

# November Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the November newsletter. Little did we know that we would be heading into a second national lockdown so quickly. This lockdown is however very different from last time and one big difference is that schools are open fully. I am so relieved about this, as partial opening was not a good situation for any of us. I do feel confident that schools being fully open is the right thing to do. I am certain that schools have planned their opening thoroughly and at Holland Haven, it is working very well indeed. Of course, as the term goes on, we have had to tweak a few things so that we can improve the situation, but changes have been minimal.

Like most of you, I am praying for the opportunity to see my family at Christmas time and I hope that this early lockdown will mean that we can enjoy time with our loved ones over the Christmas break. I hope that with all the extra care we have taken so far, and that we will continue to take this half term, we will remain COVID free at Holland Haven. Of course we all have high hopes for a vaccine and this week's news was a welcome sight.

During the term, we will endeavour to provide our children with as much of the usual curriculum as possible. We are limited with some areas, but we are trying to think of other things that we can do to compensate.

We will be having 'Children in Need' Day, Christmas Dinner and film day and I have booked an online pantomime for all classes at the end of term.

I wish you well during lockdown. I know that many of you have had challenging times since March, so please contact me if I can help you with anything.

Best wishes

Mrs Bardetti

Headteacher

## Golden Assembly Awards

On Fridays we have our Zoom Golden Assembly and it is such good fun.

Friday 23rd October and 6th November **Golden Certificates** were awarded to :

Ben Hamlet, Charlie Will, Aaron Grant, Ava Cox, Archie Chaney, Lacey King, Kristen Harris, Danny Craig Arthur Murphy, Shay Elliott, Rosie Phillips, Dulcie Westbrook, Noel Gallagher, Charlie-George Wilson Turner, Ilayda Ates, Stanley Newman, Libbie Brading, Lucy-Rose Richardson, Darcey Chandler, Alf Russell, Katie Brand-Mustafa, Bonnie Kinsella, Bertie Kidd-Young, Emelia Chisnall, Alex Flinn, Finley Gooding, Louie Snow, Nathan Joseph, Josie Firkins.

**Pen Licences:** Ruby Gittings, Daisy Buda, Christopher Gamble, Katie Sallis, Archie Russell, Nicole Lidsey

Well done everyone !

Whole School Attendance week ending 6.11.20

**96.5%**

## Class Attendance week ending 6.11.20

Upper Classes	Attendance up to 6.11.20	Middle Classes	Attendance up to 6.11.20	Lower and EYFS classes	Attendance up to 6.11.20
UD	94.05%	MC	93.3%	LB	98.00%
UH	96.4%	MG	97.7%	LBP	97.09%
UHa	98.00%	MH	94.4%	LF	97.00%
UW	95.8%	MCY	98.01%	LHW	96.03%
				RBa	97.03 %
				RBe	97.04%

## Asda Grant

During the first half term, Mrs Harris applied for a grant from Asda, who were offering financial support to schools to support pupils who needed a little extra help during the COVID pandemic. We have been awarded £400 to buy additional PE kits and stationery.

## Governor Corner

I hope you celebrated Remembrance Sunday in your own way, whether it be making poppies for your window or standing in silence for 2 minutes on your doorstep.

Upper school had a fantastic trip to the beach to dig World War I trenches in the sand, with their front lines separated by no man's land and added a different twist to social distancing! The Learn on Location trip was a great way for the children to understand what the soldiers had to endure, and was enjoyed by all.

The school observed the 2 minute silence on Armistice Day, to remember the lost and injured service personnel, as well as our key workers, who are helping in the battle against Coronavirus. Thank you once again to our teachers, support staff and catering staff for their continued hard work.

Wishing you all the best and stay safe!

**Nicky Kedge**  
**Parent Governor.**

## **Friends of Holland Haven**

Thank you for your support with the Halloween non-uniform day, we raised £281. We have some super prizes in the 'Christmas Raffle' so we hope that you will be able to join in and sell your tickets.

## **PTA Chairperson**

## **Dates for your diary**

### **November 2020**

13th - Children in Need (fundraising ideas TBC by School Council)

### **December 2020**

10th - Christmas Dinner Day

11th - Christmas Jumper Day

14th - Whole School flu immunisation

18th - Non-pupil Day - School closed

19th - Christmas holidays

### **January 2020**

4th - Back to school - First day of Spring term