

Holm Primary School

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Nurture Group – Relax Kids

We have become increasingly aware of the importance of meeting the needs of the whole child, both academically and emotionally, and to that end we have introduced the Relax Kids programme to every class in the school this session. Please take time to read the accompanying parent information leaflet which explains the rationale and principles of this approach.

While it is our goal to ensure all pupils in Holm Primary enjoy a positive nurturing experience in their classes, we recognise that an increasing number of our pupils find it difficult to cope full time in the classroom. Consequently, after the October break we will introduce our first nurture group to Holm Primary. 'The Nest' is a place where children will have the opportunity to grow in confidence, become engaged and successful learners in their classrooms and the school community. Parents whose children have been invited to participate in the first placement will be offered appointments to meet with Mrs Henderson on the first week back after the October break. 'The Nest' will be open part time in the mornings every day except Tuesday. The teaching staff involved will be Mrs Henderson and Mr Ross, and the pupil support assistants will be Mrs McGilvray and Mrs Fraser. Please take time to read the information leaflet which explains what the group is all about.

School Dinners –Three Choice Menu Update

After the October break, the new menus will show orange, blue and green choices. The blue choice is now always a sandwich option. Please note, we have been asked to make it clear to the children that alternative sandwich fillings will not be provided, it is only the filling stated in the menu which will be offered on the day. This means that there will always be a vegetarian option available for pupils each day.

Staff on canteen duty have been noticing that a number of younger pupils in P1-3 who are taking school dinners are often not eating the food they have chosen. As well as generating high levels of wasted food, it also means that children are returning to class without having eaten a proper meal. To avoid this happening, please discuss meal selection with your children at home.

Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal 2019

If you would like to help out with the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal at Holm, here's how you can get involved.....

If you would like to fill a shoe box you will find suggested items on a checklist at the address below: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/213375_0185a5151b3c417fbd9c0a3c2f968458.pdfFilled

Boxes may then be handed in to the school office where they will be gratefully received, thank you. Alternatively, if you would like to hand in loose items from the checklist such as toothpaste/toothbrushes, soap, stationery etc. that would be great too!

To help you get started, if needed there are some pre-wrapped boxes and a stack of knitted hats and scarves in the school office you can ask for.

Also, Smyths have given us an incredibly generous donation of Lego and mini figures to pop in the boxes. If needed, you can select some of these to stick in your completed box when you are handing it in to the office.

These boxes really make a huge difference to children and their families living in absolute poverty and your support would be massively appreciated.

The deadline for the Appeal in school is Friday 2nd November. Pupils can keep up to date with how many boxes have been handed in on the 'Shoeboxometer' next to the office!

Key Assessment Tasks

If you have not already done so, please return your child's first key assessment task to the class teacher as soon as possible. We value your comments on the task and would also encourage you to share any of your child's outside achievements with us. The key assessment tasks will be added to a profile we hold on your child's progress throughout the session.

Health & Safety

It has also come to our attention that we have had a few 'close calls' with children of nursery and school age, cycling up and down the nursery path. School policy states no cycling within the school and nursery grounds for safety reasons. We encourage all children and adults to dismount at the gate and push bikes to the bike shed. Thank you for your help with this matter.

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Bon-Ween Disco

This disco run by our Parent Council is on in the school hall on Wednesday 7th November:

Nursery – P3: 6.00 - 7.00pm

P4 - P7: 7.15 – 8.15pm

Entry is £2.50 and you can come in fancy dress or just as you are. There will be juice, crisps, sweets and glow bands on sale.

Wraparound Spelling

Thank you to the families who came to the session presented by Mr Ross last Wednesday. The event was well attended and the feedback received was very positive.

Basketball P4-P7

There will be after school Basketball in the Inverness Royal Academy Hall starting on Monday 29th October 3.45 – 4.45pm open to all P4-P7 children. Permission slips will be given to those showing an interest in the club. If you are happy for your child to attend please fill out the permission slip, and ensure they return it to the school office prior to starting the club.

School Newsletter

If you are not already registered to receive this Newsletter by email, but would like to, please email stating the name/s of your child/ren and which class/es they are in to:

tracey.walsh@highland.gov.uk

You can also sign up to the school blog here:

<http://www.holmprimary.co.uk/our-blog>

October Holiday

School will close for all pupils at the usual time this Friday 12th October and will reopen at 9.00am on Monday 29th October. We would like to wish all our pupils and their families a restful break.

