

September Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. The year has started very well indeed and the school feels settled and calm. It is a delight to visit each class and see our pupils working hard and engaging with their learning. Every year we produce a 'Raising Achievement Plan' (RAP). Below are the objectives we will be working on throughout the school year:

1. Quality of Education

- a. Improve school reading (and spelling) practice to increase progress across all groups
- b. Improve the quality of teaching in Mathematics to improve fluency and mastery
- c. Enhance teachers' skill-set to include characteristics featured in all effective teaching and learning
- d. SEND - improve provision for pupils with SEND including SEMH needs

2. Behaviour and Attitudes

- a. Embed the school's recent Behaviour and Relationships Policy (Essex)
- b. Ensure attendance is in line with national, including persistent absence figures
- c. Maximise the school environment design to allow all pupils to learn in a focussed, conducive learning space

3. Personal Development

- a. Raise the profile of mental health and ensure best-practice throughout school systems
- b. Form a new Safeguarding curriculum working group to monitor and show-case school practice
- c. Review and improve current Healthy Schools status

4. Leadership and Management

- a. Improve the effectiveness of Governor leadership
- B. Subject Leaders improve the standards of teaching and learning for their subject
- c. Refine and embed the school Curriculum Design
- d. Early Career Teacher (ECT) complete *Year2* of the training programme successfully

If at any time you have any questions or concerns about your child, please ring the school office and they will inform the class teacher. The teacher will then make contact with you. It is important that you speak to the class teacher as your first port of call.

This year I would also like to welcome Miss K Wright to our teaching team.

Mrs S Bardetti
Headteacher

Attendance

If you leave a voice message that your child is not feeling well and will not be attending school, the school office may follow this up with a call back to you. If there is no response to the call, we will request a home visit from the Aquinas team.

We will require as much information as possible about your child's illness. If your child has antibiotics prescribed, please can you send us a screenshot of them and if you have a doctor's appointment, please can you send a screenshot of the appointment booking.

Family holidays will NOT be authorised.

Overall attendance is 95.4% Ofsted expect at least 95% attendance so we are currently just above this figure. Please help us improve our attendance by making sure your child is in school every day.

New Attendance Raffle and Rewards

This term we have started a new reward for good attendance. Each week, if a pupil has been in school 100% they will receive a raffle ticket. This ticket is placed in a key stage draw. At each half term, a ticket will be drawn from the KS2 box and also from the KS1/EYFS box. The two pupils drawn in the raffles will each receive a **£20 Amazon voucher**.

Class attendance will also be rewarded each term . The class with the highest attendance will have a ‘treat afternoon’ which the class will choose with the class teacher.

Class	Attendance
RBa	97.6%
RBe	97.3%
1F	96.6%
1BP	94.0%
2CW	97.0%
2HP	99.2%
3HP	93.0%
3G	97.3%
4V	93.3%
4C	91.7%
5KH	91.3%
5AH	97.9%
6H	96.5%
6D	96.7%

SEND News from the Essex Local Offer

The Essex Local Offer provides information on the help available to children and young people (aged 0 to 25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

There are more than 400 services, support and activities on the NEW Essex Local Offer and new information is being added all the time.

Some of the new listings include [Essex Deaf Children’s Society](#) and [the Neurodevelopmental pathway in North East Essex](#).

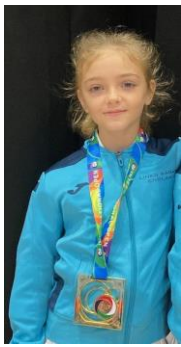
Click on the link below to explore the website.

[Essex County Council: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) | Essex Local Offer](#)

Sign up to The Bridge Newsletter : <https://pages.news.essex.gov.uk/pages/the-bridge-send>

Wow Moments

A very big well done to our Year 4 pupil who has won the gold medal for British International Kata Pairs and she is now the British champion.



Governors' Corner

Welcome everyone to the new school year. As we all move forward I would like to thank all of you for your support as we are able to count 2022 to 2023 as a successful year for Holland Haven's pupils.

A couple of requests from me for this term:

If you are able, could you please access 'Parent View' on Ofsted's website where there is a list of questions for you to respond to about our school. This will enable governors to have an understanding of your views of the school.

Could I also ask that drivers do not stop their vehicles to let children out of their cars in the middle of Primrose Rd in line with the zig-zigs. This is not only dangerous and illegal, but it also holds up other vehicles who need to wait behind trying to get to their destinations. Each morning this term that I have visited school, I have had to wait while children are dropped off by the school gate rather than drivers parking their vehicles.

At present we have a Parent Governor vacancy on the Board of Governors and will therefore be asking for nominations for the post later in the term. If anyone would like any further information about the role, please contact me via the office.

I can assure you all that the Governing Board will continue their work to ensure the best possible education is available for all your children.

Jackie Sharman
Chair of Governors

PTA Corner

Hello and welcome back for another exciting year at Holland Haven.

We cannot wait to bring another year of events to the pupils at school, raising funds to enhance the children's education during their time at Holland Haven.

Last year we exceeded our target by raising over £15,000 through different events and fundraising activities and this was all given back to school in way of donations for things like learning outside the classroom, new library books, updated headphones, upgrades in the D&T room, treats for the children plus lots more. This year we want to do the same again.

We already have some amazing events lined up, including exciting raffles, discos, Christmas shops and events. Keep your eyes on our Facebook page (Friends and Family of Holland Haven) and school communications to see what's on.

We would love for you to get involved and welcome you to our meetings, our AGM is happening on Thursday 12th October and our normal meeting will follow this. Please come along and have your say and see what we have planned for this term.

We hope to see you soon.

Sam Cook and the Friends of Holland Haven Primary School.

Dates for the Diary

September

5th September - Start of new school year

29th Wonka Bar Raffle

October

4th School photos

5th Pop up Preloved Uniform Shop

6th Artwork Deadline For Cauliflower Cards

9th Flu immunisation 12th FOHH AGM

12th Year 1 Class Visits

16th Year 4 Class Visits

17th Years 5 and 6 Class Visits

18th Year 2 Class Visits

19th Year 3 Class Visits

19th Halloween Disco's

November

6th Parents' evening for all year groups

9th Parents' Evening for all year groups

22nd Bag 2 School Collection

30th Wreath making Workshop

30th Elfridges Day 1

December

1st Elfridges Day 2

8th Year 5 Christmas Concert in school

11th Year 6 Christmas Concert in school

12th EYFS Nativity in school 9:30pm

13th EYFS Nativity in school 2pm

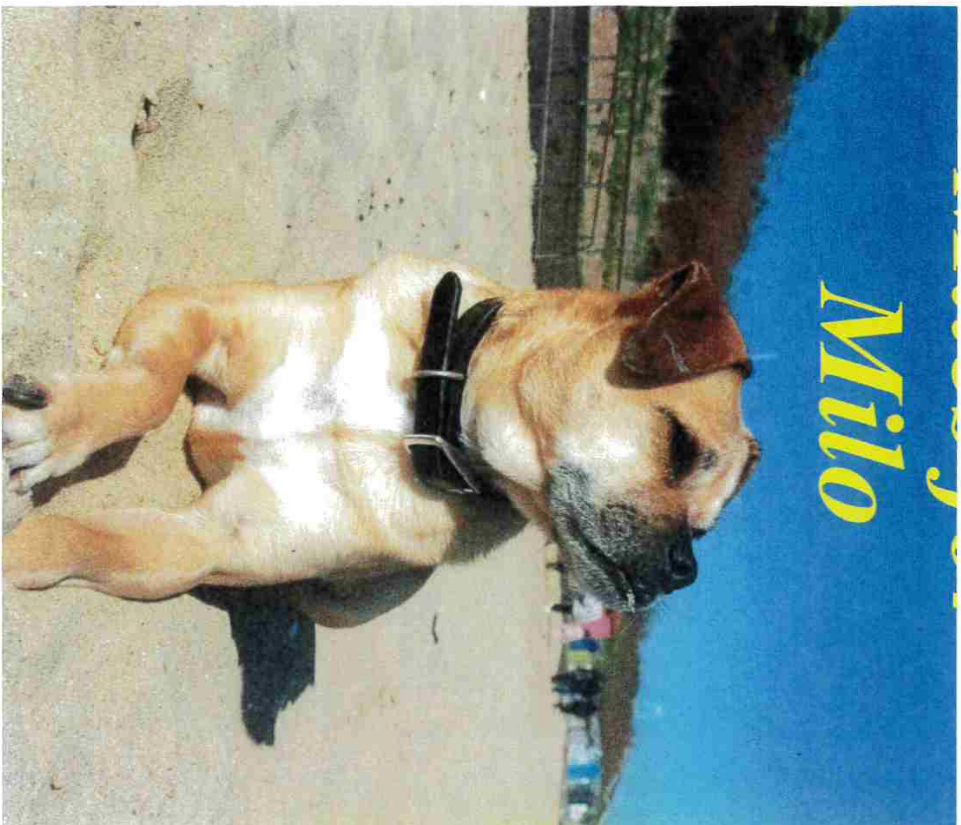
13th Year 3 Christmas Concert St Bart's Church

14th Christmas Dinner Day

14th Year 4 Christmas Concert at St Bart's Church

15th Year 2 Christmas Concert in school

18th Year 1 Christmas Concert in school



Milo

This is Milo, a beautiful little dog from Clacton on Sea, who sadly lost his battle against liver disease and cancer earlier in September. His family were so touched by the care and support given by the local RSPCA Clinic, they decided they'd like to do something fantastic to help the clinic and preserve Milo's memory.

During the month of October they will embark on a walking challenge where they hope to walk 200 miles and raise £500 for our veterinary services.

Please show you support by scanning the QR code below to donate. You can also leave a message of support to this fantastic family who, despite their grief, are doing something amazing to help other local animals.



Thank

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