

November Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I did not ever imagine myself saying this to you, but November 2021 has been the most challenging month in this pandemic so far. It seems that COVID is now catching up with children aged 4-10 years and the number of positive cases in school has been rising through October and November. We hope that as we reach December, this begins to decrease. We have also had a number of staff members with positive covid and staffing the school has certainly been a challenge. We have stepped up safety measures and all adults are, once again, wearing face coverings outside their classrooms (and in class if they so wish). Thank you for your understanding and support at this time.

I would like to thank all of my staff for their dedication and commitment to Holland Haven. They have such a positive mindset and resilience when challenges arise; they pull together and find solutions so that pupils can continue to enjoy their learning. Staff and pupils have recently been working on the wildlife area- 'The Haven', which has been dedicated to Mrs Williams. It is looking wonderful and it will be enjoyed by children for many years to come. We have also almost finished our court yard which is dedicated to Nicole Lidsey.

Mrs Bardetti

Headteacher

Latest COVID guidance for schools from the DfE

All travellers arriving into the UK will need to isolate and get a PCR test by 'day two' after arrival. They may end their isolation once they receive a negative result. If the result is positive, they should continue to isolate and follow rules on isolation following a positive test. Unvaccinated arrivals aged over 18 will follow the existing, more onerous, testing and isolation regime. All Red list arrivals will enter quarantine.

Parking

Please can I ask that you do **NOT** park on the pavement on Primrose Road; it is so dangerous for children walking along the pavement .

Golden Assembly

Date	Name	Date	Name
19.11.21	Jack White Olivia Izzard & Evie Hales Jenson Cani Georgie Robins Carter Tidmarsh Bobby Pirota Dylan Finch Kaliecia Penn Lucy Willis Shauna Farrin Mia Russell Jacob Hawkins Dulcie Tayler Jacob Hawkins Harvey Iamb Betsie-Mae Moore	22.10.21	Arthur Shaw Harry Harper Ashton Weightman Olivia Izzard Frankie McDougall Neha Noby Tommy Baker Shay Fryer Parker Tarrant Theo Serghiou Grace Hahn Noah Spencer Archie Chaney Jack Hiller

5.11.21	Alfie Colwill - Reggie Rendell Lucia Pearce Kitty Caines Molly Burford Tugra Ates Manni Luton Chester Ferris Lily May Franklin Oscar Hutchinson Ellie Joseph George Serghiou Elsie Pirota Edie Joshua		
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Fundraisers - thank you for your support

Green Day - LOtC 'Bringing Learning to Life'

As part of our Learning Outside the Classroom 'The Haven' launch we had a Wear Something Green Day! This raised £350.60.

Children in Need

Children in Need day was also a success and raised £281.16.

Selection box collection.

Thank you so much to all of you who have donated selection boxes for children in hospital over the Christmas period. Clacton Lifeboat crew will be delivering these to various hospitals during December. If you wish to contribute, the last day is Friday 3rd December.

KS2 Lunchtimes Plans

4 zones (divided into two phase bubbles) - the phases will alternate spaces weekly

Skills Court (play leader sports activities)

The Hills (active play with tyres and planks) - **only with a change of footwear like wellies** in wet weather

Playground (class equipment box)

Field (football and free-play) - **only with a change of footwear** in wet weather

Wellie Amnesty - KS2

Please donate your used wellies! As a LOtC school, it is handy to have a spare set of wellies -we currently have gaps in sizes 1 and up. If you have any wellies that no longer fit, please send them in with your child.

UKS2 Basketball Tournament

A huge well done to the basketball team who took part in the second part of their tournament on 24th November at Clacton County High School. The children should be very proud of their excellent skills and the teamwork that they carried throughout both games (Holland Park and St Osyth Primary).

UKS2 Football Match

On Friday 19th November, the football team played a home match against Great Clacton Junior School. After a nervous start and going 1-0 down, the boys fought back strongly, scoring three goals before half time and then going on to win 6-2. Well done to all of the team and we hope to continue this form in the upcoming games away to Cann Hall and Ravens Academy.

Governor Corner

As a new Parent Governor I feel proud to be working with a very professional and knowledgeable group of people whose aim is to make our school the best it can be and offer every child every opportunity through support and inclusivity in all we do.

I work at one of the local secondary schools in the SEND department and I have seen first hand how important our role is in nurturing and encouraging our children to achieve their dreams. I believe Holland Haven offers the best tool set they can to allow our children to Reach for the Stars even in this difficult time.

Staff work hard to ensure each child matters and for those who have additional needs this is vitally important. Our new outdoor school is one such venture and as the Governor working with staff, I am looking forward to being involved with this exciting project and watching it develop into a haven for all children to enjoy.

I am excited for the future.

Sam Hunt

Parent Governor

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

03.12.21 - KS1 Trip to Colchester Castle

09.12.21 - Christmas Dinner Day

10.12.21 - Christmas Jumper Day

16.12.21 - Christmas themed non uniform day - suggested £1 donation

16.12.21 - Last day of the Autumn Term

17.12.21 - Non pupil day

Essex Library

Lots of prizes to be won!

Essex **Library** Services

Read, learn, connect.

Winter Reading Challenge

Saturday 27 November 2021 - Saturday 19 February 2022

Pick up a giant bookmark from any Essex library. Read six books to complete the challenge and collect a stamp for each library book you read!

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