Holywood News - April 2022 (Term 4)



Calendar - and our Parents are on it. Welcome Back!!

Mrs Jardine will be updating the calendar and sending it out to you via email. We have lots of events on this terms calendar and some of them involve inviting our parents into school!

Please let us know if you need a paper copy.

Quick Look Dates for the Diary:

<u>April</u>

27th: Parent Council Meeting

28th: Hockey Competition

<u>May</u>

2nd: May Day Holiday

11th: Town Trip - whole school outing

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20th: Bike breakfast (Parent/ Family Event)

23rd: Teaching Student starts

30th: P5-7 Residential

31st: P5-7 Residential

<u>June</u>

1st: P5-7 Residential

2nd: Queen's Jubilee holiday

3rd: Queen's Jubilee holiday

9th: Guid Nychburr's Football Competition

10th: Holywood Gala Day (Parent/ Family Event)

15th: Sports Day (Parent/ Family Event)

17th: Reports out to Parents

20th: Week in the Woods begins

23rd: Family Camp over (Parent / Family Event)

29th: Graduation Assembly (Parent / Family Event)

<u>July</u>

1st: Waterslide day

Wow - we are all going to be busy this term and we'll

Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 27th April

In the school hall (if weather permits we could sit outside).

All parents welcome to attend.

Please note:

All adults attending the meeting will need to wear a mask to enter the building until seated.

All adults will have to sanitise hands or wash hands upon entry.

1 metre plus distancing will be in place.

Teaching Student

Mr Symes will be starting a 6 week placement at Holywood on the 23rd May. He will be working with the P4/5 class.

Hockey

Miss Stapleton will be taking a team along to the Active Schools Hockey Tournament on Thursday 28th April.

We'll text out and let you know if your child has been selected. This is a local outing so all permissions are already in place.

Town Trip - Whole School (Wed 11th and Fri 13th May)

As part of our local environment project the whole school will be heading into town for 2 days of tasks and activities. In the past we have visited the Auld Brig Museum, Burn's House, the Camera Obscura, Gracefield Arts Centre, the bridges over the River Nith and the Dock Park.

Pupils are split into small groups with a map and a school staff member.

Back in school on week beginning 16th April we use all the information, photographs and drawings collected to undertake extended tasks and activities on Our Local Environment.

IMPORTANT: on Wednesday and Friday we would ask our parents to drop and collect pupils from the Dock Park from 8.15am and collect from 3pm - 3.30pm.

Town Trip letter with further information to follow.

P5-7 Residential at Galloway Activity Centre

Our senior pupils are delighted that we have been able to negotiate a price reduction with the very kind staff at Loch Ken Active Sports.

Pupils will leave on Monday 30th (9.15am departure) and will return to school on Wednesday 1st June (3pm-ish arrival).

Pupils will be involved in a range of water and activity sports over the 3 days.

Pupils will be camping. School will be providing the tents.

The trip is costing £150. School will be contributing £30 per pupils.

Families are being asked to pay £120 per child.

Holywood Parent Council will be meeting the cost of the transport.

Please get in touch with Miss Dale if you wish to discuss the cost of the trip further.

A letter with further information and an equipment list (pants, sleeping bag, towel etc.) will be out soon.

We are currently completing all the risk assessment and the OS forms to ensure that we are keeping your children safe and sound!

PLEASE NOTE: Parents, no question is too silly when it relates to your child. Please direct all questions to Miss Dale - happy to answer them!!

Bike Breakfast - Friday 20th May at 8am

FREE EVENT!

Join us in the school playground at 8am on Friday the 20th May for a 2km cycle before breakfast. Parents and younger siblings welcome.

No bike? Then join us for a walk round. Please note dogs are allowed on the walk but are not allowed in the school grounds.

After all the hard work, a sausage on a roll and a cuppa. (Cereal and non– meat alternatives will also be available).

All adults attending the event are asked to help staff out with marshalling the event - looking after our young cyclists on the way around the circuit.

Permission letter to follow with further information and a return slip so that Miss Dale can get the sausages ordered!

COVID 19

Please note that we are still under Covid guidance in schools. We will ensure that all events follow our current guidance in order to keep everyone as safe as we can.

All events involving parents and families will be held outdoors.

Gala Day! Friday 10th June 2pm - 4pm

Pupils have already started to think about their stall and activity ideas for the return of the Holywood Gala Day!

We'll confirm stalls, food and activities nearer the time but you will need to start saving your pocket money as we will have lots of thrilling things for you to spend it on!

Pupils will plan, organise, set up and run their stalls and activities on the day. They will draw up a rota so that they can have some time off to spend their pocket too.

We hope our Parent Council will run an afternoon tea in the marquee and a tombola stall - I've still to ask at Parent Council meeting next week!!

The aim of the Gala is to provide a fun, activity filled couple of hours in which we raise some funds for the school. Pupils will be helping us to decide how the money is spent. Hope to see you there!

Sports Morning

On *Wednesday 15th June* we'll be inviting parents in to be a positive cheering force at Sports Morning.

We'll provide a chair and an ice lolly (or a hot cuppa if the weather proves to be as summery as usual!).

Pupils will compete in a range of race events –including sack race, flat race, egg and spoon, coach and horses and relays.

After refreshments, parents and pupils can get competitive against each other at a range of activities including archery, table tennis, wellie throw and beat the goalie.

A chance for our active, sports focused pupils to shine.

Week in the Woods with Camp Over

During Week in the Woods (week beginning 20th June) families are invited to join us for an evening and overnight camp out.

We camp in the playground.

We usually have a sausage sizzle, some big team games and a visitor to teach us something new.

It is a great chance for first time campers to be supported by the school community.

Camp over - Thursday 23rd June

Information letter to follow