

**23rd March 2016**

### **Mrs Avril Anderson**

It is with sadness that we share the news that Mrs Anderson, former teacher at Holm school for many years, has died. We offer our sincere condolences to her family. As a token of the esteem she was held in by current and former pupils and colleagues a donation to the charity identified by the family will be given from school fund.

A number of her teaching colleagues wish to pay their respects by attending her funeral tomorrow morning. Consequently, we are making alternative arrangements for those children whose teachers wish to attend the funeral.

### **Ach an Eas**

Our P3/4 entertained the residents in Ach an Eas care home yesterday with a selection of songs for springtime. The children enjoyed the experience and making a connection with the senior citizens. Here are some of their thoughts:

'The senior citizens enjoyed hearing the songs and it helped them remember the words, because some of them had dementia.' Sammy  
'I liked singing the song 'Put on a Smile' because some of the residents started to dance to the music and it looked as if they were having a good time.' Sophie C

'I liked that the residents were clapping along to the music and that they enjoyed our company.' Sophie S

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Chantelle Lewis in Primary 7 who recently competed in the Future Cheerleading Championships in Paris. Chantelle did enormously well by coming second in the competition.

### **McRobert Cup**

We send our best wishes to all our cross country runners who are competing in the McRobert Cup today.

### **Vista Photographs**

Tempest Photography will be in school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to take Vista photographs of the Primary 1 and Primary 7 year groups.

### **Football Sticker Albums**

A number of our children are bringing football cards to school to exchange with their friends. We are aware that these cards may be valuable and would strongly advise that they are not taken to school in case they are lost or damaged. Please note the school will not accept any liability for lost or damaged cards or albums.

### **Cycling Proficiency**

Our senior pupils will have the opportunity to participate in cycling proficiency sessions next term. Further guidance will be given regarding sessions closer to the time. This would seem a good time to check bikes to ensure they are roadworthy.

### **Holiday Safety**

As the holidays approach and brighter evenings are on the way we are conscious that children will have the opportunity to spend time with their friends outdoors. We would respectfully ask parents to remind their children of the action which should be taken in the event of being approached by a stranger.

On Monday a member of the public witnessed one of our younger pupils running across the distributor road without using the pedestrian crossing. An approaching driver had to take evasive action to ensure the safety of the child. Please emphasise to your children the importance of **using** the crossings.

### **Parent Council News**

The Parent Council is hosting a Spring Fete fundraiser in the school on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Please keep this date free in your diary. Further news to follow after the Easter break

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish our children and their families a Happy Easter and a relaxing holiday.