

# September Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the September newsletter. I hope you had a super summer break. We were extremely lucky with the weather and I hope you enjoyed some time on the beach.

We have all made an excellent start to the school year. This year 60 EYFS pupils have joined us and they have come into school beautifully. The EYFS unit has been extended over the summer and looks fantastic. We also now have a Food Tech Room which will be enjoyed by all year groups.

There has been extensive work done over the summer holidays which cannot be seen. The school has a new fire alarm system which can also support our lockdown procedures and all our plumbing system has been renewed.

The new building is now occupied by our Year 5 and 6 pupils and the rooms look wonderful. It really is a joy to work and learn here.

Today we were very pleased to receive the following email from the Director of Education for Essex congratulating us on our excellent SATS results:

*'Further to the announcements and congratulations made in the welcome back newsletter early September, we would like to personally congratulate you and your staff on your 2019 summer results. We were very pleased to see that based on the 2019 provisional data the outcomes for your school have improved in KS2 attainment in combined reading, writing and maths since last year. In addition, there are positive average progress scores in all 3 areas and the progress scores are above the Essex average.*

*We know that achieving high standards and significant improvement with children is very demanding and this is in part due to the hard work of your staff. This in turn, has further embedded the depth and breadth of excellence shown in the Primary school sector in Essex.*

*We would like to wish you all the best in your work for the year ahead.*

Yours sincerely

**Clare Kershaw** Director of Education'

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## Staffing

We are in need of additional Midday Assistants. We would like to employ someone who has experience working with children, so if you think you would be interested, please contact Mrs Charles in the school office.

## Open-Door Sessions

Just a reminder that each class teacher offers an open-door session, usually on Wednesdays. (Where this differs due to staff running clubs etc, the class teacher can tell you which day they are available). This information will also be published on this year's class webpages, which are coming soon. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher, on your own, in a protected time slot. The early morning drop off can be very busy within the classroom environment and teachers and pupils are ready to start their lessons.

## Class Trips

Despite the PTA providing £2100 towards Year Group trips last year and the school paying for all Pupil Premium pupils, we have still had to find £1164 additional funds to pay for pupils who have not made a contribution to trips. Unfortunately this year, if a trip is underfunded, we will need to cancel it.

## **Governor Corner**

From all our governors I would like to welcome new families to our wonderful school and to those returning, our best wishes for another happy, successful and productive year of learning. The new opportunities that will arise from the completion of the building work can only enhance your children's education.

This year the governing board will continue to ensure that we challenge and support the school and fulfill our three core functions:

Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.

Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that the school is sound financially, we have endeavoured to plan strategically for the past seven years to ensure that our money is well spent in light of all the pupils' needs.

The governors will each work with the staff to continue the brilliant progress the school has made in recent years.

Your children are really lucky to come here each day.

**Jackie Sharman**

**Chair of Governors**

## **Uniform**

Please can you ensure that your child has accurate school uniform. School shoes must be plain black. Earrings cannot be worn in PE. Jewellery cannot be worn but a watch is acceptable.

## **School Car Park**

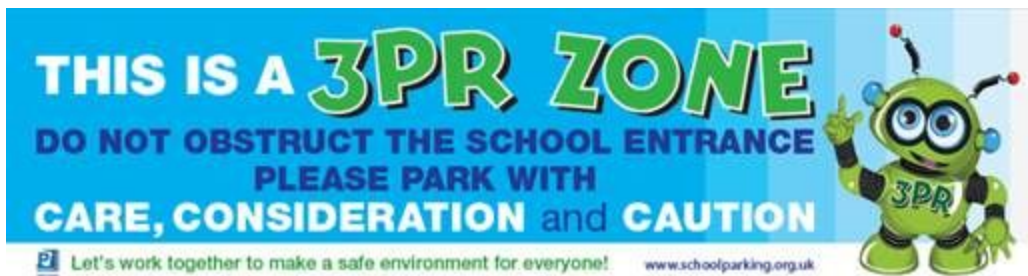
Just a friendly reminder that the school car park is only for staff car parking with the exception of the school mini-bus and prior arrangements with parents (blue badges).

## **School Crossing and Park and Stride**

Many thanks to Mr Webb who has been manning the crossing so far this term . We should see our new patrol person very soon.

The entrance on Frinton Rd will remain as the KS2 entrance this year. If we were to stop using this entrance or usage reduced, we would lose our crossing patrol person.

Park and Stride - thank you for your feedback on our school website survey regarding the use of a park and stride system. The majority of people said this is something they would be interested in and we are now waiting for our link 3PR representative to confirm this with Essex County Council in order to get started.



We also hope to begin a patrol system at the front of the school, at drop off time, to ensure a quieter, safer space for pupils.

## **Star Behaviour**

For all pupils that adhere to our school 'Golden Rules' each week (or if on a behaviour plan, do not receive any wipeouts) a gold star sticker is awarded at the end of Golden Time on the way out of school. Please check if your child has received one and reinforce this excellent behaviour if so. If they haven't, please talk to them about why

they lost a minute(s) of their golden time and how they can change this next time - we only usually inform parents if 5 minutes, or more, are lost and then a 'note home' is issued.

As you know, at the end of each term, a celebratory activity, or certificate, is given to all pupils who have maintained consistently high standards of behaviour all term. For more information, please visit this link on our school website, found under the Home School Links tab.  
<http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/star-behaviour.html>

Thank you for your support.

### **Friends of Holland Haven**

The new Friends of Holland Haven Committee is as follows:-

Chair - Heidi Griggs	Vice Chair - Sam Hunt
Treasurer - Gabrielle Will	Secretary - Gee Steele
Catering Manager - Sam Hunt	Marketing Manager - Carla Peagram
Health & Safety Manager - Heidi Griggs	Teacher Liaison - Sue Bardetti
Parent Liaison EYFS - Raluca Chase	
Parent Liaison Lower School - Elizabeth Webb	
Parent Liaison Middle School - Lisa Russell	
Parent Liaison Upper School - Melissa Nicholas	

The date for the next Friends of Holland Haven meeting is Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 6pm in the Kingscliff Hotel. Everyone is welcome to join us, just turn up.

Date for the Spooky Disco will be Friday 18th October 2019, details to follow very soon.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **October**

Class Visits:

KS2 Middle 7th

KS1 8th

EYFS 9th

KS2 Upper 10th

Flu Vaccinations 11th

UKS2 Victorian Day 14th

Individual School Photos 15th

NON PUPIL DAY 25th

Half-Term 28th October - 4th November

#### **November**

Parents' Evenings

EYFS and KS1 12th and 14th

Middle and Upper KS2 19th and 21st

#### **December**

5th Christmas Dinner Day

9th KS1 Carol Concert St Bart's Church

10th Middle Carol Concert St Bart's Church

12th UKS2 Carol Concert St Bart's Church

16th EYFS Nativity (9:30 and 2pm)

18th last day of term