

# Holytown

March 2018



## Primary School and Nursery Class

### Head Teacher's Message

Thank you to all parents and members of the locally community who shared the news of the school/nursery closures last week. Hopefully we got the message to as many people as possible as early as possible.

### Literacy Week and World Book Day

Unfortunately some of the activities we had planned for World Book Day were postponed due to the weather. Our Read Around The World Day will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and World Book Day dress up as your favourite character has been rearranged for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March and teachers will reorganise their own activities over the next few weeks. Miss Henderson will also rearrange the Literacy and Read, Write, Count Workshops over the next few weeks.

### Rain Garden

We have been working with Taylor Wimpey, University of Abertay and WSP to create and install a Rain Garden in the Senior Playground. It is hoped this will be installed prior to the Easter Holidays. The planned parental information session on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March will be rescheduled as will the pupil session. It is hoped the Rain Garden will not only provide opportunities for learning as well (hopefully) an improvement in the drainage in the Senior Playground.

### 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. We are looking for parents/carers to be part of our team, if you are interested, please contact Mrs Brennan for more details.

### 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.

### Bingo Night

The Parent Council and Fundraising Committee have arranged a Bingo Night on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, doors open at 6pm, eyes down at 6.30pm. We would love to see as many families there as possible. If anyone has any raffle donations etc, these would be greatly received.

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### Primary 7 Transition

Brannock High School have arranged a series of Transition sessions for Primary 7 pupils. So far these have focussed on Health & Wellbeing and Numeracy with a Literacy one planned for March (details to follow). If you would like to discuss anything with staff from Brannock or any other high school, please contact Mrs Brennan and we can arrange an appointment.

### Mother's Day Gift Shop

We will be holding our annual Mother's Day Gift Shop on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. As always this is a non-profit venture where pupils can purchase a gift for a special lady in their life. Gifts will cost 50p, £1 or £2. Initially pupils can purchase 1 gift, if we have extra gifts pupils may then be able to purchase an additional gift.

### Rookie Rockstars

Rookie Rockstars are back in the school for a follow-up session on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018. During this session they will revise all the songs from last year, as it is non-uniform day, pupils can come dressed up as rockstars!

### 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. Our Primary 6 Pupil Leaders are in both playgrounds with a range of playground equipment. The Pupil Council also led an excellent assembly on anti-bullying and general playground behaviour. Thank you to all pupils involved.

### Annual Pupil Report

Teachers are in the process of writing pupil annual reports. It is hoped these will be with you just before the Easter holidays. In the final term you will have an opportunity to meet with teachers at our Pupil/Parent/Teacher meetings.

### CEM Assessments for P3, P5 and P7

Like last year, all P3, P5 and P7 will be involved in completing the standardised CEM assessments in maths and literacy this month. This information is used by staff alongside, classroom assessment, to identify pupil progress and next steps.

### Gym Shoes & PE Kit

Could we ask that you check and replace any worn gym shoes over the coming

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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.

### Dates for the diary

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

#### **March**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

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Read Around The World

World Book Day Dress Up as your favourite character.

Family Bingo Night 6pm – 8pm

Reports to Parents

Rookie Rockstars Visit

Non Uniform Day £1

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

#### **April**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup>

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

HOLIDAY

Photographer in – Individuals & families plus P7 pupils

Termly Letters Due Out

Non Uniform Day £1

#### **May**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> & Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

HOLIDAY

In-Service Day 5

North Lanarkshire Leadership Festival

Jotter Bags Out

P7 pupils to Brannock – High School Transition

Outdoor Classroom Day (details to follow)

Pupil/Parent/Teacher Meetings (details to follow)

Non Uniform Day £1

HOLIDAY

#### **June**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

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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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