

Lunch Money

As you will know from earlier letters and texts, on-line payment has now started. At the moment this can be used to pay for lunches in Primary 4 – 6. Next session this will also include P7 and may also be used to pay for trips.

Please ensure that if you do have any money owing for lunches this amount is paid off as soon as possible before we finish for the summer.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 12th June	P6 Bike Ride all day P4 Library Visit pm
Thursday 14th June	P4 – P7 Curling taster in Hall P6 Dolphin House Meeting 3.15pm
Friday 15th June	Sports Day, Dam Park 1.30pm all welcome
Thursday 21st June	Parent SIP workshop 9.30am
Friday 22nd June	P5 and P6 Big Sing Showcase 1.30pm
Saturday 23rd June	Leavers Disco, Auld Kirk
Thursday 28th June	P7 Summer Service 9.30 Auld Kirk all welcome
Friday 29th June	School closes 1.00pm
Thursday 16th August	INSET Day
Friday 17th August	INSET Day
Monday 20th August	School re-opens for pupils 9.00am

Please follow school news on the school website:
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/holmstonps/> and Twitter page: @HolmstonPS

Yours faithfully,



Richard Hardy
Head Teacher

Article 3
All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.
United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

Article 29
Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.
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Holmston Primary School June Newsletter



This final term in school is always the busiest! Although it is made much easier with the good weather we are having. Please ensure your child has a water bottle with a sports-cap. Pupils should only have still water and water is available in school for bottles to be refilled. If this weather continues, pupils should also consider wearing a cap or have long-lasting sun-screen applied in the mornings before coming to school.

It was lovely to meet with the new P1 intake and parents during the induction days. The new P1 are invited along to our sports day on the 15th June at Dam Park from 1.15pm. We hope many of you will be able to attend and we will keep our fingers crossed for some good weather!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff team at Holmston Primary for their hard work in providing the best possible experiences for the children on a daily basis. With all their support and teamwork your children continue to flourish and grow.

Staffing

We will be welcoming two new teachers next year, both by the name of Miss Lynch. We will be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Shanta, who will be retiring at the end of the year. We also wish Miss Pollock all the best as she has been successful in gaining a position in another school. We would like to thank both ladies for all the hard work and dedication they have shown to the pupils and families of Holmston Primary School.

I would also like to thank Miss A. Bell and Mrs P. Musgrove for the support they have given the pupils this year along with the many students and work placements that have supported the different classes. Their support has been invaluable.

Further details on classes for next year will be given out on Friday 8th June. This will be the school bump-up day. P7 Transition Days are 7th and 8th June. Staff unable to meet with their classes on this day will meet with them on Tuesday 12th June.

Proposed Amendments to South Ayrshire Council's Primary School Admissions

At its meeting of 24th April 2018, South Ayrshire Council's Leadership Panel agreed to consult on proposed amendments to its primary school admissions, P7-S1 secondary school transfers and placing request arrangements. Proposed amendments to admissions, transfer and placing request are available from www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/consultations.

Forehill, Holmston & Masonhill Community Council

I would like to thank the Community Council for donating a very generous £100 towards purchasing a buddy bench for the playground. We will involve the pupils in choosing the type of bench they would like.

Parent Voice

It was wonderful to see so many families at the Summer Fayre this year. This event was once again very successful and raised £1551.82. A huge thank you goes to all the members of the Parent Voice and parents who gave their time to organise, run stalls, cook and help out. All the money raised will, of course, go back into providing the pupils with a range of experiences. Already this year, the Parent Voice have part funded the pantomime visit to ensure costs are kept to £5 per pupil.

We are always looking for more parents to come along and join the Parent Voice. Please look out for the date of the next meeting in September. The school – and the pupils – really do need your support.

School Improvement Plan (SIP)

Next session, will be an exciting year. We will be continuing to embed our work in improving Languages and extending this to include the Accelerated Reader programme. We will also be looking at our approaches to the teaching of writing by developing 'Talk for Writing'. We will continue developing mathematical and growth mindsets along with looking at how we use concrete materials and images within maths before moving on to more abstract methods of calculating. We will continue on our Rights Respecting journey along with embedding the nurture principles as part of our behaviour policy. We will be enriching our teaching and learning policy through the inclusion of creativity skills and 'Making Thinking Visible' tools. We will also be partnering Southcraig Campus in a range of activities throughout the year. Alongside this, our Developing the Young Workforce and Ayrshire context for next year will be based around 'Travel, Tourism and Beyond'. We will also be focusing on STEM again during British Science Week. There will be a parent workshop on 21st June for you to contribute and suggest ideas for the SIP and help to review the work of the school this year. Further details will follow.

Forest, Farms and Mines (#FFM18)

Our themed fortnight this year has come to an end and the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the range of experiences and visitors that have been to the school. The purpose of this event is to encourage the pupils to consider the wide range of skills that they may need for learning, life and work within the Ayrshire community. Photographs of some of the events can be found on the school website under the latest news section. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Shanta for organising this event

Right Respecting Schools Gold Award

I would like to thank the parents who came into school to speak with the RRS assessors on 5th June. The assessors spent the morning speaking with staff, parents and pupils and looking through a range of evidence. We will find out after the summer holiday if we have been successful in achieving this award. Mrs Taylor has led the work towards this award along with the pupil committee. I would like to thank them for the time and effort they have put in to driving this forward. We will be continuing on our RRS journey through encouraging as many people to stop using single-use plastic. This is the theme for this year's World Environment Day.

Events and Achievements

- Two pupils achieved a bronze award in the Glasgow University Primary Maths Challenge
- We had a winner and a runner up in the SA Energy Agency Calendar Competition. The pupils were presented with their Awards in a ceremony at County Buildings
- The JRSOs attended an award event at the Town Hall to celebrate the work they have been doing this year
- P7 visited the Sky Academy
- P6 took part in the SA Active Sports Triathlon at Prestwick Oval
- P5 went to the Book Jamboree event at Glasgow Concert Halls and heard from several authors including Jacqueline Wilson and Cressida Cowell

As part of FFM18:

- All classes visited Dumfries House
- Most classes visited Strandhead Farm, Tarbolton
- Visits to Belleisle
- Visits from RHEETA, Diary Council, Owl Magic, RSPB, SRUC, Scottish Wildlife Trust, QTS manager, Climate Control Officer, National Museum of Mining Outreach