

# **November Newsletter 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy term so far but the next few weeks will be even busier. In December we have events such as the Christmas Carol services at St Bart's Church, the EYFS Nativity and PTA Christmas Fayre to name a few. I hope you will be able to join us at these events.

This month I have been showing parents around who hope to gain a place at Holland Haven for their child in September 2020 and we have also had many new pupils start at our school since September 19. It is always lovely to welcome new families to our school.

This week we have said goodbye to Mrs Hall who has worked at Holland Haven for eleven years. She will be moving on to continue her work at Colchester University Nursery to be their Forest School Leader. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and we wish her well in her new role.

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## **Poppy Appeal - The Royal British Legion**



Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal. £344.83 was collected by you. Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours Sincerely,

Local Honorary Organiser      Registered charity number: 219279

## **3PR - Patrol and 'Park and Stride' initiatives**

If you are still interested in applying for a permit, please complete the form sent home with your child and return to the office as soon as possible. (Spare copies available in the office).

Unfortunately our 3PR Patrol launch is on hold until after the December elections due to councillor links and publicity. This was unforeseen by our Essex link, Emma Day, and we were ready to start imminently.

## **School trips and visits**

Each term the teachers try to organise a phase visit to complement the topics which are being taught. Your children really look forward to these events. We try our best to make these as inexpensive as possible but we do rely on your financial support for these trips to go ahead.

## Parent Meetings with Staff - after school only

Just a reminder that every teacher has an open-door session after school where parents/carers can meet with teachers without a pre-arranged appointment. This is usually a Wednesday but please check your child's school webpage as some teachers have a different day if they run an after-school club or tutor. It is not appropriate to expect to speak to teachers first thing in the morning with the class present and lessons due to begin. Thank you for your understanding.

## Annual Wellie Amnesty

# WE NEED YOUR WELLIES!

### Why Learning Outdoors?

- Outside also has a higher concentration of oxygen in the air (25% more than indoors even with all windows and doors open). Oxygen is **vital** for all cells to respire in the body, but particularly for **brain function** to aid the process of learning. Encouraging children to be active outdoors is vital for their health and wellbeing.
- When outdoors, children have the freedom to explore and develop their physical boundaries, to take risks and to discover the real world with all their senses. This can have huge positive effects on a child's self esteem and confidence
- Outdoor learning has equal value to indoor learning. - Outdoor learning complements indoor learning and is equally important. Here at Holland Haven we believe that every child should have the chance to regular outdoor learning and as much value should be placed on the outdoor environment as inside.



## There's no such thing as the wrong sort of weather, Only the wrong sort of clothing!

- As a part of our ongoing work to develop learning outdoors and our outdoor learning area, we are planning to build a bank of equipment and clothing. With this in mind, we are asking if you would donate any unwanted, outgrown wellies to our "welly bank" - for use in the wet and cold months.

## Friends of Holland Haven

We are all getting very excited about the Christmas Fayre coming up on Friday 6 December 5-7pm. We would like to thank everyone for bringing in a tombola prize for the non uniform day held on Friday 22 November, we have a great selection to be able to offer at the Christmas Fayre. If you are able to help set up, run a stall or clear up after the event please let me know.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **December**

5th Christmas Dinner Day

6th Friends of Holland Haven Christmas Fayre

9th KS1 Carol Concert St Bart's Church

10th Middle Carol Concert St Bart's Church

11th UKS2 Carol Concert St Bart's Church

16th EYFS Nativity (9:30 and 2pm)

18th last day of term

## Parental advice from 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 on the first 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 you 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.