

Dear Parent / Carer



### Christmas Post

The post box will be out in A Block for the children to post their cards to friends if they wish from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December for one week. Children should ensure that they include the full name of the recipient and the class teacher's name. Please do not send cards in earlier.

### Christmas Lunch

If your child would like a Christmas Lunch on Thursday 21st December, children in P1-3 are free, for children in P4-7, please send £2.30 in on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Sharing Tickets - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Our Christmas Sharing this year involves pupils in P5-7 and will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am in the school hall. The children in those classes will share aspects of what they have been learning in the context of Rights Respecting Schools. The themes we will consider are diversity, appreciation of rights and a celebration of Christmas. The Reverend Fiona Smith will present a lesson as part of our Christmas celebration. On this occasion the sharing will be for the parents of children in P5-7 only. Tickets for the sharing will be available from Wednesday 29th November. A reminder that only two tickets per family will be issued in the first instance. Any spare seats unallocated will be issued on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please complete the attached slip and return to school as soon as possible. We will have a silver collection for nominated local charities.

### Filming and Photography

In the interests of child protection and the individual's entitlement to privacy, no filming or photography will be permitted at the sharing. 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 photographed in any situation. The taking of photographs which includes other people's children other than your own breaches this right. While I do understand that this may be disappointing for some parents, this is Highland Council policy.

### Sponsored Walk

Our pupils are to participate in a sponsored walk across the new bridge on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We will walk to the centre of the bridge and meet pupils from Kinmylies Primary in the middle. Children will make flags and pass on a small memento from Holm Primary to their counterparts in Kinmylies. We will send home one sponsor form per family, and put the proceeds to the school fund. The children have enjoyed a number of

experiences from outside providers which is usually funded from the school fund. We would like to ensure we can continue to do so.

### Pupil Illness

We are aware that at this time of year a number of our children are suffering from ongoing coughs and colds. Throughout the school day it is not uncommon for children to report to staff they feel unwell. However, these feelings can be transient and while we monitor the situation, we don't immediately phone parents unless the child's condition is visibly deteriorating.

If your child has reported feeling unwell before he/she comes to school in the morning please inform the class teacher. In order to minimise the spread of germs in pupils and staff please keep your child at home if he/she has been sick. It is the school's policy to send home any child who has been sick in school.

As the office is very busy first thing in the morning, if you are not able to speak to Mrs Thomson you can leave a non-urgent message on the messaging system. (0800 564 2272 pin no 0423230)

### Party Time!

**Please note that class parties will take place on the following dates:**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - P 4 in the morning and P5 in the afternoon**

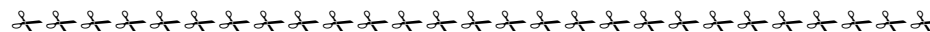
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December -Nursery and P1 in the morning, P6 in the afternoon**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - P7 in the afternoon**

**Tuesday 19th December - P3 in the morning and P2 in the afternoon**

### Christmas Holidays

School closes at the usual time on Friday 22nd December and reopens on Monday 8th January 2018.



### Numbers for Christmas Sharing P5-7 Parents Only

I would like \_\_\_\_ tickets for the morning performance (start time 9.45am)

If there are spare tickets available I would like \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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