

October Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the October newsletter. Half term is upon us already! Our Spooky Disco was a huge success and was well attended. There are also plans underway for a Christmas market. Any help with events is always greatly appreciated.

Our football team played Frinton Primary School last week and won 7-1. This is a great start to the year. Well done.

You will see later in this newsletter that Holland Haven won the Summer Reading Challenge. Well done to everyone who took part.

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NSPCC Sponsored Workout

Last week Years 1-6 took part in a sponsored workout to raise money for the NSPCC. The children worked extremely hard to complete an 18 minute circuit that had 6 different stations. At each station the children had to apply different skills, such as: skipping, running, jumping and hula-hooping. With perseverance and encouragement the children supported each other to complete the circuit as well as having fun and enjoying themselves! Holland Haven would like to thank you for sponsoring the children and supporting the NSPCC. In total we raised **£946.50!**

Open-Door Sessions

Just a reminder that each class teacher offers an open-door session, usually on Wednesdays. (Where this differs due to staff running clubs etc, the class teacher can tell you which day they are available). This information will also be published on this year's class webpages, which are coming soon. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher, on your own, in a protected time slot. The early morning drop off can be very busy within the classroom environment and teachers and pupils are ready to start their lessons.

Attendance

Over the last few years Holland Haven has had acceptable attendance of 96% or over. Attendance is one area which is closely monitored by the Local Authority and OFSTED. It is essential for our school to remain good that we continue to have good attendance. If pupils are not in school they are not accessing their learning. Currently our attendance is 95.8%, this time last year we were 97.1%. This is the lowest it has been for a number of years. This is due to holidays being taken during term time. I do absolutely understand how expensive it is to take holidays during school holidays but having low attendance is seen as a huge issue for any school. .

Our Attendance policy, which can be seen on our website, now states that we will be calling you **every day** (if you do not call us) to ask why your child is not in school. We have attached parental advice from the NHS regarding illnesses and school attendance which states if your child has a minor cough, cold, headache or sore throat they can still attend school.

Please help us improve our attendance.



Park and Stride - Brighton Road Permits

First Come, First Served basis

Park and Stride permit application, details of route, and terms and conditions will be sent out with all pupils on the last day of this half term. If you are interested in applying for a permit, please complete this form and return to the office as soon as possible.

Governor Corner

Over the last 15 months Holland Haven has gone through many changes, improvements and extensions. Years 5 & 6 moved into the new building in September and the feedback from the children has been very positive. They love the double height ceilings which creates an airy feel to the classrooms. They enjoy the large glass windows which makes the classrooms feel big and bright and such a nice environment to work in. Early Years was also extended over the summer break and now accommodates 2 full classes. Again this is a huge space and still feels so open and free even with 60 children working in there. The school has also gained an Art / Food Tech room and this has already started to be utilised with cooking and art and design lessons. Holland Haven is very lucky to have so many good resources for the children to use and to make a difference to their learning everyday.

Katie Williams

Chair of Curriculum Committee

UKS2 Victorian Day

Thank you all so much for your contributions towards our Victorian Day on 14th October. It was such a brilliant day; the children were completely immersed in Victorian life, providing them with an experience which we simply could not recreate without the help of 'History off the Page'. Thank you also for your efforts with your children's costumes. They looked fantastic and made the day so much more authentic and enjoyable. Have a look at the blog to see photos: <http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/class-uws-blog>

Miss Webb

Essex Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 'Space Chase'



Congratulations to all pupils who participated in the 'Space Chase' Summer Reading Challenge with Essex Libraries this year. Over 11% of Holland Haven pupils signed up (more than any other local primary school) and we have won the challenge! Councillor Land, along with staff from Essex Libraries, visited us during our assembly on Thursday 17th October and presented us with the cup. Well done to everyone involved for this fantastic achievement.

Friends of Holland Haven

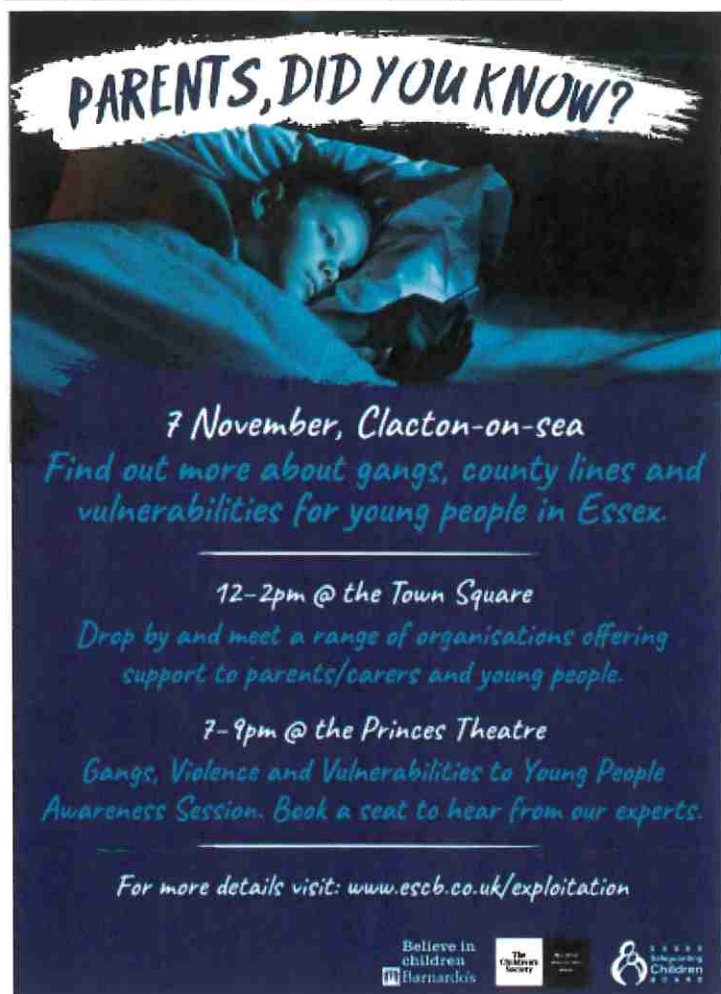
I would like to say a big thank you to the old and new committee, plus all the volunteers that helped out at the Spooky Disco and for all the cake donations. Without your help and support these events would not be able to go ahead. The final amount raised is still being counted but will be revealed in the first issue of the new PTA newsletter coming out after half term.

The next meeting of the Friends of Holland Haven PTA is on Wednesday 6 November 2019 at 6.30pm in the big hall at St Bart's Church. Everyone is welcome to join us for this meeting where we will be discussing, amongst other things, the upcoming Christmas Fayre which is being held on Friday 6 December 2019.

Heidi Griggs

Friends of Holland Haven PTA Chairperson

FREE TRAINING FOR PARENTS/CARERS






PARENTS, DID YOU KNOW?

7 November, Clacton-on-sea
Find out more about gangs, county lines and vulnerabilities for young people in Essex.

12-2pm @ the Town Square
Drop by and meet a range of organisations offering support to parents/carers and young people.

7-9pm @ the Princes Theatre
Gangs, Violence and Vulnerabilities to Young People Awareness Session. Book a seat to hear from our experts.

For more details visit: www.escb.co.uk/exploitation

Year 6 applications for Secondary School

Parents of year 6 pupils are reminded that they must apply for a secondary school place for their child by Thursday 31st October.

Dates for your diary

October

NON PUPIL DAY 25th

Half-Term 28th October - 1st November

31st October - Last Day for Year 6 pupils to apply for secondary school

4th November - CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

November

11th - UKS2 Victorian Circus Lessons

Parents' Evenings

EYFS and KS1 12th and 14th

Middle and Upper KS2 19th and 21st

December

5th Christmas Dinner Day

9th KS1 Carol Concert St Bart's Church

10th Middle Carol Concert St Bart's Church

12th 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.