

June Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the June newsletter. I hope that you had a lovely half term break. We are now in our final half term for the year. As always, the final half term has many events taking place which I hope you will be able to attend, such as sports' days, summer fair and the end of year BBQ. I will look forward to seeing you all at these events.

On Tuesday 11th June I had the privilege of watching our football team play against Holland Park in the league finals. Our team won 7-1. Well done to everyone for taking part.



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%. 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. Please help us to improve our attendance by taking holidays in holiday time. In the next school year I have placed three non pupil days on the day before the rest of

Essex schools break up . This means that families can take a longer break and leave before other schools break up which may help with the cost of a family holiday .

We have also changed our Attendance policy, which can be seen on our website. We will now be calling you **every day** (if you do not call us) to ask why your child is not in school.

Please help us improve our attendance.

Upper School Careers' Week

We are very excited to be running our biennial 'Careers' Week' for Years 5 and 6 again this year. It will take place during the week beginning Monday 24th June in the afternoons (except Friday). In the past, we have been lucky enough to include a variety of professions, such as the Police, Fire Service, Nurses, Beauticians, Managers, Nursery Nurses, Librarians, Artists, Musicians and Soldiers. They spent some time with each of the three upper school classes to help children learn about their career. **We need your help!** Please get in touch with Miss Webb, Mr Hutton or Mrs Harris if you can spare an afternoon of your time to talk to the children about your career. Thank you!



School Council News

A TALENT SHOW

School council-led auditions will start on Tuesday 18th of June and end on the Thursday 20th.

The show will be on the

25th of June (not open to parents due to space)



Holland Haven Talent show will be a magical show with lots of different acts - year 1-6 can enter

Please bring in **£1 to participate in a non-uniform day and to watch the talent show.** We are raising money for **Essex Air Ambulance** as this is the charity that gained the most votes. Poster by School Councillor Sydnie Joyce

SEND News

Next year, we will be participating in the Multi-Schools Council. They are currently raising money to support their work to break down perceptions towards children with special-educational needs, disabilities and mental health difficulties using pupil voice. Here is a link to their crowdfunding page if you would like to contribute.



[Crowdfunding to Help break down perceptions towards children with special educational needs, disabilities and mental health difficulties using pupil voice. on JustGiving](https://www.justgiving.com)

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Silly Sock Day



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraising for Autism Anglia. We raised £122.75.

Essex Child and Family Services

Every Tuesday at Sydney House Clacton at 3-5pm there is a 'drop in' for parents and carers where you can seek advice from a school nurse if you have any concerns about your child. This could be about anything at all to support your child's health and wellbeing. If they cannot help they will direct you to the best place to support you.



New Early Years' Support Group

You can share with us the delights of being a parent and we can share with you the support you could receive via this eight week programme.

Entitled: Step by Step Early Years for ages 2 years - 5 years

Each week we will look at a different theme, offer you tea and coffee and a friendly relaxed atmosphere to share and discuss topics with you.

**If you are
the above
contact the**

**interested in any of
courses please
school office**

Friends of Holland Haven

Our summer fayre is fast approaching and preparations are in full swing. On Friday 7th June we held a non uniform day and were grateful for the donations of bottles or chocolates for our raffle stalls. We are still looking for helpers for the fayre, so if you are able to give up a couple of hours on the day to help please let one of the PTA members know.

Lastly Friday 7th June saw our last quiz night of the year which was a very enjoyable evening.

Melissa Nicholas
Chairperson

School Meals

If your child is moving into Year 3 in September and they usually have school meals, they will need to pay for them. The cost is £1.70 per day or £8.50 per week payable in advance either via School Money or in cash at the school office.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child, then please apply online at:-
www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Remember, if you are currently receiving free school meals for your child, you will need to re-apply for the next academic year.

Health and Wellbeing Cycle Show and Clean Air Heroes

On the 24th June, all our pupils in years 1-6 will be watching a Bike Show... This will kick-start our three week Clean Air Heroes.

CLEAN AIR HEROES WALK TO SCHOOL and **HELP TO SAVE THE RHINO!**

A new activity for Essex schools wishing to reduce traffic pollution and encourage active travel with an extra incentive: the MORE pupils walk/scoot/cycle, the HIGHER our sponsor's ££££ pledge to fund a conservation project.



BIKE SHOW High energy performance with important messages

European and British champions showcase their amazing stunts and talents at your school.

Whilst exhilarating the children with their daring stunts, the team communicate **key messages** around **road safety, anti-bullying, wellness** and **what it takes to be a champion**.

Inspire active kids at your school.

Governor Corner

When I look back to my younger days, so much has changed, and very noticeably has the schooling. The opportunities available to today's primary school children never ceases to amaze me; couple this

with the welcoming environment of a well run school and you have the perfect ingredients to a good start in life for those with such an exciting future ahead of them. But a school is only as good as the people that are running it and we, at Holland Haven Primary School, are so lucky to have a Head Teacher with passion, commitment and good leadership skills. Around her are a team that are dedicated to providing the very best for "their children", whether it be front line teaching, or back room support. Add to this mix a Chair of Governors that really cares for, believes in, and wants the very best for the school, plus parents who recognise how special our school is, and you have the perfect recipe for success. Everyone involved in Holland Haven Primary School, whether as staff, parent or governor, should hold their head up with pride to be part of this very special place.

Richard Walker
Governor

Dates for your diary

June

11th - Class photos
18th - UKS2 Class Visits
19th - KS1 Class Visits
20th - LKS2 Class Visits
21st - Middle School Trip to Walton
21st - Year 5 & 6 class to Clacton Lifeboat Station
Week Beginning 24th June - UKS2 Careers Week
24th Extreme Bike Show and Clean Air Heroes (3 weeks)
25th - Talent Show - Holland Haven's Got Talent
28th - Year 5 & 6 class to Clacton Lifeboat Station
29th - Summer Fayre

July

2nd - CCHS Transition Day for Year 6 Pupils
9th and 10th - TTC Transition Day for Year 6 Pupils
10th - KS1 Sports Day
11th - KS2 Sports Day
12th - Year 6 pupils leave for PGL residential trip
15th - Year 6 pupils return from PGL residential trip
17th - Year 6 Performance of 'The Next Big Step' at 6pm - tickets available soon!
18th - Year 6 Performance of 'The Next Big Step' at 3:30pm - tickets available soon!
18th - KS1 Trip to Fingringhoe
18th - Year 5 & 6 class to Clacton Lifeboat Station
23rd - Last day of term