

February Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the February newsletter.

We are now half way through the academic year! It has been an excellent year so far. GOV.UK has published school data and you can compare our school to all other schools in England and specifically in Essex. I was also pleased to see our excellent rating on school on the Real School Guide. Please take a look.

On 10th and 12th March our Spring Term parents' evening will be taking place. This term we will be doing all Year Groups in the two evenings.

Sadly, due to ill health, Mrs Williams has decided to retire early from her teaching career. She has taught at Holland Haven for 11 years and we will miss her greatly. We would like to thank her for her dedication and hard work at our school and we wish her all the best for the future.

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Golden Assembly Awards

Each Friday we have a Golden Assembly where pupils received Golden Awards for being super students in a variety of ways. In each newsletter I will be publishing pupils names who have received one of these awards.

31.1.20

Poppy Newman, Bailey Gilchrist, Billy Curtis-Foley, Mia Soames, Betty Newman, Archie Russell, Sebastian Hassan, Oscar Galsworthy, Finley Reynolds, Molly Burford

14.2.20

Harry Baucutt, Marcus Tricker Allen, Alexis Will, Evie Hillier, Jack Whelan-Abraham, Jack Swinbourne, Poppy Pryor, Jake Reboul, Emily Tuck, Archie Gibson, Vinnie Joyce, Joshua Fowler

Playtimes

It has been brought to my attention that there are a large number of children who are staying in at playtimes and during lunchtime. Unless parents have been advised by their doctor to keep their children inside they will be expected to go out to get some fresh air. Children will therefore need to have suitable outdoor clothing. If it is considered to be too wet or dangerous then they will have wet play inside.

Multi-Schools Council



**We may all be different but
we have the same smile**

This term we were proud to host the Multi Schools Council (MSC) meeting, welcoming pupils from nine other schools, the Essex County Council Well-being Team and the Essex County Council SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Team). Our Multi Schools Councillors who are also Learning Councillors, represented us brilliantly. They contributed to discussions about how to improve awareness of global warming and reduce pollution, ways to stay mentally healthy and how to make sports more inclusive.

Kierran Pearce (MSC leader) shared the MSC song, *All Stand Strong*, with us. Here is a link to the song <http://www.multischoolscouncil.org.uk> /

Thank you to our Multi School Councillors, Finley, Holly and Archie-Jack for representing our school at the MSC.

3PR Launch and Residents' Driveways

We have launched our 3PR Patrol to tackle safety and congestion outside the school entrance. Thank you for your support - our pupils were very enthusiastic to earn tokens for their class and our UKS2 Learning/School Councillors enjoyed their responsibility of leading the patrol.

Please be mindful that it is illegal to park across our residents' driveways and there will be Civil Enforcement Officers present regularly from now on.

Also, there are still Park and Stride permits available for Brighton Road Car Park; if you would like to apply for one, please contact the office.

Governors Update

Our role as governors is one of support and challenge. We challenge when looking at the effectiveness of policies and procedures during our meetings. The Governors' Corner gives me my opportunity to support the school by celebrating the fantastic successes of the pupils and staff so far this year.

With the first half of the year already behind us, the children have much to be proud of. The Running Club took part in the Race for Life early this year, raising money for cancer research.

Staff and children have been tirelessly promoting the 3PR (3 parking rules) in the mornings, to encourage parents to park sensibly and considerately by avoiding hazardous parking areas such as zigzag lines, double yellow lines and corners, to ensure the safety of all our children.

As is customary in February, the school choir attended the Young Voices Choir at the O2, the largest school choir in the world! A year of practice and planning precedes this event and I would like to extend a massive thank you and congratulations to Miss Belcher for arranging such a fantastic event. Pupils were impeccably behaved and made the school proud.

The Skip to be Fit event helped promote healthy living by encouraging the children to exercise and eat healthily. We also have the Cross-Country event coming up in mid-March to look forward to and I would like to wish all those taking part, good luck.

World Book Day will take place on 5th March, it is always a fun day where all our children get to dress up as their favourite characters.

The children and staff work tirelessly throughout the year and it is my privilege to be able to thank and congratulate them for all their efforts.

Lorraine Rendell (Parent Governor)

Request for resources for our Forest School Mud Kitchen

We would like to further develop our mud kitchen in Hadley Woods. If you have any spare metal sieves, wooden or metal spoons or small bowls, please send them in. Thank you for your support.

Daily Snack Reminder - fruit or vegetable only and water and P.E. Kits

Our school prospectus outlines the following: Playtime & Snack Time

Foundation Stage and Lower School have playtime at 10.15am and 2.00pm each for 15 minutes. Also for 15 minutes, Middle and Upper Schools have their play-time at 10.35am only. Snack time is incorporated into playtime, when the children take their snacks out to play. Foundation Stage have a rolling snack programme. We encourage parents to supply their children with a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables. No sweets or chocolate are allowed. Key Stage 1 pupils have a snack provided by the school. Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school and this may be refilled in their classrooms.

P.E. kits are required for pupils to access all areas of the curriculum - **please ensure P.E. kits are in school everyday and also that pupils have a letter from home, or a doctor's note, if they are unable to participate in P.E.** Your child will need to have a change of clothing and shoes for P.E. For most activities your child will need red shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers. The kit should be kept in a draw-string bag. For the winter months, track suits can be worn.

Friends of Holland Haven School

This week the Friends were busy running the sponsored Pancake Toss. The children really enjoyed it. Thank you to all of our parents for sponsoring the children in this event. Coming up, on 18-20th March, they will be running a Mother's Day Secret Room and on the 27th March they will be running the Easter Disco. Letters will be coming home soon with further information on these events.

Dates for your diary

March 2020

4th FOHH Meeting

5th World Book Day

10th and 12th Parents' evenings all Year groups

April 2020

3rd Non-uniform Day

6th April - Start of the Easter Holiday

The NHS regarding illnesses and school attendance

If your child is ill, it's likely to be due to one of a few minor health conditions. Whether you send your child to school will depend on how severe you think the illness is. This guidance can help you make that judgement. Not every illness needs to keep your child from school. If you keep your child away from school, be sure to inform the school every day of their absence. Use common sense when deciding whether or not your child is too ill to attend school.

Cough and Cold	A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school and visit the GP. If your child has a more severe and long-lasting cough, consult your GP. They can give guidance on whether the child should stay off school.	The school will not normally authorise an absence for coughs and colds without medical evidence.
Raised temperature	If your child has a raised temperature, they should not attend school.	
Rash	Rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions should not attend school.	If your child has a rash, check with your GP or practice nurse before sending them to school.
Headache	A child with a minor headache does not usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as a raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP.	The school will not normally authorise an absence for headaches without medical evidence.
Vomiting and diarrhoea	Children with these conditions should be kept off school. They can return 48 hours after their symptoms disappear. Most cases of vomiting or diarrhoea get better without treatment.	If symptoms persist, consult your GP.
Sore throat	A sore throat alone does not have to keep a child from school.	The school will not normally authorise an absence for sore throat without medical evidence.

