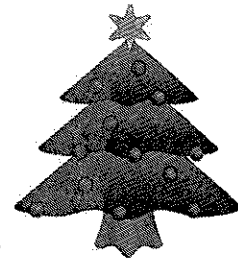


December Newsletter 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the December newsletter.

It is with great joy that I begin this newsletter with good news following our Ofsted Section 8 inspection. Our children were amazing and they showed the inspector how hard they work in lessons and what superb learning attitudes they have. We were able to demonstrate the broad curriculum we provide and this was described as 'inspirational' in the final report. He recognised the improvements we had made since the last inspection and how staff, governors and parents work together to provide good outcomes for the children.

Of course, as always, we will not become complacent following this good report. We will continue to strive to provide an even better education for our children.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and prosperous new year. See you all on 3rd January 2019!

Mrs S Bardetti

Animal Charity Collection

Class MD have been collecting treats and toys for the National Animal Welfare Trust. All pupils in the school took part and donations were extremely generous. They will be sent to the charity this week. Many thanks.

Breakfast Club - Change of prices notification

As from April 2019 there will be new prices for the school's **Breakfast Club**. If your child attends 5 days per week it will cost £1.80 per day and if they attend less than 5 days it will be £2.00 per day.

School uniform

Just to remind you that all pupils **must** wear school uniform. A number of pupils have been coming to school wearing trainers (not purely black) and labelled sweatshirts. These are not part of our uniform and I hope that in the new year all pupils will be wearing appropriate school uniform.

Football news

Having won the district football tournament before half term, last week the football team represented the school at the Essex County finals in Chelmsford. The sixteen teams who attended had all won their local competitions and they were very strong sides. After winning a highly competitive group, the boys went on to comfortably win their semi-final before going on to narrowly lose in an extremely exciting final. It is a great achievement for our school coming second in the county of Essex and we are very proud of the team who took part.

Friends of Holland Haven

The Friends are busy doing final preparations for the Christmas Party. If anybody is able to offer help please contact us on our Facebook page or donations of cakes on the day would be very much appreciated.

This half term we had a lucky draw for a family ticket to Peter Pan at the Princes Theatre and our lucky winner was Tigan Finch, congratulations.

We are already in full swing of planning events for next year, so look out for details of those coming soon. We wish you all a very merry Christmas.

Sport Premium

Every year, the government give each school some money to help their pupils become more active. Please see how we plan to spend our sport premium grant <http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/sports-premium.html>

KS2 Playtimes - Wellies needed

Due to lack of playground space during the expansion, it is necessary to use the field, even in wet weather. Please could pupils bring in wellies, in a plastic bag; these pupils will then be able to use the field and Hadley Hills at play and lunchtimes. (Class learning councillors have been involved with trials for new changing squares to facilitate this - this is also part of the sport premium action plan).

Collection and late collection of pupils

As from January 2019 letters will be issued to parents who regularly fail to collect their children on time at 3pm. Aquinas, our attendance provider, will then arrange meetings with parents to discuss why they are not collecting their children on time. All children should be collected at 3pm from their classroom.

If a different adult is collecting your child at the end of the day you must let the school office know as soon as possible. We will not allow your child to go with an adult we are unfamiliar with without your instruction to do so.

Governor Corner

As we approach the end of what has been a very busy and successful term for Holland Haven it is my pleasure to be able to write on behalf of the Governing Board. I would like to thank the children for their continued hard work, brilliant behaviour, great attitude and smiling faces. I meet many of them as I move around the school and without exception their manners are impeccable. My thanks also go to our wonderful staff, the Ofsted report identified their strengths and was reflected in the outcome. Finally, to all of you for your continued support a huge 'thank you', without you the school would never be able continue to give your children the education they deserve.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year as we now look forward to an exciting 2019.

Jackie Sharman

Dates for your diary

December

11th - EYFS Nativity Plays 9.30am and 2pm

12th - KS2 Flu Immunisations

12th - KS1 Zoo Trip

13th - Christmas Dinner Day

13th - Christmas Party - Friends of Holland Haven (PTA)

14th - Last day of the term and Christmas Jumper Day

Children are due back on Thursday 3rd January 2019 – Dinner menu Week 1