

Holm Primary School

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ASN -Reductions

The school has been informed by the local authority that there is to be a reduction in our allocation of additional support needs teacher time. The school currently has 0.8 full time equivalent, which constitutes four days teaching. From August this year the allocation will be reduced to 0.4 full time equivalent which will be two days teacher time per week. The new ASN teacher will be Mrs K MacMillan as Mr Ross will be returning to class.

Regrettably the school will also lose 1.2 full time equivalent of PSA (Pupil Support Assistant) time. We will continue to provide the best service we can but these reductions will have an impact on what we can deliver and consequently PSA time will be allocated to those pupils with the greatest need.

Head Teacher

It is with mixed emotions that I enter my final week as head teacher here at Holm Primary. It has been both a pleasure and privilege to have worked with pupils, families and staff for the last seven years. As I reflect over this time, I am aware we have developed new approaches to learning and teaching to best meet the needs of our pupils, in a changing world. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff and parents for their unstinting support and encouragement over the years. It is in effective partnership working that we have created a great school community who work well together for the good of our children. I know I leave the school in good hands.

On Friday 28th June, Mrs Ruth Mackay was appointed the new head teacher of Holm school. I would like to wish her all the best for the future.

Staff Departures

We have a number of staff members who are moving on to other destinations after the summer. We would like to thank Mrs Nicola Mackenzie our current primary 1/2 teacher and Mrs Amy Patterson our current primary 6 teacher for their significant contributions to the life and work of the school since their arrival in Holm. We would also like to thank Mr Peter Evans, PSA for his work with our pupils and also his assistance with cycling proficiency and the school choir.

Thank you to Mrs Alison Ross who has been teaching French and Religious Education to our senior pupils over the session. We are also grateful to Mrs Mhairi Cameron and Mrs Laura Watt who have worked on a

temporary basis as PSAs following the resignation of Mrs McGilvray and Mrs Wallace earlier this year. Finally we would like to thank Mrs Sonya Morrison, one of our early years practitioners who is moving on to a career in teaching in August. We wish them all the very best for the future from everyone at Holm.

Lost Property

Please look through and collect items before the end of term as it will be necessary to dispose of these items if they are not uplifted. Unfortunately, items that do not have names on them cannot be returned to their owners.

Parent Council

Thank you to our Parent Council who have supported the school so well over the year by organising events including the Spring Fayre and various discos. We are most grateful for all the work that has been done over the session.

Gardening

A big thank you to our Gardening Group who come in regularly to work with pupils to ensure we have a more pleasant working environment. We have received very positive feedback from both parents and visitors about how welcoming the flourishing flowers make the school look.

Afternoon Tea reminder - Wed 3rd July

Information has been sent out via email and with this Newsletter.

School Menu

Fruit for snack time will be increasing to 30p after the holiday. Please be advised that the menu starts on Week 4 after the holidays, not Week 1.

School Closes

School closes on Thursday 4th July at 12.15pm for our primary children, and for nursery pupils at 12.00pm. School and nursery reopen on Tuesday 20th August 2019 with Breakfast Club opening at 8.00am. We would like to wish our pupils, parents and staff a very relaxing and uplifting summer holiday.

