

Holywood News December 2016



Merry Christmas - our very best wishes for the festive season!

Cinderella Rockerfella

Buy your tickets now to this year's Holywood Panto. The pupils have been working very hard to learn their lines and songs (thank you to parents / carers for supporting with this homework).

Show nights are Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th at 6.30PM and Thursday at 1.30PM

Pupils should arrive in school at 6.15PM to allow them plenty of time to get ready for the big performances.

Helpers needed to help with teas and with washing up. Please give Miss Dale a shout if you can help out.

Farewell to Mrs Sturgeon

After many years of service to Holywood School Community Mrs Sturgeon has retired.



She joined us last Friday for an afternoon tea which the pupils had prepared for her.

Pupils presented Mrs Sturgeon with cards and letters they had written for her before sitting down to sandwiches and a cakes.

Mrs Sturgeon was delighted with her engraved



Holywood Logo stone which had been very skilfully made Mr Smith. We also presented her with a voucher for Border Travel so that she can get away on her holidays very soon.

Huge Thank you!

As ever the school needs the support of the parents to undertake the wide variety of events and activities that we do. A massive thank you to all the parents/ carers and friends of the school who keep supporting us with time and effort much appreciated!

Cabaret Night - very few school parents made it along to what was a storming night of live singing entertainment to raise funds for school. A huge thank you to Kolin Grainger and the members of the Parent Council for an excellent event.

Thank you to Mr Smith for making the unique keepsake stone for Mrs Sturgeon - I don't know how long it will remain unique as Mrs Moore and a few of the staff team may be placing orders!!

Free Fruit - thank you to the Parent Council, Mrs Jardine and the SHANARRI pupils who sort out the funding, purchasing and serving of the fruit on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please note Mrs McCutcheon is not sure about the raw broccoli!

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Keenan who trailered away all the unwanted items from the big shed clearance—this was a great help. Thanks also for the tree protectors - the rabbits won't be munching on our trees!



Trees - Mr Hesketh offered a variety of free trees to edge the playing field and then planted them for usbrilliant, thank you!

Book Week - the library group with Ms Marshall and Mrs Johnstone-Smith organised a great week of events related to books and to encourage reading. Thank you.



Football training - between 10 and 12 boys attend the training every Wednesday (where are you girls?) and thanks to Stewart Queen and Declan Wilson our excellent coaches a team is beginning to emerge. See you all back after the Christmas Holidays.

The infant cloakroom is much more organised as Mr Storey and Paul put together and installed a new hook rack. Pupils are no longer hanging their jackets on the floor. Thank you.

Geoff Forrest will be in school this Friday to help cut back the willow den.

Free willow to parent helpers!

As the structure grows we are able to harvest more and more each year. More now than we can use in school. We are providing a couple of schools with willow for their playgrounds. Parents who want to construct a living willow screen or igloo at home are more than welcome to come and talk to Geoff, give a wee hand and take home some knowledge and some willow.

Helpers essential to getting the den cut back before the holidays.

Mrs Moore and Mrs Dawson are now officially members of the staff team as of Monday 5th December.

Doing great work already!

As is Mrs Sarginson our new new cleaner! Good to have you on the staff team.

Christmas Dinner

Only pupils and staff will be sitting down to Christmas Dinner this year.



We know how much parents enjoyed joining us last year - we are easing Mrs Dawson in gently!

Pupils can wear a Christmas jumper and bring a small donation for charity. Isla and the SHANARRI group are organising one or two Christmas related activities on the 20th December.

Please ensure that you have returned the Christmas lunch form so that Mrs Dawson has a chance to order enough turkey!

BLOG

Remember that you can find out lots more information about what goes on at Holywood on the school blog.

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/HolywoodHullabaloo

Our blog is public so you can direct friends and family to the blog if you want them to get an inside look at our learning and events.

Obugi school staff and pupils in Kenya are the most distant blog readers we know about ... so far!

Lottery Application

Anne Fergusson our Parent Chair of the Parent Council came into school on Monday to share the lottery application which will be winging its way very soon. Parent Council members are very keen to get The Hub - a reading room up and running in the playground before the year is out. We wish them every success with the application—fingers crossed!

Christmas Party

The whole school Christmas Party is as always on the last afternoon of term - Wednesday 21st December.

Pupils should bring party and clothes in a bag and will have a time to get changed after a lunch—to avoid food stains on a nice clothes!

Pokemon Cards

We are taking a break from Pokemon cards and have informed pupils that they must leave their cards at home.

We will review the situation after the Christmas break.

Term 2 School Magazine out soon!
30p a copy.

School Uniform

We have noticed a small number of pupils wearing jeans to school. Jeans are not appropriate school uniform - please avoid wearing to school.

All information regarding school uniform can be found in the updated School Handbook - on the school blog.



S.W.O.T. Analysis

Returns needed from all as soon as possible. Please send in your views of how homework should look at Holywood.

Volunteers will be needed to join the working party after Christmas - Miss Stapleton will be in touch!