

Holytown

Primary School and Nursery Class

October 2017



Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the October issue of our newsletter. We hope you find the information contained within it useful. It has been a really busy month and doesn't show signs of slowing into November and December.

Eco Award

Congratulations to Mrs O'Donnell and the Eco team as we were informed last week that we have been awarded our Eco Flag. Mrs O'Donnell and the Eco Committee along with all staff and children have worked really hard over the last 2 years to help us gain our flag. This is a great achievement and we hope to be able to display it proudly in the coming weeks and months.

Rights Respecting School

We have registered as a Right Respecting School and will be focusing on The UNCRC (United Nation Convention of the Rights of the Child) during assemblies as well as in classes. Watch this space for more information.

Dream, Believe, Achieve

Congratulations to Emma Logan who was the winner of our Motto badge competition. We are in the process of getting this transferred into a printable image and hope to have it displayed on our newsletters and around our school for a long time to come.

Parent/Community Volunteer

Thank you to everyone who is joining our family as a parent or community volunteer, your support is invaluable to us and we would like to publicly thank you for giving up your time to help and support us. If you would like to become a community volunteer, please speak to Miss Henderson.

Hallowe'en Disco

Thanks to the Parent Council and Fundraising Committee for the excellent Hallowe'en disco, the children had a ball!

Basics Food Bank (Lanarkshire)

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Basics Food Bank Lanarkshire. Mr Shaw, director of the food bank, came to assembly last week to speak to the children about what it is and how we could all help and I am delighted with the response from the pupils and their families. The donated items will be used to support families who find themselves in crisis. If you know anyone who requires the support of the Foodbank,

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please let me know and I can make any referrals needed.

McMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to Mrs Wood and the pupils from Room 12 for organising our McMillan coffee morning. This was a huge success, with a special thank you to everyone who donated home baking, their time and to those who came for their coffee/tea and a cake. We raised £291.05, which will go to support the work of McMillan Cancer Care.

Children in Need

Miss Henderson and some Primary 7 pupils are busy preparing for Children in Need. Watch this space for more information on how we plan to support this worthwhile charity.

Pupil Council

The pupil council are working hard with Mrs Murie and are currently focusing on improving our playground. We have lots of ideas and are all looking forward to seeing how this develops over the year. A number of pieces of our play equipment is damaged and is due for repair or replacement. We are hopeful this will take place over the coming months as we all want our playground to be a safe, enjoyable place to play.

After School Clubs

We have a number of After School Clubs running this term. Information was sent out last week, if you have misplaced this or require another copy, please contact the school office.

Improvement Plan

We have attached some information on our School Improvement Priorities for session 2017/18. This details our plans for the year. If you believe you have the time to help us with our School Improvement Priorities, please let us know.

Parent/Teacher/Pupil Consultations

This session we have been asked to pilot a new method for arranging Parent/Teacher/Pupil Consultations. This is an online method which North Lanarkshire Council are hoping to roll out over the coming months. Information is included on the attached sheet. If you have any problems or concerns surrounding this, please get in touch and a member of staff will endeavour to help sort it out. We would ask all parents to bear with us should any technical glitches arise as this is our first time using

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the system too! Thank you in advance.

Gym Shoes & PE Kit

Could we ask that you check and replace any worn gym shoes over the coming weeks, especially if they have Velcro fastenings. The Velcro becomes ineffective very quickly resulting in them being a danger to the children tripping over them. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit on gym days, it is also beginning to get cold and **ALL** classes have an outdoor PE Block each week, therefore all children should have suitable outdoor PE kit. Please remember all long hair **MUST** be tied back and all jewellery removed.

Parking

A number of local residents have been in contact with both the school and the community police regarding the parking around the school. There have been a number of 'near misses' since we have returned to school this term and we are all concerned this may end up as a serious incident. There are a number of small steps which have been identified by the Community Police. Please take care when you are parking to ensure cars and children can pass you safely, if possible, do not park on the streets immediately surrounding the school, instead park a little away and walk in. Encourage your children to use the Green Cross Code and not to run across the road without looking. These are small steps but hopefully enough to stop a serious incident. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Dates for the diary

As always we are a busy school and dates can change.

November

Friday 10th

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th

Monday 20th

Friday 24th

Jotter Bags Out

Parental Consultations

In-Service Day 3. Staff only

Non Uniform Day £1 (Christmas Celebrations)

December

Thursday 7th

Monday 11th

Tuesday 12th

Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumpers. More information to follow.

School Show (Pensioners) exact times to be confirmed.

School Show (pm & evening) exact times to be confirmed.

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Nursery Nativity - exact times to be confirmed.

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Monday 18th

Tuesday 19th

Wednesday 20th

Thursday 21st

Friday 22nd

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Nursery Party (am & pm) exact times to be confirmed.

P4/5 Party - exact details to be confirmed.

P6/7 Party exact times to be confirmed.

P1 Party & P2/3 Party exact times to be confirmed.

Christmas Non Uniform Day no cost.

2.30pm finish for school – normal session time for nursery.

January

Week Beginning 15th

Friday 26th

Termly Letter Due Out

Non Uniform Day £1

February

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th

Wednesday 14th

Friday 23rd

HOLIDAY

In-Service Day 4

Non Uniform Day £1

March

Thursday 29th

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Reports to Parents

Non Uniform Day £1

2.30pm Close for school, normal session times for nursery.

April

Friday 30th to Friday 13th

Week Beginning 24th

Friday 27th

HOLIDAY

Termly Letters Due Out

Non Uniform Day £1

May

Monday 7th

Tuesday 8th

Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th

Friday 11th

Thursday 17th

Thursday 24th

Friday 25th & Monday 28th

HOLIDAY

In-Service Day 5

North Lanarkshire Learning Festival

Jotter Bags Out

Parent/Teacher/Pupil consultations

Non Uniform Day £1

HOLIDAY

June

Friday 22nd

Thursday 28th

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Celebrating Success

Non Uniform Day £1

1pm Close for school, normal sessions for nursery.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we can help each child be the best they can be!

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