



Holm Primary School

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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 baking, teas, fruit, biscuits and chocolates to the staffroom. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Adverse Weather Conditions

We have been advised that cold weather is on the horizon 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 and appears at the top of our newsletters. Please 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.

Loch Insh

There will be a meeting held in the school on Tuesday 22nd January at 6.30pm for the parents of pupils in Primary 7 who will attend the Loch Insh residential experience week in May. The meeting will be held in the new demountable classroom at the end of the walkway.

HMI –Thematic Inspection

We have received notification this week that our school is to participate in a national thematic inspection related to aspects of empowerment which was set out in the Education Reform Agreement, June 2018. Education Scotland is carrying out three national thematic inspections this academic year which will focus on school and particularly head teacher empowerment. Our school is to be involved in the second of these thematic inspections and the aspect under consideration will be curriculum leadership. The thematic inspection visit will last for one day and will take place on the 29th January.

Primary 1 Enrolment – W/C Monday 28th January

Children in our school catchment area, who will be five on or before 28th February 2020, are eligible to be enrolled for the Primary 1 class which will commence in August 2019. Enrolment will take place in the week beginning 28th January 2019. Guidance on the completion of the enrolment form and links to the electronic version of the form are 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. Enrolment times are as follows:

Mon 28th January: 9.15-10.30am & 2.00-3.00pm

Wed 30th January: 9.15-10.30am & 2.00-3.00pm

Thurs 31st January: 9.15-10.30am & 2.00-3.00pm

Please note there will be no enrolment on Tuesday 29th January.

Nursery Enrolment – W/C Monday 25th February

Nursery enrolment times are as follows:

Mon 25th February: 9am-10.30am or 1.30-3.00pm

Tue 26th February: 9am-10.30am or 1.30-3.00pm

Wed 27th February: 9am-10.30am or 1.30-3.00pm

The enrolment forms for Nursery can be completed and submitted on the Highland Council website.

Student Teacher

We are delighted that Mr Henstridge's class will be joined later this term by Ms S. Cockburn who is a student teacher affiliated to the University of the Highlands and Islands. Ms Cockburn will commence her placement on 4th February. She will work alongside Mr Henstridge and also plan and deliver lessons of her own.

In Service and Mid Term Holiday

The date of our mid-term holiday this year is Monday 18th February and Tuesday 19th February. Staff will be undertaking professional duties on Wednesday 20th February when the school will also be closed. The school will open to pupils on Thursday 21st February.

Car Park – Pick up/Drop off Issue

We have recently had reports of near misses in the car park where cars are driving carelessly, too fast and often within the coned off area. We politely ask all parents and guardians to please slow down and drive with extra care and vigilance so as to keep all children as safe as possible. We appreciate the car park is small and this can cause frustration, but with weather warnings of snow and ice imminent, we all need to be even more careful to keep everyone safe.