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Gala Day - bring the whole family along to Friday Gala afternoon. The pupils have planned and organised most of the activities and will be running them on the Friday.

Come along and spend your pocket money.

Pupils will be developing life skills, working with money, interacting with members of the community and using their persuasive skills to get you to part with your pennies.

It could be chaos...it could be silly... it will be fun!

Look forward to seeing on Friday 8th June at 2pm!

Gala requests: tombola prizes needed -

hand in any unwanted gifts from Christmas to the office!

Can you face paint? We need you to help us out on Friday afternoon -

please get in touch with the office.

Home baking for the cake stall and the afternoon teas would be greatly appreciated!

The Football Team will be playing next in the Guid Nychburris School Competition on Thursday 7th June

Holywood Hike

Thank you to all who survived Pedometer Week! We walked and walked last week but won't know how successful we have been until all the sponsor money is handed in.



Thank you to everyone who helped to organise the event and a huge thank you to Miss McIntyre for leading the morning step sessions which got us all warmed up and on the road for the day!

STEM evening

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

Wednesday 30th May 6.30—8pm

Mr Walker is holding a Science and Engineering Event to share STEM with parents.

Information to follow shortly.

Report Cards

Teaching staff are currently writing your child's progress report. Reports will be out to parents on Tuesday 12th June.

Parent Meeting times will be offered to any parent who wishes to discuss the content of the report further. Please note we have put Thursday June 14th in the diary but can arrange an alternative meeting time to suit if necessary.

IMPORTANT - Partnership Meeting

As announced by text - Dr Gair and Mr Thin from Education Services will be holding a meeting for parents in the school on Monday 28th May at 6pm in the school hall.

This is to discuss the Holywood / Shawhead Partnership.

Miss Dale is happy to supervise children for the duration of the meeting.

Pupil Holiday - Friday 1st June. Staff on training courses.

Holywood Parent Council AGM

Tuesday 19th June 2017 at 7PM in the school hall

All parents / carers are welcome to attend

Your views matter!

Retirement

Mr Walker has decided to retire from teaching. And no...we have not put him off after one year of primary teaching at Holywood!

He has decided that the time is right to spend more time with family and pursuing his 50 million hobbies!

He has told us that he will be in Holywood as a volunteer to support STEM (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics*) and outdoor learning next session— brilliant!!

We would like to say thank you to Mr Walker by organising a gift to mark his retirement from teaching after 30 plus years! If you would like to contribute to the gift please send donations (in a clearly marked envelope) to the school office. We hope to present the gift at this year's Graduation Assembly.

Sports Day

Fingers crossed for a dry morning on Wednesday 13th June from 9.30am, this year's sports day at Holywood. Parents and family members are very welcome to come along and support pupils. We will

be ready to start around half past nine. Volunteers will be needed to help with the finish lines and judging. Pupils will be participating in a range of races including a sprint, sack race and egg and spoon. Two years ago we introduced the Siblings Race— that got families talking!

We will have a short break for refreshments - an ice lolly if the weather is warm!

The second half of our sports event will be a circuit of activities which all members of the family can take part in (trainers needed!). Last year we had a Penalty Shoot out, a pong table challenge, a wellie throw and a show jumping activity. Parents and carers can be sports day champions too!



Reading Hub—up and reading!

Thank you to Mrs Jardine for getting through the £3000 book order so that we could put a range of lovely new books on the shelves.



Thank you to the senior pupils who transported and unpacked all the hundreds of books we now own.

A huge thank you to my Dad—Mr Dale for designing and making bespoke shelving for all of our paperback books. The shelves look totally amazing and are in keeping with the relaxed natural wood of the room...

And once again a Huge thank you to our Parent Council members who made it all happen! We are very fortunate!

P7 Leaving Do:

P7 pupils have decided that they would like to have a massive bounce at Energi and then head to Shanghai Shanghai for lunch for their leaving trip. It is likely that Miss Dale will drive the guys to Carlisle on Wednesday 27th June 2018.

Thank you to the Parent Council who pay £15 per pupil towards this trip.

Graduation Assembly - Tuesday 26th June at 2pm

We celebrate our year of learning at Holywood and say thank you and best wishes to our Primary 7 pupils at our presentation assembly. Parents and family members are very welcome to join us in the hall at 2pm.

Parents – if your child has earned an award we will give you a wee call before hand to let you know. Please keep it a secret and then it comes as a great surprise to pupils on the day.

After Graduation we all move into the classroom for a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a natter. We hope you can join us.

Last year one of our P7 parents requested to sit with her son / daughter during Graduation—we are happy to arrange the seating to allow that to happen this session too. Just let us know and we will reserve your seats.

Week in the Woods and Camp Over

Week in the Woods begins on Monday 18th June.

Pupils should wear old clothes to school all week. They should have long sleeves and long trousers.





All pupils should be wearing wellies.

(We have plenty of spares in the shed please come and try a pair on for size before the week begins).

Pupils will only return to school for lunch.

A raincoat will also be an essential item!

We will be undertaking science studies and construction tasks as well as den building, knot tying, camp fire cooking etc.



On Thursday 21st June we will be inviting all families to join us in camping out in the school playground (last year we had over 20 families!). Big information letter to follow shortly.



Please get in touch if you need to borrow a tent as we usually have something we can lend you.

New Playground Equipment:

Pupils are enjoying using the new digger in the 5 tonnes of fresh sand. The new tricycles are also proving to be a hit—especially the circle trike. We used money we had left in the school budget at the end of the financial year to make these purchases for the playground.

P7 Transition Days

Please note that P7 pupils go to High School for three transition days on the 20th, 21st and 22nd June. I am certain Wallace Hall Academy will be in touch with the full details.

Gangsta Granny

The whole school are off to see Gangsta Granny at the Sand Centre in Carlisle on Thursday, 28th June. A permission letter, which will have more information, will be sent out nearer the time. This is not a local outing so we will need your permission for your child to take part in the trip.

Reminder: Pre-loved Uniform Rail

Only £1 for any item.

Grown out of your old uniform? Survived the year in the playground? Donate to us —we'd love to have it!

New uniform orders have been placed—thank you for coming in checking your child's size!! (New garments are embroidered to your order and cannot be returned due to incorrect sizing—only faulty garments are refunded!)

Last day of term—Friday 29th June

We have spoken to the pupils and have decided that we are much happier in school on the last day of term.



We will be having a Waterslide Day.

Please wear shorts and t-shirt and swim suit.



Please bring a towel and a dry change of clothes.

Pupil Election Campaign

P5-7s are currently running an Election Campaign - Dylan, Charlie and Ebony, the 3 candidates standing for Head Teacher for the day! Pupils and Staff will be voting next Monday 28th May and the winner will take over the school on Monday 11th June.

Click on this link to visit the blog!

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

Holywood Gala

Pupils are getting organised for their Gala Day on Friday, June 8th, 2-4pm...

