

# Holm School Newsletter

## September 2016



Dear Parent/Carer

### Shoe Box Appeal

The school was fortunate to have Adrienne Dempster from Blythswood Care share a presentation at our assembly on Monday. The children were most interested to hear stories of the difference their contributions have made to less fortunate children and adults. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Shoebox Appeal and the school will be participating in a collection again this year. All contributions will be most welcome. Families are invited to donate individual items or a complete box and donation lists will be issued shortly. Many thanks for your anticipated support for this worthy cause.

### Primary 7 News – House Captains

The first round of presentations for the role of House Captain of Buzzards, Ospreys and Red Kites have now taken place. Mr Ross was most impressed with the standard of the children's presentations. The outcome of the final round will be shared in our next newsletter.

### Students

We are delighted to welcome Ms Rebecca Traill who will be working in P1 alongside Miss Macnaughton this term and Miss Rachael Lynch who will be working in P7 with Mr Ross. These ladies are currently student teachers with UHI and Aberdeen University, respectively. We hope they find working with staff and pupils in Holm Primary a positive and enriching experience.

From time to time we offer work experience to post graduates who

wish to train to become teachers. Last year, Miss Sarah-Louise Mackintosh worked in various classes throughout the school before going on to Edinburgh University to undertake her post graduate diploma in teaching. This year we would like to welcome Mr David Harris who will undertake the same role.

In the run up to the October break we will also welcome back former pupils who are currently studying in the IRA. They have chosen to come back to Holm for their week of work experience as they have expressed an interest in becoming teachers in the future.

### Parent Council

A meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Monday 19th September at 7pm. There will be an AGM followed by the first meeting of the session. All welcome to attend.

### Scottish Learning Festival

We are delighted to announce that both Mr Ross and Mrs Matheson will attend the Scottish Learning Festival in Glasgow on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Over last session the school has been involved in improving its Religious and Moral Education curriculum. In his role as Principal Teacher Mr Ross has been involved in developing an assessment structure for teachers to assess pupil progress within the subject. He has been invited to present this work at the Scottish Learning Festival. This is a prestigious event in the education calendar which celebrates good practice across Scotland.

### Inset

Please note the school will be closed for all pupils and nursery children on both the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September as staff will be undertaking training and other professional duties. School will reopen as normal on Monday 26th September. School closes on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October and reopens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

### Junior Road Safety Officers

The new JRSOs this session are Regan F from Miss Allan's P6/7 class, Emily H, Nathan M, and Marty M from Mr Ross's class.

They have been working with Miss McHardy on looking at traffic signs around the school and how to make our school safer for pupils who walk to school. They have placed a warning sign to traffic entering the school beside the zig zag lines. They would like parents not to park in the car park but to **drop** their children off reducing traffic congestion in the playground.

They have made suggestions for new banner slogans to the Road Safety Officer and await a response from him.

### School Swimming Team P5 – P7

All children interested in being part of the swim team please meet Mrs Williams at the Aquadome on Sunday mornings at 9.00am. Training starts on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016. Please use your high life card for admission. Parents must supervise their child at all times. Please note **children must be able to swim in deep water for one length without stopping.**

Head Teacher – Margaret Matheson

|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|

Holm Primary School  
Stratherrick Road  
Direct dial – 01463 232697  
PIN

Head Teacher – Margaret Matheson