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Holm Parent Council - a message for parents.

Consultation has been taking place at authority level this session to consult on the proposal to move to a set school Easter holiday. Other local authorities are already following this pattern and Highland Council understands from early discussions, that some Head Teachers and parents are also keen to move to this model. However it is important that the opinions of all schools, Parent Councils and parent forums are heard, so we would be grateful if you could please provide your 'yes/no' response to the proposal by Friday 15 March. Please click [here](#) to respond.

Lost Property

Thank you to members of the Parent Council who have done a fabulous job of organising our new lost property boxes. The boxes have been labelled with each class name and lost items placed inside. If your child has lost any items please encourage him/her to see if they have been handed in. Please ensure your child's clothing is clearly marked as this makes it much easier to return it to its rightful owner.

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. The children will be participating in various World Book Day activities in their classes. Please note pupils will be bringing home a £1 book voucher.

Red Nose Day

Please note Red Nose Day for Comic Relief is on Friday March 15th. Red noses will be on sale in the school. Members of the Pupil Council will be selling noses at the cost of £1.25 each and these will be limited to 1 per pupil.



Sickness

A polite reminder that if your child is sick or has had diarrhoea they cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last episode. This prevents the spread of germs to other children and staff. If your child will be absent please phone the school to let us know.

Student

We would like to say thank you to Miss Cockburn who has been working alongside Mr Henstridge and the pupils in Primary 7. She completes her placement at the school on Friday 8th March.

Milton of Leys Summer Club

Anyone interested in using this service can find the booking forms on our Blog.

Magician Visit

A number of our pupils have enjoyed participating in the 'magic club' at lunchtimes. These children have spent time perfecting their tricks and testing them out on classmates. We are pleased to say that Mr Ross has engaged the services of a magician who will visit the school on Tuesday 12th March to share his skills with the children who are participants in the group.

Easy Fundraising

If you are buying items online please remember the school has an easy fundraising account. Every item you buy could earn the school some money for school fund. Please follow the link below:

www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/holmschoolpc

McRobert Cup – Wednesday 20th March

Pupils have been participating in practices for the upcoming McRobert Cup cross country event. The children who have been selected to be part of the team have taken home letters with more information about the event.

Creative Café

The children in Miss Cruickshank Ryan's class will host their Creative Café on Thursday 21st March and the pupils in Miss Campbell's class will be hosting their Creative Café on Thursday 28th March. Further information will follow.

Loch Insh Final Payment- Reminder

A polite reminder that, for those who have yet to pay the remainder of the cost of this excursion, the final payment should be made by Friday 8th March- thank you.

Dates for the Diary

We know that parents like to plan ahead in terms of school events. Please note 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.

Lateness

This concern was highlighted in our last newsletter and it has been noted that a number of children are still repeatedly arriving late to school in the morning. I continue to be concerned that when pupils come into class after teaching input has already been put in place, teachers are required to spend additional time catching up rather than supporting children with their learning. Lateness is also recorded on a pupil's school record.