



## December Newsletter 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are almost at the end of the Autumn Term. The phrase 'every day is a learning day', comes to mind when I reflect over the autumn term because we have all had to learn so many new routines, rotas and rules since March.

Last week we heard the news that OFSTED inspections would be postponed until after Easter, which for some schools, who may be waiting for an OFSTED, is a welcome announcement. We also heard that KS1 assessment would be reported through teacher assessment and the Grammar Punctuation and Spelling Tests in KS2 would be non statutory.

Other tests in KS2 such as Reading and Maths and teacher assessed Writing would go ahead. Phonics in Year 1 would also go ahead.

This term we have completed phonics screening for our Year 2 pupils and I am thrilled to tell you that 81% of our Year 2 pupils passed the screening check. This is in line with last year's national result.

It is such good news that a vaccine is finally becoming available. Obviously it will take some time before it is available to all of us, but it is a light at the end of a very long tunnel. It was also a welcome announcement that we will be able to spend a few days with our families this Christmas. I do hope that you are all able to see your loved ones and have a little bit of normality.

When we come back to school in January we will continue in the same way we have been and hopefully continue to stay safe.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a much happier new year.

Mrs Bardetti

Headteacher

## Golden Assembly Awards

On Fridays we have our Zoom Golden Assembly and it is such good fun.

**Golden Certificates** were awarded to :

Mia Russell, Wren Chan, Maya Slaney, Jarid Calder, Theo Serghiou, Ava Rose London, Poppy London, Frank Fletcher, Adam Berner, Abiel Chase, Chloe-Rose Lucas, Freya Cook, Henry Clement, Ruby Gittings, Madison Markham, Grace Hahn, Tayan Anderson, Jacob Hawkins, Kason Wright, Oscar Galsworthy, Alexis Will, Finnley Reynolds, Evie Hillier, Finton Clewley, Harriet Grubb, Lucia Pearce, Joffre Squires, Louie Nichols, Emily Tuck, Lola Cowlin, Thomas Keen, Kacey Calder, Olivia Izzard, Ashley Joseph, Archie-Jack Tulip, Paige Snipp, Olivia Brading, Anais Kalungwishi, Evie-Mae Smith

### Times Table Certificates

**Bronze** -Danika McGinn, Carter Tidmarsh, Evalyn Green

**Rainbow** - Tayla Salisbury, Eli Bones, Grayson Welham, Kristen Harris, Oscar Galsworthy, Carol Wood. Rainbow and Bronze - Mia Snipp

**Pen Licence** - Lila Baines

### Spelling certificates:

**Silver** - Isla Anderson, Oscar Hutchinson, Arthur Sanderson, Kasey Calder, Paigton Harris, Jacob Fowler, Leyla Mott **Bronze**

-Isla Anderson, Oscar Cane, Bertie Kidd-Young

Well done everyone !

## Whole School Attendance week ending 06.12.20

**96.5%**

## Class Attendance week ending 06.12.20

Upper Classes	Attendance up to 6.12.20	Middle Classes	Attendance up to 6.12.20	Lower and EYFS classes	Attendance up to 6.12.20
UD	<b>96.1%</b>	MC	<b>93.7%</b>	LB	<b>96.9%</b>
UH	<b>96.2%</b>	MG	<b>97.7%</b>	LBP	<b>98.0%</b>
UHa	<b>97.2%</b>	MH	<b>95.7%</b>	LF	<b>97.1%</b>
UW	<b>95.7%</b>	MCY	<b>97.8%</b>	LHW	<b>96.2%</b>
				RBa	<b>96.8%</b>
				RBe	<b>97.6%</b>

## **Charities**

I would like to say a very big thank you to all of you for your generous donations to five charities this term. I would imagine that during financially testing times, charities suffer because we do not have spare money to give away. However this term we have outdone ourselves. Our first charity event, Poppy Day, raised over £600 and since then we have continued to work hard for all of the different causes below:

### **Diabetes Aware Day**

Thank you all for your generosity in helping to raise funds for Diabetes Awareness and JDRF. A cause that is close to our hearts. By wearing blue to school, some of the children wearing mock omnipods and contributing a donation we raised a brilliant total of £310.23.

### **British Heart Foundation**

Throughout December, Holland Haven are taking part in the 'Elf Kick Challenge' to raise money for the BHF. For the 12 days of December each class is taking part in an exercise challenge each day. Children are learning the importance of keeping a healthy heart. If you wish to make a small donation to the BHF, you can do this through our Just Giving Page.

### **National Animal Welfare Trust**

Upper School are kindly asking for any donations to support the animals at NAWT this Christmas. All donations need to be handed to class teachers by December 11th 2020.

### **Children in Need**

We are very proud to announce that through your generous donations in such a tricky time we raised an amazing total of £381.27. The children enjoyed learning about children that are in need of support from charities, they showed great compassion. They also looked very cosy in their pyjamas for the day.

Well done and thank you very much everyone!

## **Governor Corner**

As we come to the end of this autumn term, I have been reflecting on the ongoing challenges that the COVID pandemic has had on everyone, but in spite of this how well everyone at Holland Haven Primary School has coped from the children, to the staff and you as parents.

The challenges will be with us for a while longer, and we thank you for your ongoing support.

From all of the Governors, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year and hope that the temporary lifting of some of the COVID restrictions will allow you to be able to spend time with some of your friends and family.

**Carolyn Terry Governor**

### **Friends of Holland Haven**

We would like to thank everyone for their support this term with our fundraising efforts. We have raised a staggering £3,992.48 (final number to be confirmed January 2021).

The Cauliflower Cards Project is set to raise just over £600 (final total will be known once all orders have been completed mid-December). An amazing amount and we do hope you like the products received.

The Christmas Raffle has raised £2,110.98 after costs, this figure may change once we have all tickets returned. We will not be accepting any more tickets after Friday 4th December 2020. The draw is taking place on Friday 11 December and the winners will be informed after. We will also do a Facebook post with winning ticket numbers shown (no names or personal details). With the help of Danielle Markham, we have secured in principle, the support of Barclays Bank with their £ for £ charity support and this will add an additional £1,000 to our final total. I would personally like to thank Sam Cook and Liz Webb for their efforts in securing some amazing prizes for our raffle and also a special thanks to Fisher Jones and Greenwood Solicitors for their support in providing us with an amazing top prize.

The Committee has brought Christmas Crackers for the children's Christmas Dinner Day again this year and without your support we would not be able to do this.

Our next Committee (PTA) meeting is due to take place on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom so we do hope to see as many of you as we can then.

### **PTA Chairperson**

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **December 2020**

10th - Christmas Dinner Day

11th - Christmas Jumper Day

14th - Whole school pupil flu immunisation

18th - Non-pupil Day - School closed

#### **January 2021**

5th - Back to school - First day of Spring term