

## Holm Primary School

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### Behaviour Strategy

As part of the school's review of its current behaviour policy the staff and pupils have been considering what is important in terms of our shared expectations for classroom behaviour. We are aware in doing so that our starting point is revisiting the small but important core behaviours which make our classrooms purposeful and effective learning environments.

Staff and pupils will be focusing on embedding key behaviours during teaching sessions such as sitting nicely, listening to the speaker, looking at the speaker, holding nothing in their hands during teaching sessions and not shouting out.

You may have heard your child talking about a new character who recently arrived in Holm school and she is 'Bella the Boar'. Bella was created by two of our pupils and is displayed in every classroom and shared area. She embodies the classroom rules agreed by our staff and pupils. Please take time to discuss these rules with your children.



### McRobert Cup

I wish to commend the excellent behaviour displayed by our pupils who attended the McRobert Cup cross country event last Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Our children achieved both individual and team success, so well done to all.

The P6/7 boys' team was placed first overall and Ryan Rutherford won 1st place with Glen MacPherson coming in 6<sup>th</sup> place. The P6/7 girls' team was placed third and Georgia Mutch came in 4<sup>th</sup> place. P2/3 girls' team came in second in their category.

P2/3 and P4/5 boys' teams were placed third with Reuben Christie coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

We would like to acknowledge and offer a huge thank you to parent helpers and those who assisted in attaching timing chips. We couldn't manage without your support. Thank you too to Miss McHardy for organising our teams for the event.

### Creative Café Primary 5 - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Primary 5 are hosting their Creative Café on the theme of 'The Jacobites'. Parents and friends are welcome to attend their presentation which will run from 9.30am until 10.15 and will be held in the hall.

### Car Park Drop Off

When parents drop off children at school in the mornings they **should not, under any circumstances, park in the 'drop off' zone**. This is creating a bottleneck for other parents who wish to drop off and move on quickly. Parents who wish to park for any reason, for example, if making an enquiry at reception must use the designated parking bays which are always empty in the mornings.

### School Menus

We have been advised that the dinner menu for both school and nursery is to change after the Easter holidays. Unfortunately we cannot issue the new menus at present as they have not arrived at school yet.

### Student

We would like to say thank you to Miss Hamilton who has been working alongside Miss Campbell and Primary 5. She completes her placement at the school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

### Primary 7 - It's Your Move

Over the last few years Ness Bank church has gifted helpful transition 'survival guide' brochures for pupils who are moving on to secondary school. The brochures offer advice and guidance to children about the move and will be issued this week.

### Start of Day

It has been noted that a number of pupils are arriving in school as early as 8.15am. Please note the school gates do not open until 8.45am as we do not have staff available for supervision.

Working parents can check space availability in our breakfast club.

### Book Fair

Thank you to all parents who supported the recent visit of The Book People to our school. We raised £1,120.18 which gives the school almost £300 in commission for books.

### Red Nose Day

Many thanks to all who contributed generously to our Red Nose Day appeal. The sum of £619.56 was raised from the sale of red noses and the proceeds of our dress down day.

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### Holm's Day of Dance - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Holm School is hosting a 'Day of Dance' to support one of our parents, Mrs Kerry MacDonald, who by competing in 'Strictly Inverness', is raising funds for the Highland Hospice. Our special day of dance will be Tuesday 2nd April.

'Dance Day' is an event to celebrate the joy and skill required to be a dancer. The children are invited to dress down or up in a dance style. We are looking for a suggested donation of £1 to participate. We are hoping that Bobby the Bee, the hospice mascot, will appear during the day to promote the sale of sunflowers which will be sold all week for £1.

**Parents**, please be sure to keep a look out for a special surprise at the beginning and end of the day.

The children will be participating in a variety of events in the morning led by:

Performers UK, which is a wonderful and exciting dance group for children of all ages and abilities.

Dance Artists; Laura MacLennan and Hollie Simpson aura has worked with some of our children before. She has freelanced for Eden Court Theatre and is a Strictly Tutor this year.

Hollie has freelanced also for Eden Court Theatre and is also a member of the Performers UK family.

Dance Leaders from Dancemania and 'The Rainbow Fishes' P3. We appreciate and value the time and effort they have given to support this worthy cause.

I would like to thank Miss Penman for her hard work in organising this event.

### Parent Council Spring Fayre - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

As outlined in our recent newsletter update, we are now receiving jars for our Jam Jar Tombola. If you are able to contribute items for this stall we would be most grateful. The idea is to fill a jam jar with sweets, small toys, arts and crafts or other fun items. The jars will be labelled with a number and there will be a prize for every ticket bought!

The completed jars can be brought in at any time from now until 3rd May. We will put a collection box in the Meeting Room.

### Closing Assembly 2019

As intimated in our last newsletter the date of this year's leavers' assembly will be Tuesday 25th June at 9.45am. This assembly will be for pupils in Primary 4-7 only.

### Sunflower Disco - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

To compliment Holm's Day of Dance fundraiser there will also be a disco.



## SUNFLOWER SCHOOL DISCO



£2.50 per child entry includes juice and crisps

Sweets, glow bands and sunflowers on sale

Tea and coffee for parents



### Easter Egg Hunt

The children will have some fun and take part in an egg hunt to mark the last day of term. We wish all children, parents, carers and staff a relaxing spring break.

**School will reopen as usual after the Easter break on Tuesday 23rd April.** Advance notice - the school will be closed for the May holiday on Monday 6th May.

