

# Holm Primary School

## Newsletter – October 2016



Dear Parent / Carer

### Achievers Assembly

We were delighted to welcome Alister Cameron, Chairman of the South Highland Athletics Association to our new term assembly on Monday. As this is the centenary year of the Association, he came to school to present our boys' and girls' teams with the silver medals. These medals were won at the cross country event which took place at Bught Park just before the October break. Mr Cameron informed our pupils that this is the first time in 37 years that both boys' and girls' teams from the same school have won silver.

We are very pleased to announce that Emily Renton in P2/3 was selected as a member of the young cast of dancers in Ballet Lorent's production of Snow White at Eden Court Theatre. Performances will run on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Well done Emily!

House points collected by each house group were also announced at assembly with the Red Kites in third place with 213 points, the Ospreys in second place with 247 points and the winners were the Buzzards with 270 points.

### Poppies - Remembrance Day

Poppies will be on sale in classes on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like your child to purchase a poppy please remind him/her to bring money to school on either of these days. Alternatively poppies can be purchased directly from the school office from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### Scottish Opera - Marriage of Figaro Unwrapped

The pupils in P6 and P5 will be attending an 'unwrapped' version of The Marriage of Figaro on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. This much-loved production of Mozart's irresistible masterpiece which is full of humour and wit is directed by promises to be an interesting and engaging experience for our children.

### Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. These are individual appointments to speak to your child's teacher to discuss progress. The Tuesday session will be from 3.30pm until 6.30pm and the Thursday session will take place 5.00pm until 8.00pm. Letters have been issued with this newsletter. Please return the slip to school by **Monday 2nd**

**November.** Nursery parents' evenings will also be held on these dates. Mrs Renton, Support for Learning Teacher will be available for appointments on Thursday evening.

### Shoe Box Appeal

As previously stated, the school will be participating in the Blythswood Appeal again this year. All contributions will be most welcome. If families are unable to donate a complete box we would be most grateful for individual items as the school has a number of empty boxes which can be filled. **Boxes or items should be in school ready to be uplifted by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.** Thank you for supporting this worthwhile project.

### Recognition of Pupil Achievement

At Holm Primary we encourage our pupils to think about and share their achievements. We are keen to celebrate achievements and progress made both within school and outside. In terms two and three we share aspects of our children's learning with parents by sending home a snapshot of progress made in specific curricular areas. Parents are encouraged to engage in dialogue with their children in order to hear how he/she felt about the task and the progress which has been made. Parents are also invited to give comments about their children's learning which are then added to their child's learning journey profile.

This term, In addition to the termly timetable, we will be sending home an achievement log for you to complete with your child. Holm School values its ongoing partnership with parents and carers. Please ensure the completed log is returned to school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. As these logs will be added to your child's educational profile it is essential they are returned to the class teacher. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

### Playtime Snacks

Monday to Thursday there is toast, milk, juice and fruit for 20p. Milkshake is 35p and on a Friday there will be either pancakes, scones or waffles available for 20p at breaktime.

### Swimming Gala

A decision has been taken by the organisers to cancel this year's Swimming Gala. This means there will be no training sessions on Sunday mornings.

