



Holland House School

Dear Parents,

As you know, school is reopening on Monday morning! We are celebrating this return by holding another Pupil Wellbeing Day where we will be focusing on helping the children in the re-building of friendships and socialising again. As said in previous communication, we would like to make the day extra special by taking the children to the local park for an hour (if the weather permits!) so that they can have fun and run around in a way we cannot offer on site. The Pre-prep children will be going to Stonyfields Park (nearer the school) and the Prep classes to Edgwarebury Park (as they would do normally for Games). The visits have been thoroughly risk-assessed and there will be a suitably large staff presence for each bubble. We will be taking hand-sanitizer for use after playing on the equipment etc. If you do not wish for your child to go, please could email your child's form teacher before Monday.

Please send the children into school wearing their PE kits and trainers. They should continue to wear these to school on PE/Dance/Games days. On other days, I'm more than happy for the children to alternate between summer and winter uniforms as the weather permits. Please also ensure your child has their coat in school. Proper school shoes and dark trainers for sport are part of the uniform. If, however, your children have outgrown their footwear and you can't find replacements, please don't worry too much about it. Send them in with what is suitable for school that fits them and we will turn a blind eye until shoe shops open again!

Children should come to school on Monday with as many of their books as they can carry but please don't overload them – it's fine to bring the books in on Tuesday too as long as they have everything they need for the day!

Primary children are not expected to wear masks at all. If you would like your child to wear one, please ensure that you provide a ziplock bag in which the mask can be stored when not in use and a spare mask in case the first one gets damp/falls on the floor etc. Please do not let your children store their masks in their school bags!

The kitchen will be operating as per last term with hot meals being served at lunch, snacks and after-school nibbles provided as normal.

Lastly, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's form teacher if you have concerns about their wellbeing – we know that some children will have found the lockdown more challenging than others and we want to do everything in our power to help them go forward.

Wishing you all a great weekend

Kind regards
Emily Brown

CERTIFICATES AWARDED THIS WEEK

Amara Tailor Y6

Serena Vig R

Insiya Asghar R

Kayla Wong R

Maya Desai R

Habeeb Tharoo Y5

Saanya Shah Y5

Shyloh Khalid Y5

James Tran Y5

Interview of the Week

Hello everyone. We are happy to tell you that this is our last online interview as we are going back to school! This week we have interviewed Tito Ojurongbe and Joshika Rufus. We have asked them a range of questions including how happy they are to have completed the 11+ and how happy they are to be going back to school. Before we show you the answers we just wanted to remind you all about the Kindness Poster Charity Event the school is hosting. All you need to do is pay £2 when we return to school and hand in your poster. The deadline is Tuesday 9th March.

Tito

1. How does it feel to be going back to school?

I am sort of excited to go back to school, but I sort of want to stay at home too. This is because at home I feel like I can work more comfortably in an environment I am used to. I also want to go back to school so I can see my friends and hopefully have a smoother rest of the academic year.

2. Are you happy now that the 11+ is completed?

I am quite happy, but then again, 11+ has taught me so many things. This includes, teaching me how to stay calm during exams and helping me to understand what the point of the 11+ is. I am also grateful now that the 11+ experience has come to an end because I must admit it was a stressful period.

3. What has online learning taught you?

Online Learning has taught me to be more independent as my parents are working so I manage my schoolwork by myself. Whereas, in school we get much more support from teachers and classmates. Online Learning also taught me to type faster and has definitely improved my IT skills.

4. As a final question, if you could be any character from a book or film who would you be?

I would probably be Torak from Wolf Brother. Torak is a brave character and he is very bold even though his father passed away. Wolf Brother is a story that explains the life of Torak as he lives by himself and is on a quest to save the forest.

Joshika

1. How do you feel about going back to school?

I feel excited because I really want to see my friends again and there aren't going to be any internet issues. I feel learning in a classroom is a lot easier than online learning because I feel focused and ready to learn.

2. Are you working on your poster for kindness event?

Yes, I am. I am trying to find all these ways to be creative and make my poster colourful so it attracts attention. Regarding with the kindness at school, everyone is super kind to each other already and I feel like the competition is a really good way to get people to be even more kind, I really like the idea.

3. What are you going to miss about online schooling?

As my mum is a key worker, I have been going to school anyway but it has been so fun to play with Yukta and Alisha and it has been nice to go through this experience with two other students. It has been a bit hard to do my online schooling at school, but I have had so much fun and this has definitely been a memorable experience.