



Holm Primary School Newsletter Update – December 2016

Dear Parent / Carer

School Fayre

I would like to extend an enormous thank you to all parents who contributed so generously both to the raffle and to the cake stall. We appreciate the time you have given to make and sell the cakes at this very busy time of year. The children had a marvellous time preparing for the Christmas enterprise which prompted stimulating discussion and created opportunities for meaningful learning. The total raised was a fabulous £2509.76.



Christmas Lunch

If your child would like a Christmas Lunch on Thursday 22nd December please send the money in on Monday 19th December. School meals are £2.30, P1 - P3 children are free but we would like to know numbers on the Monday for setting up tables.

Christmas Concert -Filming and Photography

In the interests of child protection and the individual's entitlement to privacy, no filming will be permitted at next week's concerts. While I do understand that this may be disappointing for some parents this is Highland Council policy. As you are aware the school has had to seek parental permission for each child to be photographed in specific situations and settings. A number of parents do not wish their children to be filmed in any situation. The taking of photographs/filming which includes other people's children other than your own breaches this right. We do understand that parents may wish to photograph their own children.

Party Time!

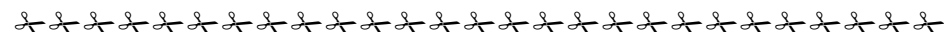
Please note class parties will take place on the following dates:
Thursday 15th December - P 4 in the morning and P5 in the afternoon
Friday 16th December -Nursery and P1 in the morning, P6 in the afternoon
Monday 19th December - P7 in the afternoon
Tuesday 20th December - P3 in the morning and P2 in the afternoon.
Please note a change of date for P6 and P7

Rights Respecting Schools - Recognition of Commitment

We are delighted to announce the school has received a certificate from UNICEF which recognises its commitment to becoming a rights respecting school. We are grateful to our staff and pupils for working together to achieve this award. We would like to particularly thank Mrs Gibb and her pupil led steering group for their hard work in driving this initiative forward.

Christmas Holidays

School closes at the usual time on Tuesday 22nd December and reopens on Thursday 7th January 2016.



Holm Primary School Blog

We encourage parents to visit our school blog on www.holmprimary.co.uk
This enables parents to have a window into their children's' learning both in and out of the classroom.
Do you visit our school blog?
Do you find our school blog informative and interesting?
We would like to hear your comments. Please take a moment to give us some feedback in the box below. Thank you

Child's Class-----

Signature -----

Head Lice

Head lice are a community problem and parents/guardians are asked to check their children's hair weekly. If head lice are found parents/guardians should administer appropriate treatment (available from the chemist) to the whole family. Children should not be returned to school until treatment is given and the lice cleared. We would ask that parents inform the school if this procedure has taken place. The matter will be treated in confidence, however, in order to reduce the spread, parents will be advised via a newsletter to be vigilant.

We have received notification from a responsible parent this week that head lice have been detected in their child's hair. Please be alert and check your child's hair in order that the incidence may be contained.

Parents in the Playground -Polite Reminder

As a school we take pupil safety very seriously. Staff and volunteers who work in the school undergo mandatory police checks before they work with your children. Consequently to ensure the safety and security of all pupils it is school's policy that parents/adults should **not** enter the playground before or at the end of the school day. It has been noted by staff that a small number of parents have recently been seen inside the playground. Please remain outside the school gates. Parents who have arranged meetings with staff should come to the school office and Mrs Thomson will inform the teacher.