

May Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the May newsletter.

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. This half term is extremely short but there is great deal happening in school throughout May and June. In May all pupils in Year 2 and 6 will be taking their Maths and Reading SATs tests. Writing assessments will continue throughout June. I am sure that you will join me in wishing all of these children success in their exams.

We began the term with a visit from Ian Breasley - The Doodlebug - who delivered maths and art themed workshops for our KS2 classes. The aim of these nationally-delivered sessions is to promote a 'growth mindset' through the step by step teaching of specific skills and strategies to achieve a free-style cartoon drawing. Feedback from the children showed how impressed they were with the pictures they produced due to the effort they employed for each part of the picture. All of the pupils demonstrated a growth mindset during the activities and Ian noted that they were above average in resilience, perseverance and concentration.

PARENT'S GUIDE TO A GROWTH MINDSET
Big Life Journal
www.biglifejournal.com

PRAISE
FOR:
EFFORT
STRATEGIES
PROGRESS
HARD WORK
PERSISTENCE
RISING TO A CHALLENGE
LEARNING FROM A MISTAKE

NOT FOR:
BEING SMART
BORN GIFTED
TALENT
FIXED ABILITIES
NOT MAKING MISTAKES

SAY:
"YOU TRIED VERY HARD AND YOU USED THE RIGHT STRATEGY!"
"WHAT A CREATIVE WAY TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM."

THE POWER OF "NOT YET"
SAY:
"YOU CAN'T DO IT YET."
"YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET."
"BUT IF YOU LEARN AND PRACTICE, YOU WILL!"

GROWTH MINDSET
YOU CAN GROW YOUR INTELLIGENCE

VS

FIXED MINDSET
YOU CAN'T IMPROVE NATURAL ABILITIES YOU WERE BORN WITH

BRAIN CAN GROW
SAY:
"YOUR BRAIN IS LIKE A MUSCLE. WHEN YOU LEARN, YOUR BRAIN GROWS. THE FEELING OF THIS BEING HARD IS THE FEELING OF YOUR BRAIN GROWING!"

FAILURES AND MISTAKES = LEARNING
SAY:
"YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES."
"MISTAKES HELP YOU IMPROVE."
"LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES YOU CAN TRY."

ASK
"WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY THAT MADE YOU THINK HARD?"
"WHAT NEW STRATEGIES DID YOU TRY?"
"WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU MAKE THAT TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING?"
"WHAT DID YOU TRY HARD AT TODAY?"

RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MINDSET
BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OWN THINKING AND OF THE MESSAGES YOU SEND WITH YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS.

BASED ON CAROL DWECK'S BOOK "MINDSET: THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY OF SUCCESS"

School Crossing

The school crossing patrol is going really well. If you do need to cross Frinton Rd please can you ensure you use the patrolled crossing rather than the zebra crossing so that we can boost our numbers which are sent to the LA on a weekly basis.

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 **Step by Step**

Early Years' Parent Support Group

At Holland Haven Primary School

Wednesday mornings between 9.30am – 11.30am

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Introductory Week – 22nd May 2019

Half Term Break (29th May 2019)

Week 1 - Life as a parent – 5th June 2019

Week 2 – Play and relationship building – 12th June 2019

Week 3 – Play and child development – 19th June 2019

Week 4 - Listening and talking – 26th June 2019

Week 5 – Feelings – 3rd July 2019

Week 6 – Encouraging positive behaviour – 10th July 2019

Week 7 – More about behaviour– 17th July 2019

including celebrating our success

Each session is 2 hours with tea and coffee provided during a break.

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 interested in any of the above courses please contact the school office

Special Educational Needs

Essex Family Forum would like to invite you to have your voice heard! we are hosting workshops in 12 of the districts of Essex, along with 4 larger evening sessions in main locations. You can [Book](#) your place & see the full list of venues & dates at essexfamilyforumevents.eventbrite.co.uk

At these workshops we will be asking you to tell us what's happening now, what's working, and what's not. We would love to hear what you have to say! This will be followed by the opportunity to draw a line in the sand, take stock and think about how you would like to see SEND services develop moving forward. We would like you to share your vision for SEND under two main headings;

- **Developing School led SEND**
- **Growing the Specialist SEND Provision in Essex.**

(Full details of what these headings mean, can be found in the document [Developing a strategy for SEND in Essex](#))

Friends of Holland Haven

It's a very busy time of the year for the Friends of Holland Haven as we are in full swing preparing for our Summer Fayre on Saturday 29th June. We have lots of plans for exciting new stalls this year and would be extremely grateful for any help you can give. It doesn't have to be for the whole day but a couple of hours to man a stall would be much appreciated. The more helpers we have the more stalls we can run which will lead to us raising more to go back into the school for our children. This term we have ordered new benches for the children to have lunch on now the weather is improving, so all funds raised from the fayre can go towards extras like these. Please speak to a member of the PTA or contact us on our Facebook page if you can help.

Also a date for your diary is Friday 7th June when we will be holding our last Adult Quiz of the year. Tickets will be on sale shortly. We hope to see lots of you there for a fun evening.

Melisa Nicholas
Chairperson

Governor Corner

As the minister of St. Bartholomew's Church in Holland on Sea, I have been involved with Holland Haven School for almost three years. Most notably, I lead monthly assemblies at the school and I welcome all of you to the yearly Christmas concerts held at St. Bart's.

However, I have only been a School Governor since December. I thought I knew a lot about the school before, but it has been a revelation to see just how much work goes on behind the scenes to make Holland Haven the excellent educational community that it is. Everyone at Holland Haven, from the Governors and Mrs. Bardetti on down, is deeply committed to the educational and social growth of each one of our children.

It is an honour to be on the governing body of such an incredible institution. I look forward to serving the community in this way in the years to come.

I am also pleased to have started up the 'Good Fruit' club, which meets after school on a Wednesday. In it we encourage EYFS and KS1 children to grow socially using Biblical principles like patience, kindness and self-control.

Ti Chase (Local Authority Governor)

CRUK

A big thank you to all the children and parents for sending in chocolate donations at easter in aid of CRUK. We received enough chocolate to hold a big tombolo stall on the weekend of 13th/14th July at Plough Corner in Little Clacton where I shall be taking part again in the 24 hour relay for life with my team "Walk the Walk". This is a huge event and I hope to see some of you there enjoying all the fun stalls and entertainment and maybe buying a ticket on our stall and winning back some of the lovely chocolate! Your donation really does make such a difference in generating another fundraising opportunity & raising money for vital research into cancer treatment and trials, many thanks again, Mrs J Hall



Dates for your diary

May

7th SATs Week KS1

13th SATs Week KS2

22nd Parenting course

23rd Heights & Weights Checks YR6

27th Half Term

June

3rd Return to school

11th Class photos