

March Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the March newsletter.

Thank you to all parents and children who are using our school crossing patrol. The Frinton Rd gate will continue to be our main KS2 gate for the near future. The fencing has not yet been completed by the cycle sheds so this area remains out of bounds.

Red nose day was a huge success. Thank you to all who contributed cakes for the cake sale; we raised £193.

The next newsletter will be when we return after Easter, so I hope that you have an enjoyable break.

Ear Piercing - P.E.

This is the Local Authority advice to schools:

If children are getting their ears pierced they should do so at the start of the holidays. Jewellery must be removed for PE. Taping is not allowed. This means if pupils cannot take earrings out they will have to sit out of PE until they can remove their earrings.

Friends of Holland Haven

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Quiz Night. It was our best turnout yet and a fun time was had by all. We raised over £400 which is going directly back to the school for your children. We are currently organising the Easter Disco and look forward to seeing lots of the children there.

A letter will be coming out shortly with the details of our Coin Trail fundraiser which will take place after Easter. The children really enjoyed this activity last year so we have brought it back to see if they can beat their total from last year.

The Friends of Holland Haven have recently contributed towards each class updating their book corners and we are also paying for the new sound system and projector in the hall which will benefit all the children.

We have monthly meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month at the school 6.30pm. It would be lovely to see some new faces. You can also find us on Facebook under Holland Haven PTA.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Melisa Nicholas

Chairperson

National Survey on Educational, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support

Essex is part of a nationwide survey, called the Personal Outcomes Evaluation Tool (POET). This survey is open to all families, children and young people who have additional needs, whether they have an EHCP or not.

More information about POET can be found here:

<http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/listing/poet-personal-outcomes-evaluation-tool/>

For Parents and Carers of all pupils with SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities)

Essex County Council is launching an engagement with the parents and carers of children and young people who require additional support on the future of special educational needs in Essex. They are sharing information about the work they have undertaken to date, the continued challenges they face and are also seeking your views on their vision and future strategy. The survey will run from 22nd March 2019 to 31st May 2019 and the engagement document and survey can be accessed via

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/send-strategy-and-innovation/send-public-engagement>

Easter Egg Hunt in aid of CRUK

Mrs Hall will organise Easter egg hunts for our pupils on Monday 1 April. Please send in donations of chocolate which Mrs Hall can sell at the 24 Relay for Life on the 13 and 14th of July. Please do check that the chocolate will still be in date so that it can be sold.

Silly Sock Day

We will be taking part in Silly Sock Day on Friday 5th April to raise money for Autism Anglia. Children should wear school uniform but can wear colourful, mismatched or decorated socks and bring in a donation. To find out more about Autism Anglia, visit their website <https://www.autism-anglia.org.uk/>

World Book Day and the Scholastic Book Club

Thank you for the efforts you made to help us celebrate World Book Day this year! There were some amazing costumes and the children had a very enjoyable day. For the first time, the prefects helped me to organise a book sale. As the curriculum evolves, we have found that we have many books which are still in a good condition, but are no longer being used. Also, the children are always eager to get their hands on the newest books available. I decided to sell the books we no longer need, in order to make room and raise money for new, exciting books! The Year 6 Prefects did an excellent job of running the book sale and, with your help and generosity, we raised £220!

We have also raised money through our Scholastic Book Club this month which gave you the opportunity to buy books at discounted prices. For every £1 you spend on new books for your children, Scholastic donate 25p for the school. From your purchases, we have received over £90!

From these two events, we have raised £310, all of which will be spent on up-to-date titles, chosen by your children, for our Library.

Thank you!

Miss Webb



Essex Maths Competition

On the 18th March, four Upper School pupils attended the regional heat of the Essex Maths Competition. After tackling four grueling rounds - which included questions on algebra, angles and problem solving - the children qualified in the top two in order to progress to the Essex final in July.

Good luck in the final!



Dates for your diary

March

PTA Easter Disco 29th March

April

Upper School trip to Colchester Castle

Return to school Tuesday 23rd April