

## Holm Primary School

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### Enrolment - Reminder

Children in our school catchment area, who will be five on or before 28th February 2018, are eligible to be enrolled for Primary 1 starting in August 2017. Enrolment will take place in the week commencing **30th January 2017**. An electronic version of the enrolment form is available on both the Council website and also the Holm School website. Where possible we would encourage parents to use this facility as it will considerably save on waiting time. Completed forms should be printed off, signed and taken in to school. Please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of address at the time of enrolment. Please note enrolments will take place between **9.15am - 10.30am on Wednesday 1st February - Friday 3rd February and between 2.00pm-3.00pm on both Thursday 2nd February and Friday 3rd February**.

### Nursery Enrolment -Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> February

Please note nursery enrolment sessions will commence as below:

**Monday 13th February 9.15-10.30am or 10.45-12.00pm.**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am -10.30am**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 9.00am-10.30am or 1.30pm-3.00pm**

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### After School Drama

All pupils in P1-3 should be collected by parents at the end of the school day which is 2.45pm. It has been noted that a number of pupils who attend the after school drama club which does not begin until 3.00pm are not being supervised by their parents.

### Burns Supper

Primary 7 and P6/7 pupils and their teachers have organised a Burns Supper which will take place on Wednesday 8th February. The proceeds from this evening will go towards funds for Loch Insh. The cost of each adult ticket is £10, with one child being given a free ticket. For additional children, a donation can be made on the night. Please send in ticket requests by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### Soccer Sevens Football Event

We would like to thank Mr Richard Hastings for coaching and entering two teams of pupils, from P6 and P7 into this soccer event. The first series of games will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and the second will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Those children who are taking part will receive letters with further details.

### Science Week -13<sup>th</sup> February

One of the developments in our school improvement plan this year is the curricular area of science. To inspire and motivate our pupils staff have planned a series of fun, collaborative learning experiences for the children. For further information relating to the week's events please see the information leaflet which accompanies this newsletter. A number of our staff will also be attending professional development training in science on the February in-service day.

### Loch Insh Parent Information Evening

There will be a meeting for primary 7 parents to discuss next term's trip to Loch Insh on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm. Please note the meeting is for parents only.

### Bike Tagging for Pupils and Parents

A member of our Parent Council has kindly contacted our Community police officer, Mr Jim Boundy with a view to marking children's bikes so they can be identified in the event of them being stolen. Mr Boundy will be in school between 10.45am-12.30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Children and parents are invited to bring their bikes to school to have them marked. If they wish their bikes to be tagged, children need to bring their own piece of paper clearly bearing their name, address and telephone number. We are grateful to Mr Boundy for sparing the time to do this.

### Student Teacher

We would like to thank student teacher Miss Rachel Lynch who has been working both last term and this term with pupils in Mr Ross' class. She has worked well under the guidance of Mr Ross and we wish her all the best in her next placement.

### Gymnastics

A number of our pupils have been training for a forthcoming gymnastics competition. I would like to thank Mrs Claire Mackenzie for devoting her time to coaching and also for offering additional training sessions in school this week and next. We would like to commend our children for their commitment to training and send our good wishes to the team.

### Pupil Safety

A parent has reported that last week, on two separate evenings, a group of primary age children (all boys) between P5 and P7 were playing on Dores Road, between Tesco and the park. They were running back and forwards across the road as if it was a game. On Thursday evening about 7pm the same group was playing in the same area and one was sitting in the middle of Dores Road. We do not know the identity of these children but they do attend this school. This is clearly risky behaviour and I would urge parents to speak to their children about road safety. Thank you.

In a separate incident in Boarstone Avenue on Monday morning of this week there was a group of boys playing on that road with their scooters at the bottom of the steps. There is concern if a car came round too fast and didn't see them there could be a nasty accident.

### Newsletter by e-mail

If you have requested your newsletter by e-mail and have not received any please contact Mrs Thomson who will add your e-mail address to the list. If you have changed your e-mail address please inform the office of the change.