



December Newsletter 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended the children's carol concerts the EYFS Nativity and Christmas Fayre. Also thank you for your generosity to St Bart's Church and the Clacton Lifeboat.

It has been a wonderful term and everyone is now looking forward to Christmas festivities.

I would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year .

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Governors Update

At the end of each term the winning House Teams from each phase are chosen to take part in a Winning Team treat. They get to choose from a range of activities run by members of staff and governors in the afternoons. This term the winning teams were Turtles from KS1; Dragons from LKS2 and Shaftsbury from UKS2.

A reminder to parents/carers that the Holland Haven Website is updated regularly with the school's news blog, class blogs, subject blogs and examples of our rich and engaging curriculum.

After a successful result in last year's county maths finals, finishing 8th out of 16 schools across Essex, we have entered a new Upper School maths team into the 2020 heats. Fingers crossed for another successful result.

Abbi Cardy, KS1 Lead and Staff Governor

EYFS

The children have all settled into school life really well. We are trying to encourage as much independence as possible, so could **all** children come into class in the mornings on their own. Parents are still coming into the classroom which blocks the doorway and takes the adults away from the children. We need to keep all of the children safe and inside the classroom so we need all doorways clear. Some children are now more independent and leaving their parents/carers at the gate - which is amazing! If you need to speak to someone urgently in the morning, please let the adult on the gate know. Thank you for your support with this.

Parent Meetings with Staff - after school only

Recently, we have had a few parents expecting to speak to staff first thing in the morning about sensitive issues, with the class present and lessons due to begin. As you can appreciate, this is not a convenient time.

Every teacher has an open-door session after school where parents/carers can meet with teachers with or without a pre-arranged appointment. This is usually a Wednesday but please check your child's school webpage as some teachers have a different day if they run an after-school club or tutor.

Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Poster Competition

Congratulations to the pupils below who won the Holland on Sea Residents Association christmas poster competition. Colin Sargeant delivered a prizes of a £10 pier gift voucher, a pier map and a cushion to each winner. These posters will be displayed in local shop windows to advertise the Holland-on-sea Christmas Fayre.



The Sun - Books for Schools



Please look out for these tokens in The Sun newspaper from Saturday 23rd November, until Saturday 18th January 2020. Cut them out and hand them in to your class teacher. If we can collect 3,500 tokens, we will receive over £600 of free books for our school!

Year 6 SATs Revision and Practice Books - Discount!

'Rising Stars' are offering parents a discounted price for their Year 6 Revision and Practice books, reduced from £5.99 to £2.50. Books are available for Reading, Maths, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling at the expected standard, and higher versions for children aiming for the exceeded standard.



Visit the website www.risingstars-uk.com/achievetparents and use the code

WS002262 at the checkout.



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

The Year 6 Leavers Hoodies are now available to order online at:

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/shop/hollandhavenprimary2020>

The deadline for orders is 1st January and the hoodies will be delivered to the school a couple of weeks after this deadline.

Friends of Holland Haven

We have completed our final event for the year 2019 and we have enjoyed every minute of our first term as the new committee. Whilst we will be concentrating now on our own families and enjoying Christmas, we are ready for the fun that 2020 will be bringing. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th January 2020, 7pm at St Bart's Church Hall and everyone is welcome to come and join our fun of planning our next term's events.

Thank you for all of your support and we will be able to tell you in the new year how much we have raised during the Christmas events.

Merry Christmas!

Heidi

Chairperson of the Friends of Holland Haven PTA

Request for resources for our Forest School Mud Kitchen

We would like to further develop our mud kitchen in Hadley Woods. If you have any spare metal sieves, wooden or metal spoons or small bowls, please send them in. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary

December 19

18th last day of term

January 20

6th - Children return to school - Week 1 Winter Menu

24th - Non-Pupil Day

February

4th - Cyber Safety Workshops for Year 5 and 6

17th - 21st Half Term Break

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.

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| 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. |