

# Welcome Back to Hollywood!

## Hollywood News - August 2016



### Your child needs:

Indoor gym shoes (no slippers)

Water bottle

Pencil

**Welcome back** - it is great to see all our pupils looking so well and ready to learn after their Summer holidays.

Thank you to Hayden's Mum, Larsson's Mum, Stuart's Mum and Cameron's Dad and Uncle Alistair for giving up time to help me move furniture back and forward - I really appreciate your support.

Thank you to Sarah-Jane's Mum for weeding the school - it looks amazing!

### Welcome to our new pupils

Charlie joins us in the Primary Four class - he enjoys climbing trees and using LEGO.

Oriana, Bruce, Freddie, Rhona and Skye are our new Primary One pupils. Looking good in their new uniforms!

### Staffing Changes

Mrs Madden is our new Learning Assistant - she will be working with Mrs McCutcheon and Mrs Queen to support all our learners.

Miss Sarahs joins us on a Wednesday and Thursday to teach across the school.

Mrs Starkey is returning from maternity leave and will be in school to teach Art on a Wednesday morning (every second week).

Mrs Marsh will be our Music Specialist in Terms 1 and 3.

Mr Law returns in Terms 2 and 4 as our P.E. Specialist.

Let's Get Sporty are booked to support P.E. for Terms 1 and 3.

News about afterschool groups out very soon.

### P.E. kit needed for Tuesday and Friday - every week.

**In good weather pupils will be in the playground and will need trainers which can be used outside - no wellies for P.E. please!**

### School Improvement

Some of the main focus areas for this year's school improvement development are:

**Raising Attainment** - Reading for comprehension. Ensuring that pupils have a deeper understanding of what they are reading / understanding the author's ideas and choice of language. Transferring these skills to all reading.

**Developing Growth Mindsets** - introducing strategies to support and engage pupils to take their learning forward.

**Leadership at All Levels** - Miss Stapleton will be undertaking the Introduction to Leadership Course this session and will lead an improvement project for staff.

**RAFA** - Miss Sarahs will be undertaking a RAFA small test of change project. More details to follow.

**Employability Skills** - continuing to develop business groups. Inviting parents into school to share their work history and skills with pupils. Connecting with local and national companies to widen pupil understanding and ambition. Career event to share and extend pupil learning.

### Ideas for Afterschool Clubs

Paul and Kye are still working through the survey results on after school clubs from last session.

Got a new idea? We want to hear it!

Miss Dale is looking into a ICT Sketch up - 3D modelling club and Coding Club. Interested?

### FOOTBALL COACHES NEEDED

please get in touch with the office if you can support the development of our team. After school and evening training can be considered.

Remember to return the Annual Data Check form and other information which was sent home with pupils on Monday, 22nd August 2016.

### Saying Goodbye!

After 21 years supporting the school as Janitor, Cleaner and Caterer Mrs Sturgeon has decided to retire. She will be finishing in early December - before we get the glitter out for Christmas! Mrs Sturgeon does not want a fuss but we will try our best to make one before she finishes at Hollywood next term.

## Family Learning

A very important part of learning for our pupils is the support and involvement of their parents/ carers in the learning process.

In the new How Good is Our School 4 document from Education Scotland it is deemed one of the Quality Indicators to impact on positive progress for pupil learning.

### What does this mean at Holywood this session?

Pupils will continue to set and then share targets in learning conversations with their parents.

Homework and homework clubs will have a skills focus and interactive element that parents can get fully involved in.

Parents will be invited to come into school to support learning through Business Groups (Thursdays from 2PM).

Parents will be involved in developing the employability skills of pupils by sharing their experiences.

Celebrations of learning and whole school events will be organised to share learning and to bring the parent community together.

Please note: we will always try to take account of working hours and families with very young children by offering different events at different times or by giving as much notice as possible (through the school calendar) to try to engage as many families as possible.

### PLEASE GET INVOLVED.

Do you or a family member have a skill that is currently underused? Wood work, knitting, a foreign language, baking etc.?

Get in touch with Miss Dale to discuss how you could use your skills to support learning at Holywood.

## Technology Challenge Monthly Homework

All pupils have asked us to set technology challenge homework. They will have a month to work on the challenge at home with you before bringing it into school on test day. The aim is for pupils to get inventive and creative - bringing in a wide variety of products and discussing their design process.

Here are the first three challenges to give you a flavour and a wee head start...

**September:** Go Kart Challenge - yes, the race is back on and we are sure it will be dry! Reminder - one driver, some form of steering and brakes, cycle helmet must be worn - Get Building! Test Date: Wednesday, 28th September 2016 5.30PM at Holywood

**October:** Fancy Dress Costume - we are going homemade for this year's Hallowe'en challenge - the scarier the better!

**November:** Recycle Challenge - design and create something which will crush cans and plastic bottles ready for recycling.

Pupils will be issued with their tech challenge instruction sheet at the start of the month (e-mailed home too!) with rules and test dates.

We hope you will get involved in as many as you can.

## Active Schools

Mrs Byers from Active Schools has already been in to set up a calendar of sporting events for pupils.

Starting with a Rugby Afterschool group for P4-7 pupils beginning on Tuesday 6th September, 3-4PM, costing in total £6 per pupil.

You received a copy of the Active Schools calendar of events - it has never been easier to get involved in sporting activities - something for everyone! See all information by liking their Facebook Page - Nithsdale Active Schools and Community Sports

**Road Cycle Training**—Miss Dale intends to sign up for the cycle training so that she can teach P6 and 7 pupils how to cycle safely on the roads. **Parent trainers** would be an excellent support resource for Holywood School.

Please get in touch with Miss Dale if you want further information on cycle training.

## The Blog

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/HollywoodHullabaloo>

Please access the school blog by clicking on this link and save it to your favourites! Read ALL ABOUT LEARNING at HOLYWOOD and access your School Calendar too.

Your child loves it when you leave a comment and start a discussion about a blog post.

This is an excellent resource led by the pupils. Please get family members reading the blog and show the pupils that their work matters.

**Confident, creative learners with big ambitions.**

**Kind to each other – Kind to the planet.**