

# July Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to begin my newsletter by saying a very big thank you for all of your support this year. It has been another year of huge challenges and I am praying that September will be the start of a positive and full school year. We really cannot afford to have anymore lockdowns and isolations. Our children's education is so important.

I hope that you have read my letter, which was sent out on Tuesday 13th July. This letter gives you the current information in line with Step 4 on the road to recovery. If at any point the guidance changes, I will write to you again.

I would particularly wish all of our Year 6 pupils all the best of luck for their transition into secondary school. You have been a super Year 6. It has certainly been a difficult and emotional year, not just because of COVID, but also due to the loss we have had to endure. You have been incredibly courageous and so supportive of each other. I am certain that you will be amazing adults in the future.

I would also like to thank all of my staff, who have throughout this pandemic, supported the children, each other and me personally, so that the school can run smoothly. The staff at Holland Haven are the most committed and dedicated people I have ever had the privilege to work with. THANK YOU!

I do hope that you are able to enjoy the summer break.

Stay safe and I will see you all in September.

Mrs Bardetti

Headteacher

## Golden Assembly

9.7.21	Maisie Matthews	UH	2.7.21	Bailey Gilchrist	UW
9.7.21	All of MCY	MCY	2.7.21	Jack Westbrook Emily Tuck and Oscar Cane Darcey Chandler	MCY
9.7.21	Scarlett Fahey	LF	2.7.21	Annabelle Lockett	LBP
9.7.21	Harry Jones	UHa	2.7.21	Louie Taylor	LF
9.7.21	Anais Kalungwishi	MH	2.7.21	Jacob Fowler Charlie Will	UH
9.7.21	Sam Turner	MG	2.7.21	Chloe Thomson	MC
9.7.21	Kacey-May Messenger	MC	2.7.21	Danika McGinn	MG
9.07.21	All of LB from Mrs Impey	LB	2.7.21	Owen Woollard Ilayda Ates	UHa
9.07.21	Arthur Shaw Isla Godfrey	RBe	2.7.21	Thaaraga Nallaikanthan Harvey Tilbury	RBa

9.7.21	Oliver Sturman Oliver Galsworthy	RBa	2.7.21	Ethan Swift	UD
9.7.21	Tiffany Gees	LBP	2.7.21	Alanna O'Hara	LB
9.7.21	Isla Mae Facey	LHW	2.7.21	Olivia Braxton Daniel Randall Elsie Stiff	RBE
9.7.21	Archie-Jack Tulip	UD	2.7.21	Oliver Hales	LHW
9.7.21	Poppy London	UW	25.6.21	Teddi Johnson	RBa
			25.6.21	Molly Burford	MC
			25.6.21	Albert Smith Lily-Mae Ellis	RBe
			25.6.21	Evalyn Green	MG

## **COVID TESTS**

Please can I remind you that a Lateral Flow Test is not the test that can be used when a person has symptoms of COVID. If your child has any of the COVID symptoms they **MUST** take a PCR test.

## **Governor Corner**

As we come to the end of another academic year I have taken a moment to think back over my time involved in education as a teacher and now a governor. I asked myself if there has been a year like this before. The answer is a definite no. I started my teaching career in 1969 and at times, especially during the 1970s, things were tough in education. We experienced the 3 day working week (but not for schools), with electricity only being available for limited times during the day. It was cold and dark in class but we managed to stay open and reasonably cheerful!

Yet here we are in the 21st century with children being taught in 'bubbles', no indoor PE for months, home learning, Zoom assemblies and telephone parents' evenings. All governor meetings have been held via technology. As a bit of a dinosaur, I have found it particularly challenging and cannot wait to actually meet my governor colleagues again next term, so that we can continue our work in a more normal way.

There really has not been a year like this before and hopefully not one in the future either. The wonderful children, staff and parents of Holland Haven School have shown what a great 'family' of people they are, working together to ensure the children's education has been disrupted as little as possible. On behalf of the Governing Board I would like to thank you all for your continued support for the school and I look forward to seeing the children return to school in September.

Jackie Sharman

Chair of Governors

## **PTA Corner**

The committee would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for the summer raffle, we managed to raise £1,456.28.

We will be back after the summer break with our AGM and first meeting at the start of October so please keep an eye out for those details and join in on what we hope is going to be a fun packed year.

Heidi Griggs  
PTA Chairperson

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **July 2021**

Tuesday 20th July - Last day of the Summer term for pupils as Wednesday is a non-pupil day

### **September 2021**

Thursday 2nd September - First day back for the children and we will be on Week 1 dinner menu