Strawberry Milkshake	Water or Strawberry Milkshake	Water Milk	Water Milk

<http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/school-meal-menus.html>