



Holmston Primary School Newsletter April 2022

I hope you all had an enjoyable and refreshing Easter holiday and it is great to see the pupils back for our final term. With restrictions being eased, we hope to have a lot more of the 'normal' school events this term – more details later. As a reminder, all pupils should be in school for **9.00am**. The gate will be locked at this time and any pupil arriving after this will be marked as late on the register. Pupils in P1 – P4 can come straight into school from 8.45am so they are ready to begin learning at 9.00am

Covid 19 Update

As we move into the next phase of Covid recovery, many of the restrictions in school have been relaxed. However, at the moment, staff are still required to wear face masks in communal areas but this does not include classrooms. As with the wider society, we would ask parents to continue to be vigilant as it is important to remember that Covid has not gone away. If your child displays the symptoms of Covid or tests positive, please keep your child at home and follow the self-isolation guidance. I am sure we will see further changes over the next few weeks.

Active Sports

This term we will welcome back Kyle, one of the Active Sports Team. He will be working with various classes and hopefully supporting our Sports Day which we have booked in at Dam Park on **Friday 10th June** in the afternoon.

House Points P4 – P7 Uniform Challenge

As part of the House Point system, the pupils in P4 – P7 will be set a house point uniform challenge. Each week, starting on Monday 25th April, if a pupil wears the correct school uniform and appropriate footwear alongside following the 'no jewellery except stud ear rings and no nail varnish or false nails' for five days, they will be rewarded with 15 minutes extra playtime on a Friday and earn a house point for their team. We appreciate that some items of jewellery are for religious or cultural reasons and these are permitted – please inform the school in writing if this is the case. Pupils wearing jewellery will be asked to remove these items.

SNSA and GL Assessments

Each class will be undertaking National and Authority online assessments this term in Maths and English. We keep these informal and do not put the pupils under pressure. They are carried out in the classrooms on the laptops. We use the results of these assessments to evaluate the work of the school and help us to plan for next session.



Scottish Opera – The Last Aliens

Primary 5,6 and 7 have been busy working on their parts for our Scottish Opera performance of 'The Last Aliens'. This will be the first major school event we have had since the pandemic began, so we are very excited about it. The performance is next Friday.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

We are in the planning stages for having a school 'street playground' party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will be on **Wednesday 1st June**. The day before the long weekend. We hope to find out about the decades of the Queen's reign and have music from the past seventy years along with some food and lots of bunting!



Lego Mindstorm Competition

Miss Bell is working with a group of our Primary 7s in the build up to the regional Mindstorm Competition held in May. This season's competition is called CARGO CONNECT and is all about exploring how cargo is transported around the world to different destinations. Teams are tasked with designing a solution to making cargo transportation more efficient and making sure they have lots of fun in the process! The pupils will showcase their skills in robotics, computer programming, teamwork, research, problem solving and communication.



P7 Leavers

This is the last term for our Primary 7 pupils. We know that the past two years have presented a range of challenges but fortunately they did get to Dolphin House and all being well will be able to have their Leavers' Service at the Auld Kirk. Transition visits to the High Schools are planned and will take place face-to-face again this year. I would like to thank those parents that are involved in organising the Leavers' Party.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 29 th April	Scottish Opera P5, 6, 7
Monday 2 nd May	School Closed
Thursday 5 th May	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Wednesday 11 th May	P1 Dumfries House
Friday 13 th May	P2 Dumfries House
Wednesday 1 st June	Platinum Jubilee Celebration
Thursday 2 nd June	School Closed
Friday 3 rd June	School Closed
Friday 3 rd June	P7 Leavers' Party
Friday 10 th June	Sports Day, Dam Park pm
Wednesday 29 th June	School Closes 1.00pm

As always, if there is anything we can support or help you with, please email or phone into the school office. Hopefully, the days ahead will be brighter. Please follow us on Twitter @HolmstonPS to see pictures of the learning at the school.

Best wishes, stay safe,

Richard and the Holmston team.