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Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal 2018

A massive thank you very much to all the pupils, families and staff who supported the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal at Holm this year. A total of 68 boxes were donated, including 23 from the Nursery. Thank you all for your enthusiasm and support for this appeal. Every single box donated will be hugely appreciated and make a real difference to someone this Christmas. Thanks from the Scripture Union Team.

Scripture Union News

On Thursday 15th November, pupils who attend Scripture Union will visit the Culduthel Christian Centre. Prior to packaging on to lorries for countries such as Romania, Albania and Serbia, every single shoe box handed in must be checked for customs purposes. Pupils will be given the opportunity to help with the important process of making sure the contents of each box is clearly labelled on the attached checklist and is appropriate for the age of the recipient. The children will be accompanied by Miss McHardy and parent volunteers who run the SU club. As kindness, friendship and respect have been key themes in school this session, we would like to thank our parent helpers for giving their time to enable our pupils to participate in this initiative.

Photographs

This session the school photographer will take individual photographs of each child on Wednesday 21st November. If you wish to have family group photographs taken, please complete the slip attached to this newsletter and return it to school as soon as possible.

Dancemania

Good luck to our pupils who are participating in the 'Big Dance' show on Monday 12th November at Eden Court Theatre.

Remembrance Day Poppies

This year is the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. All P3s and P4s will be organising the sale of Poppies throughout the school. Poppies will be sold from Monday 5th November and for the remainder of the week. Friday 9th of November will be the last day to buy Poppies. These will cost £1 per Poppy.

The money raised from Poppy sales is used to help servicemen and women who are still alive, whose lives have been changed by active service in wars. There will be a short remembrance assembly for junior pupils and teachers with Mrs Matheson on Monday 12th November.

South Highland Schools Cross Country Event

Well done to all pupils who took part in the cross country event at Bught Park on Thursday 11th October last term. Our boys' team were placed third.

Bon-Ween Disco – Wed 7th November

A reminder that this disco run by our Parent Council will take place 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.

Children In Need – Dress Down & Wear Spots

We are celebrating Children in Need Day in school on Friday 16th November. If you would like your child to take part in our 'Dress Down Day' please make sure his/her outfit includes some spots and remember to bring a suggested donation of £1. The School canteen will also be selling Children In Need biscuits at break time on Friday 16th November costing 50p each.

Photographs Wednesday 21st November - Request for Family Photos

Child's Name

Class

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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Continuous Profiling

As outlined in a previous newsletter all schools in Highland Council are moving towards delivering a model of continuous pupil profiling over the year. The rationale behind this approach is that continuous profiling captures the progress being made at different stages throughout the year, and more effectively engages families in the pupil's learning process. You will receive the second key assessment task completed by your child on Friday 30th November. The focus of this task will be numeracy. Please take time to discuss the learning with your child, complete the family comment box and return the pck to school by Monday 3rd December. **It is essential the task is returned to school as a folio of progress is maintained over the session.**

Further key assessment tasks within different curricular areas will be sent home in subsequent terms. These tasks will represent a continuous picture of your child's progress across the year. This process is quality assured throughout by the school's Quality Improvement Officer, Lesley Taylor, who will work closely with us. Following this moderation process it is likely the report card you currently receive at the end of session will be replaced by an abbreviated version.

Parents' Evenings

A reminder that Parents' evenings will take place:
Tuesday 13th November 3.30 – 6.30pm
Thursday 15th November 5.00 – 8.00pm
Appointment times will be issued later this week.

Christmas Cards

If your child has submitted a Christmas card design and you wish to purchase the cards he/she has designed, please complete the slip which has been issued and return it to school by Wednesday 14th November.

Swimming – P6

Pupils in Mrs Patterson's class will attend a block of swimming classes on Friday mornings. The first session will take place on Friday 16th November. Please note that as we have a large P6 cohort this session, the remaining P6 pupils will attend swimming sessions next term. An information letter will be issued closer to the time.

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to help with swimming, unfortunately we still don't have enough helpers. If you are available 9 -11am on a Friday morning, we would love to have you along to help.

Advanced Diary Dates for the Festive Season

Further information relating to the following events will be issued in due course

Monday 10 th December	Christmas Post Box available
Tuesday 11 th December	A Time for Remembrance and Celebration Pupils in P3/ P3/4 and P4 will present a short programme of entertainment for parents.
Thursday 13 th December	Primary 4 party in the morning Primary 5 party in the afternoon
Friday 14 th December	Nursery and Primary 1 party 9.30am-11.30am Primary 6 party in the afternoon Primary 7 Ceilidh –transition event at the IRA
Monday 17 th December	Primary 7 party in the afternoon
Tuesday 18 th December	Primary 3 party in the morning Primary 2 party in the afternoon