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Scottish Opera

We are delighted to announce pupils in our three senior classes Primary 6, Primary 6/7 and Primary 7 will all have the opportunity to work with the Scottish Opera Company on a production of '1719!'. The theme of this production focuses on the Jacobites and Hanoverians. Scottish Opera will visit the school for an advance vocal session on Tuesday 5th February, and again for a full day workshop on Tuesday 12th February. Parents of pupils in Mr Henstridge's class, Miss Cruickshank-Ryan's class, Mrs Patterson's class and the primary 6 pupils in Mrs Chalmers' class are invited to see the children perform in the afternoon session on the 12th February. The performance will begin at 2.30pm and last until 3.00pm. Scottish Opera have advised that while they film the session it will not be used for commercial purposes. A letter seeking your consent for this to happen will be sent home on Friday. Please ensure the tear off slip is signed and returned to the class teacher as soon as possible. To complement the work undertaken with Scottish Opera on this initiative, some classes will be involved in an interdisciplinary project on the Jacobites and will attend the Culloden Visitor Centre later this term.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate –Thematic Inspection

We received a visit on Tuesday of this week from Marion Carlton who is an inspector from Education Scotland. Ms Carlton met with the senior management team who shared a self-evaluation paper on where they believe the school currently sits in terms of its curriculum. Ms Carlton then met with groups of parents, pupils and staff to seek their views on aspects of the curriculum. Ms Carlton confirmed the initiatives in our school improvement planning, namely health and wellbeing, literacy and profiling were the correct choices for the school to develop at this time.

Key strengths in our curriculum included nurture, creative cafes and their link to developing the young workforce both in school and nursery. The development of our phonics and spelling programme was also commended. Additionally the collegiate approach used by staff in planning and delivering the curriculum and the development of robust key assessment tasks were seen as strengths of the school.

A number of our staff team have participated in leadership training in curriculum areas as part of their continuous professional development. The inspector noted that this staff learning has led to positive outcomes for our pupils.

We plan to further develop opportunities for our pupils to lead learning in pupil involvement groups which will be established later this term. Further information on this initiative will follow.

I would like to thank parents and staff for giving their time and contributing to the dialogue regarding our curriculum. I would also like to thank members of the management team for their support and hard work in preparing for the visit.

Creative Maths Café –P3/4

The pupils in Mrs Nicholson's class would like to welcome parents/carers to an afternoon of learning. The children are hosting a fun afternoon and wish to share what they have been learning in maths. This will take place on Thursday 14th Feb at 1.30pm prompt in the P3/4 classroom.

Chanter/Piping Tuition

There are currently places available, open to children P4-P7. There are many benefits that come from learning a musical instrument, so if you are interested in finding out more, please visit the High Life Highland Music tuition website for more details or to apply: www.highlifehighland.com/music

School Uniform

Please note we have been informed that Tesco UES who made the embroidered school uniform have now changed to My Clothing – www.myclothing.com

Swimming Class Changeover

Please note the last session for Mrs Patterson's P6 class will be Friday 1st Feb. The P6 pupils in Miss Cruickshank Ryan and Mrs Chalmers' classes will begin on Friday 8th Feb for a block of 10 sessions. We are always looking for parent/carer helpers, so if you can spare a couple of hours on a Friday morning please inform the teachers or the school office.

Blood Transfusion

The Blood Transfusion service will be in the main hall on Wednesday 13th February. The session runs between 5.15pm – 7.15pm.

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:

www.highlandcouncil.gov.uk/enrol

Next Parent Council Meeting

Monday 11th February at 1900-2100

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Spring Fayre

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are planning to run a Carnival style Spring Fayre (see flyer on Blog and on school notice board) with the school on Friday 10th May, so lots of fun for all the family. We will keep you posted as to what will be available on the day as these are yet to be confirmed.

BUT we cannot do this without YOUR help and support, so please have a read and think about how you and your family can help....

- Do you or your family work for a business or yourself and could donate or purchase a raffle prize? (Please get in touch if wish to purchase a prize as we have some suggestions depending upon budget 😊)
- Do you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or bottles you could donate?
- Are you a Star Baker and can donate some cakes or bakes?
- Do you run your own business and would like to have a stall at the Fayre?
- Are you or your child/ren happy to help run the stalls on the day? (permission slips will come out nearer the time for the children)
- Do you have time to help now?

If the answer to any of these is yes, then PLEASE do get in touch and let us know either by email to holmprimarypc@gmail.com, letter addressed to us to the school office, or speak to one of us at the gates.

We CANNOT do this without your help and support to ensure we all have a fun filled family afternoon 😊

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. **School will reopen to pupils on Thursday 21st February**

Parent Council Travel Mode Survey Request

The parent council would really appreciate parent/carers taking a few minutes to fill in a short Survey which can be found at:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Holm2019

We appreciate not everyone has access online, so if you would like to fill in a paper survey, please ask at reception as we will have a small amount of paper copies available.



Scottish Opera Tuesday 12th February – Filming Permission for P6's and P7's Taking Part

Scottish Opera have advised that **they may film** the session on Tuesday 12th February, however, **if they do**, it will **not be used for commercial purposes**. If your child is taking part, please complete this slip, detach, and return to the office.

****Those receiving this via email, please forward your reply information to holm.primary@highland.gov.uk and we will note down your permission preference****

Child(ren's) Name(s)..... Class(es)

I do / do not give consent for Scottish Opera to film my child as part of the workshop and performance on Tuesday 12th February. I understand the footage will not be used for commercial purposes.

Signed Name..... Date