

Holytown

Primary School and Nursery Class

May 2016



Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the May edition of our Newsletter for 2016. As noted in the previous newsletter this now gives 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

Non-Uniform Day

Our Non-Uniform Day for May will be held on Thursday 26th May due to the holiday weekend. Please ensure your child pays their £1, if they are not taking part they should come to school in full uniform. House tokens will be awarded for pupils who bring in their money.

Holiday Weekend

The school and nursery will be closed for the Holiday weekend on Friday 27th & Monday 30th May inclusive. School and Nursery will re-open on Tuesday 31st May at their usual times.

Staffing Update

As I am sure you are aware, Miss McKay and Miss Porteous are pregnant and will both be leaving to begin their maternity leave over the coming 2 weeks. Miss Kane will be teaching Room 3 for the remainder of the year and Mrs Wood will be teaching Room 5 on a Thursday & Friday supporting in other classes for the rest of the week. At time of print I am awaiting information from North Lanarkshire Council regarding cover arrangements for the Nursery. We all wish Miss McKay and Miss Porteous well.

Sponsor Money

A wee reminder about sponsor money, we are still waiting for a significant amount to be handed in. This money is used to purchase lots of things within school including ICT equipment and OSCARS awards, pencils and stickers. We also use this money to help subsidise school trips, if we do not receive sponsor money the full cost of educational outings will be passed onto parents as we cannot afford for this to be paid from the ever decreasing school budget.

Menu Change

Tomorrow we are changing the dessert menu from Mixed Berry Flan to a Fresh Fruit, apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Sports Day – Wednesday 15th June 2016

This year, we are changing sports day. Children will compete in their houses and we would like all children to come to school with a t-shirt with their house colour on it (in line with NLC policy, no football or offensive slogans allowed). Balmoral – Red, Cawdor – Orange, Culzean – Purple, Duart – Green, Fyvie – Blue, Glamis – Yellow. Pupils wearing their house coloured T-Shirt will gain 5 tokens for their house, with all points and tokens going towards the annual total. If you are unsure of your

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child's house check their badge, ask them and if all else fails give us a wee call. As in previous years half the school will take part in sports (3 houses) with the other half having a chance to purchase some sporty equipment from the stalls as well as us the playground equipment. There will also be a Scholastic ½ price Book Fair

EU Referendum – Thursday 23rd June 2016

We have had information from North Lanarkshire Council that the school and nursery will be used as polling stations for the EU referendum, as a result the school and nursery will be closed to all pupils.

Nursery End of Term Arrangements

On the final day, the nursery will operate slightly different session times, morning session children should come from 8.45am until 10.30am and afternoon session children from 11am until 12.45pm.

Dates for your Diary

This is always a very busy and exciting time of the year. We have lots going on, here is what we know so far ...

Holiday Weekend	Friday 27 th & Monday 30 th May 2016
Kilbowie Meeting	Wednesday 1 st June 2016 at 3.15pm
Nursery to P1 Transition Event	Thursday 2 nd June 2016 at 5.30pm
Room 4 Class Trip	Tuesday 7 th June 2016
Room 5 & 6 Trip	Wednesday 8 th June 2016
Room 7 & 8 Trip	Thursday 9 th June 2016
Nursery to P1 Lunch Day	Thursday 9 th June 2016 (details to follow)
Sports Day	Wednesday 15 th June 2016
Nursery Graduation	Tuesday 21 st June 2016 (10am for morning children/2pm for afternoon children)
In-Service Day – Due to EU Referendum	Thursday 23 rd June
Celebrating Success Ceremonies	Friday 24 th June 2016 further details to follow (9.30am for P1-4 pupils/11am for P5-7 pupils)
Nursery to P1 Transition	Monday 27 th June 2016
Termly House Winners DVD	Monday 27 th June 2016
P7 Bowling Treat	Monday 27 th June – details to follow
Yearly House Winners Treat	Tuesday 28 th June 2016 – details to follow
Final Day – Nursery Closes at 10.30am & 12.45am. School closes at 1pm.	

If we do not get a chance to see you, have a great Summer Holidays and we will see you on Wednesday 17th August 2016, pupils returning to school & nursery should begin at their normal times. We will welcome our new Primary 1 pupils at 10am.

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