

Holytown

Primary School and Nursery Class



Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the March edition of our Newsletter for 2016.

From this issue the Newsletter will give a brief overview of important information and a list of forthcoming dates. All other information will be posted on our school website and blog at www.holytown.n-lanark.sch.uk

Annual Pupil Reports

Our Annual Pupil Reports will be distributed to all pupils tomorrow (Friday 1st April). As always we are very keen to know your thoughts, therefore we would ask you to complete and return the back page after the Spring Break.

Parents & Friends Association Events

The PFA have organised a few events before the end of term. The first is a Bing Night planned for Wednesday 20th April starting at 6.30pm, with another Film Night booked in for Wednesday 15th June. As always the PFA rely on Parental Support, therefore if you can help at the Bingo Night, either by selling books or raffle tickets on the night or by sending in some home baking or sweet treats for the night.

Internet Safety Workshop

As I am sure you are aware, we have been focusing on Children's Rights this year in Assembly, as part of this programme and work, we have organised a Parent and Child Internet Safety Workshop on Thursday 28th April at 4.15pm. This event is open to all parents/carers and their children. More information is attached to this newsletter.

Non-Uniform Day

Due to Health Week and our Sponsored event, there will be no Non-Uniform Day this month. Our next non-uniform day will be Friday 29th April.

Spring Break

The school and nursery will be closed for the Spring Break from Monday 4th April until Friday 15th April inclusive. The school will close at 2.30pm on Friday, however the nursery (both sessions) will end at the usual times. School and Nursery will re-open on Monday 18th April at their usual times.

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Summer Term Dates

At the beginning of May, we will send out information on our proposed dates for our end of year events. As always these are subject to change should situations arise.

We are increasingly concerned at the number of parents who are in the playground at the beginning and end of the day. The playground is for the pupils and often they are unable to get close to their class door due to parents blocking it, therefore I would ask that parents refrain from entering the playground at any time and direct all enquiries through the school office. It is difficult for staff to identify who is a familiar face and who may be a stranger.

We welcome parental contributions, but this should be done through the correct channels. Teachers will not always be available to speak to parents at the beginning of the day unless there is a prior arrangement. There is also no guarantee they will be available at the end of the day. This also applies to Miss Carson and Mrs Brennan, who are not always available to discuss matters due to teaching and other commitments. If you have something you would like to discuss with your child's teacher or another member of staff, please make an appointment via the school office.

Can I also remind all parents, carers and visitors to the school that North Lanarkshire does not tolerate incidents of violence or abuse (verbal or physical) towards employees. Anyone abusing an employee of the council either verbally or physically may be subject to criminal prosecution and/or withdrawal of Council services. Employees will be fully supported in circumstances where abusive or violent behaviour has been displayed.

Dates for your Diary

Spring break	Monday 4 April to Friday 15 April 2016 (inclusive)
PFA Bing Night	Wednesday 20 th April
School Individual Photos	Tuesday 26 th April 2016
Nursery Individual Photos	Wednesday 27 th April 2016
Internet Safety Workshop for Parents	Thursday 28 th April 2016 at 4.15pm (details to attached)
May Day holiday	Monday 2 May 2016
Primary 7 pupils to Kilbowie	from Tuesday 3 rd May 2016 to Friday 6 th May 2016
In-service day	Thursday 5 May 2016
Room 7 & 8 Class Assembly	Friday 20 th May 2016 at 9.20am
Eco Week	Week Beginning Monday 23 rd May 2016
Mid-term holiday	Friday 27 May and Monday 30 May 2016
School closes for Summer	Wednesday 29 June 2016

As always if have any queries or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01236 757630.

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