

11th January 2018

#### Thank You

A Happy New Year to one and all. We trust that all our families had an enjoyable festive break and we look forward to working together in this new term. On behalf of the staff I'd like to thank the parents who gifted teas, fruit, biscuits and chocolates to the staffroom. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

#### Severe Weather

We have been experiencing some very cold weather recently and consequently we would advise that parents keep the Holm School Messaging Service number to hand in the event of adverse weather.

The number to call to check if the school is open is:

**0800 564 2272**. Enter the school's pin number when prompted:  
**042230**.

If the school has opened and needs to close unexpectedly for other reasons it is essential we are able to contact you or a nominated person to take your child home safely and promptly. During inclement weather it is also prudent to send in a spare set of clothes to school with your children. Please ensure your children come to school with appropriate winter clothing. Thank you for your anticipated support in this matter.

#### Holm Primary Blog Update

You can now subscribe to our school's blog and it really is very easy. Simply type your email address into the subscription box at the bottom left corner of the blog home site and then confirm your subscription through your confirmation email. You will then be notified of any new posts on our school blog.

#### Disco - New Year's Party

Holm Primary Parent Council is organising a disco on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Admission to this event is £2.50 which should be handed in on the night. The Pink Panther/ Nursery/Primary 1-3 disco will take place between 6.00pm and 7.00pm and the P4-7 disco will begin at 7.15pm and finish at 8.15pm. While refreshments will be free there will be an opportunity to purchase glow bands and sweets.

#### Primary 1 Enrolment - Beginning Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Children in our school catchment area, who will be five on or before 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019, are eligible to be enrolled for Primary 1 starting in August 2018. Enrolment will take place in the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017. An electronic version of the enrolment form is available on both the Council website and will shortly be available on the Holm School website. Where possible we would encourage parents to use this facility as it will save waiting time. 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 31<sup>st</sup> January-Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** and between **2.00pm-3.00pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**.

#### Nursery Enrolment

Enrolment for nursery will commence week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Further details regarding times will follow.

#### Student Teacher

We are delighted that Mr Henstridge's class will be joined later this term by Miss D. Ross who is a student teacher affiliated to the University of the Highlands and Islands. Miss Ross will come to the school for a pre placement induction visit week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> January until 2<sup>nd</sup> February. She will work alongside Mr Henstridge and also plan and deliver lessons of her own.

#### Parent Council

There will be a meeting of Holm School Parent Council on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

#### Creative Café Primary 4

The pupils in Mrs Patterson's class will be hosting a creative café to share their learning with parents on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January between 9.30am and 10.30am in the school hall. Invitations have already been issued. We look forward to welcoming parents on the day.

#### Lost Property

A significant amount of lost property has now been cleared. However we still have a number of good quality winter jackets and anoraks. Please encourage your child to check through the pile as many of the items are in good condition. If unclaimed it will be necessary to dispose of clothing which has not been uplifted since last term.

#### In Service and Mid Term Holiday

The date of our mid-term holiday this year is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Staff will be undertaking professional duties on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February when the school will also be closed. The school will open to pupils on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

#### Loch Insh

There will be a meeting held in the school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm for the parents of pupils in primary 7 who will attend the Loch Insh residential experience week at the end of April this year. The meeting will be held in the new demountable classroom at the end of the walkway.

#### Sponsored Walk

A fantastic total of £3,188.21 was raised, thank you all for your kind generosity and supporting our sponsored walk over the new bridge.

#### Alert - Social Media

Since our return to school after the Christmas break the school has received a number of concerns from parents regarding disagreements between pupils when communicating via social media. Please be vigilant and monitor your child's use of social media.