

November Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe how fast this term is going. Very soon we will be doing Christmas concerts and putting up the Christmas tree. I have to admit, I do love Christmas time, listening to the children singing carols and watching EYFS practising the Nativity is always so lovely.

On 30th November and 1st December we have our Elfridges shopping days for pupils, on 7th December, after school, we have the Christmas Fayre and on 14th we have our school Christmas dinner. I do hope that I will see you all at the Christmas concerts (dates are at the bottom of this newsletter).

Thank you very much for your Poppy Day Appeal donations; we raised **£650.39!**

Mrs S Bardetti
Headteacher

Attendance

If you leave a voice message that your child is not feeling well and will not be attending school, the school office may follow this up with a call back to you. If there is no response to the call, we will request a home visit from the Aquinas team.

We will require as much information as possible about your child's illness. If your child has antibiotics prescribed, please can you send us a screenshot of them and if you have a doctor's appointment, please can you send a screenshot of the appointment booking.

Family holidays will **NOT** be authorised.

Overall attendance is 95.0% Ofsted expect at least 95% attendance so we are currently just above this figure. Please help us improve our attendance by making sure your child is in school every day.

New Attendance Raffle and Rewards

This term we have started a new reward for good attendance. Each week, if a pupil has been in school 100% they will receive a raffle ticket. This ticket is placed in a key stage draw. At each half term, a ticket will be drawn from the KS2 box and also from the KS1/EYFS box. The two pupils drawn in the raffles will each receive a **£20 Amazon voucher**.

Class attendance will also be rewarded each term. The class with the highest attendance will have a 'treat afternoon' which the class will choose with the class teacher.

The winners of the Attendance Raffle in Autumn 1 were Joseph Donovan (EYFS) and Louie Turner (KS2)

Class	Attendance
RBa	95.9%
RBe	94.4%
1F	96.0%
1BP	96.0%
2CW	95.4%
2HP	97.9%
3HP	93.5%
3G	95.8%
4V	94.3%

4C	93.3%
5KH	92.5%
5AH	96.5%
6H	93.9%
6D	94.4%

Homework - Ed Shed and AR Quizzes Update

Please see this link for the latest information re homework (link previously sent to parents/carers by text) - Spelling Homework practice is now online via **Ed Shed's Spelling Shed** - see login details in Home School books - this is a motivational, effective way of rehearsing these statutory words. **AR quizzes can now be completed at home, and also on other books** (Free-Choice books from our school library and books from home).

<http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/ar-quizzes.html>

<http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/homework.html>

Polite Reminder

Parents/Carers please sign and date your child's Home School Book (Year 3-6) every time your child reads at home. Thank you to all those parents/carers who already work in partnership with us to support your child's reading. The Home School Engagement Competition results will be shared in December and our routine follow-up letters to parents/carers with limited engagement, sent soon, to offer support.

Reminder - Year 6 parents/carers - Homework Hub <http://www.hollandhavenschool.co.uk/homework-hub.html>

TenPin Bowling Panathlon Competition

Well done to our KS2 pupils who went to TenPin Bowling in Colchester on Thursday 19th October. The children showed great enthusiasm, determination and independence! Congratulations to the following children for your effort and participation: Charlie Linehan, Ava-Rose London, Michael Field, Zach Marshall and Olivia Braxton. A special well done to Sam Robinson who scored the highest points in the entire competition and is now part of the 100 club!

Resilience Team

As we enter the colder months, please be advised that CVST run a Winter Coat Rail at both of their sites. A selection of pre-loved Coats & Jackets are available for anyone that needs one.

Collection Points: Imperial House, 20-22 Rosemary Road, Clacton CO15 1NZ

Harwich & Dovercourt Hubc276 High St, CO12 3PD

Open every weekday between 9am - 4pm

No Forms, No Questions, No Charge

Governors' Corner

Governors have been busy working with the school's subject leaders to observe some of the exciting and engaging learning that takes place across the curriculum, everyday. Through this monitoring process, staff have been able to further refine and improve the progression that takes place across the school, ensuring pupils make the maximum progress they can, in all areas.

As a parent myself, and deputy headteacher of Holland Haven, the curriculum offer deserves celebrating. From the home school provision; individualised HomeSchool book, free online accounts and wide range of quality enrichment opportunities to the developmentally-matched creative curriculum that takes learning above and beyond, pupils at Holland Haven are well catered for!

I hope you and your family enjoy the magical time in the run-up to Christmas and have a lovely Christmas and new year.

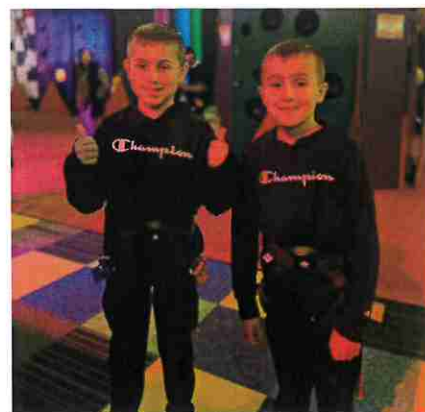
Catherine Humphrey, Co-Opted Governor

Home School Projects



Wow Moments in the Newspapers!

National Karate Championships!



Fundraising to buy toys for children in hospital or homes over Christmas!

PTA Corner

Welcome back to the second half of this term, we had a fantastic start to this school year and have raised an absolutely fantastic £2090, which includes an amazing £1110 from the Halloween Disco. Thank you all for your support of our events, we really couldn't do it without you.

The money we raise all goes back into the school, we help to support the learning outside the classroom projects run by the school, which includes contributions towards coach travel. We are providing funding for new gymnastics benches, which will be used by the children in their PE sessions. We are continuing to provide funding for new books in the classrooms and library and hope to provide some additional furniture for the new library too. We provide as much additional funding as we can to support your child's learning experience whilst they are at school as well as providing fun events for them to attend.

In the run up to Christmas we have lots of exciting things planned. You should have received your wonderful items from Cauliflower Cards, we hope you all love your little ones designs.

Elfridges is coming back! The Shop will be open on 30th November and the 1st December with your child's class visiting during the school day at their allotted times.

And, we are delighted to be running a Christmas fair after school on Thursday 7th December. We will have games and stalls for you to enjoy in the hall, delicious hot dogs from our BBQ and the big man himself.

If you can help us at any of our events please let us know by emailing Heidi at ptachair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk or me on ptavicechair@hollandhavenschool.co.uk

Don't forget, we also have our Scholastic Book Club running, make sure you place your orders no later than 1st December, these will then be delivered to school and distributed. 20p from every pound spent goes to the school to use on new books. You can place your orders here: <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/holland-haven/digital-book-club>.

Our final meeting of 2023 will be held in school on Thursday 14th December in the DT room at 3.30. Why not come along and see what exciting plans we have for 2024?

We hope to see you soon.

Sam Cook and the Friends of Holland Haven Primary School.

The Winter Reading Challenge is back!



Our plucky penguin is back once again! But this year, she's setting off on an even bigger journey...

Join Lyra as she travels around the world, finding out all about endangered animals. There will be 12 challenges for your child to choose from. Once they complete six of the challenges they will be rewarded with a certificate and a prize (while stocks last).

Autism Central

A poster for Autism Central. At the top left is the Essex County Council logo. To the right is the Autism Central logo, which consists of a colorful circular graphic and the text 'Autism Central For parents and carers'. The main text is on a dark purple background. It starts with the sentence 'Sometimes, talking to people who share similar experiences to yours means you're more likely to feel understood and get the support you need.' Below this is the heading 'Autism central is here to help!'. The text continues: 'The Autism Central Peer Education Programme is for parents, carers and Personal Assistants of autistic people. Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others.' There is a bulleted list of three points: 'We are here to listen, offer guidance and tell you about services that are available in your local area', 'Navigate you to services that can make a difference and empower you', and 'Increase your knowledge, understanding and provide you with skills to last'. At the bottom, it says 'Request for support' and includes a QR code.

Sometimes, talking to people who share similar experiences to yours means you're more likely to feel understood and get the support you need.

Autism central is here to help!

The Autism Central Peer Education Programme is for parents, carers and Personal Assistants of autistic people.

Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others.

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- Navigate you to services that can make a difference and empower you
- Increase your knowledge, understanding and provide you with skills to last

Request for support



Dates for the Diary

November

30th Wreath making Workshop

30th Elfridges Day 1

December

1st Elfridges Day 2

7th PTFA Christmas Fair

8th Christmas Jumper Day (just for fun)

8th Year 5 Christmas Concert in school - 2-3pm

11th Year 6 Christmas Concert in school - 2-3pm

12th EYFS Nativity in school 9:30pm

13th EYFS Nativity in school 2pm

12th Year 3 Christmas Concert St Bart's Church - 2-2.45pm

14th Christmas Dinner Day

14th Year 4 Christmas Concert at St Bart's Church - 2-2.45pm

15th Year 2 Christmas Concert in school - 2-3pm

18th Year 1 Christmas Concert in school - 2-3pm

20th Last day of Autumn Term





Girlguiding

1st Clacton-on-Sea

**We help all girls
know they can
do anything**



Join today! Meetings
take place every
Friday evening in
Clacton town centre.

* Meetings take place weekly between January and November except during the Easter holiday. Other local units are available during term-time only. Please go to girlguiding.org.uk for more details and to register your interest.



Rainbows

Rainbows welcomes
all girls to come
together to laugh,
learn and have fun
in a creative,
safe space.

for ages 4 to 7



Brownies

Brownies is full of firsts:
she can explore her
creative side, get out
into the great outdoors,
learn how to look after
herself, others and the
world we live in.

for ages 7 to 10