

Holytown

Primary School and Nursery Class



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Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter for 2016.

Apologies for the delay in sending this out, however we have had a number of staff absences and our priorities were ensuring the educational wellbeing of all pupils in the school.

As always, we are very grateful for the outstanding support we receive from the whole school community and it was fabulous to see our Christmas events so well attended. On behalf of all staff, thank you for your presents and cards, it was exceptionally kind and generous.

As before, we are never quite sure what the Scottish weather will throw our way over the course of a day, so please ensure your child is suitably dressed for all weathers, it would be useful for all children to have a spare pair of socks/tights in their bag in case their feet get wet.

Winter Weather Arrangements

Opening During Adverse Weather

It is the aim of North Lanarkshire Council and Holytown Primary School & Nursery Class to remain open during periods of adverse weather as long as it is safe to do so.

Keeping You Informed

In the unlikely event that the school has to close, we will aim to keep you informed in the following ways:

- Via the school website and Twitter account
- Through text messaging system (this can only be accessed through the school and will only be used in the event of an early closure)

North Lanarkshire Council will also use local media, Twitter (@nlcwinter) and the North Lanarkshire website to provide information in the event of adverse weather conditions.

Please ensure that the school has your most up-to-date contact information and emergency contact details.

Continuity of Learning

In order to ensure continuity of learning we have uploaded our winter weather booklet onto the website, **[LEARNING & TEACHING → HOMEWORK SUPPORT → WINTER WEATHER WORK.](#)**

Dressing for Winter

It is recommended that the children come to school with a suitable winter jacket, footwear, gloves, hats etc. (please label all of these clearly)

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It is also a good idea for children to carry a spare pair of socks in their bags too!

Communication with Parents

Please remember to visit our website www.holytown.n-lanark.sch.uk. The first page, links directly to the information page, to allow ease of access. Other information can be accessed from this page including the class blogs. This is a fabulous page, which is populated by all classes within the school and nursery. This information can be accessed through the website and then by clicking on the **Class Blog** tab at the top or via <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/holytownclassblog/>

We also have a twitter account @holytownPS. Please follow us and keep up to date. This account is locked to ensure the safety of our pupils. If your request to follow us is denied, please call the office with details of your account name, as sometimes it is not obvious at the time of approval. If you do not wish your child to appear in any website or twitter photographs, please inform us in **writing**.

Class Assembly – Friday 29th January

Rooms 3 & 4 have been working very hard on their Class Assembly, which will take place on Friday 29th January at 9.30am. We would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in these classes to attend this celebration. We are also combining our Burns Competition with this class assembly, class winners have been chosen and their parents are also invited to attend the assembly. As this is a Scottish Themed assembly, pupils are invited to add a bit of tartan to their uniform.

Non-Uniform Day

This month our Non-Uniform Day will be held on **Friday 5th February 2016**, due to the above assembly. Pupils who wish to take part can pay £1 to wear their own clothes. Pupils not taking part **MUST** attend in their school uniform.

Breakfast Club

As of Monday 9th November our Breakfast Club is costing 20p per pupil. We are delighted to see more children using this service. Recent research strongly suggests that pupils who regularly have breakfast do better at school than those who don't. Breakfast club is operational daily from 8.15am until 8.45am. However, I am concerned with the increasing number of children who are arriving prior to 8.15am. There is no supervision in school or in the playground and pupils should **not** arrive before 8.15.

Rights, Respecting School

In order to raise awareness of Children's Rights, we will be talking about rights as well as **respectful attitudes** and **responsible actions** within assembly and school, to ensure our children help us create and maintain an ethos of dignity, which will allow our children to become responsible citizens with full

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access to their rights. We will also have a focus right. This will be communicated through our website as well as newsletters etc., we will be continuing with this right for the remainder of January and then the pupils will choose another one.

Article 28: (Right to education): All children have the right to a primary education, which should be free. Wealthy countries should help poorer countries achieve this right. Discipline in schools should respect children's dignity. For children to benefit from education, schools must be run in an orderly way – without the use of violence. Any form of school discipline should take into account the child's human dignity. Therefore, governments must ensure that school administrators review their discipline policies and eliminate any discipline practices involving physical or mental violence, abuse or neglect. The Convention places a high value on education. Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education of which they are capable.

Personal Details including Mobile Telephone Numbers

If you have changed your personal details including mobile number recently, please call in to the office for a change of detail form. We can no longer accept this information by phone or parental letter. Please ensure all emergency contact details are up to date too, as we need to be able to contact parents and emergency contacts.

Dates for your Diary

Kilbowie Information Session (Parents of P7 pupils only)
Room 3 & 4 Class Assembly Inc. Burns Comp. Winners
Primary 5-7 After School Girls Football (Motherwell FC)
Non-Uniform Day
Room 1 & 2 visit to Glasgow Science Centre
Mid-term break
In-service day
Open Morning – Maths
Room 1 & 2 Class Assembly
Hopscotch Theatre visit – Rights, Respecting School

Room 7 & 8 visit to Glasgow Science Centre
Room 9 & 11 Class Assembly
Easter weekend
Spring break
School Individual Photos
Nursery Individual Photos
Internet Safety Workshop for Parents
May Day holiday
Primary 7 pupils to Kilbowie
In-service day
Room 7 & 8 Class Assembly
Eco Week
Mid-term holiday
School closes for Summer

Wednesday 27th January 2016 at 9.15am
Friday 29th January 2016 at 9.30am
Thursday 4th February 2016 (details sent separately)
Friday 5th February 2016
Friday 5th February 2016 (details sent separately)
Monday 8 February and Tuesday 9 February 2016
Wednesday 10 February 2016
Friday 12th February 2016 from 9.15 am till 10am
Friday 19th February 2016 at 9.30 am
Tuesday 23rd February 2016
(please inform the school if you do not wish your child to attend)
Thursday 25th February 2016
Friday 18th March 2016 at 9.30am
Friday 25 March and Monday 28 March 2016
Monday 4 April to Friday 15 April 2016 (inclusive)
Tuesday 26th April 2016
Wednesday 27th April 2016
Thursday 28th April 2016 at 4.15pm (details to follow)
Monday 2 May 2016
From Tuesday 3rd May 2016 until Friday 6th May 2016
Thursday 5 May 2016
Friday 20th May 2016 at 9.20am
Week Beginning Monday 23rd May 2016
Friday 27 May and Monday 30 May 2016
Wednesday 29 June 2016

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If you have any comments, please complete and return the slip below.

Parents Name:	Child's Name:
Comment:	

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