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Head Teacher – Mrs Ruth Mackay



*There's no  
place like  
Holm....*

## Welcome Back everyone!

I hope you all had a lovely Summer. My Name is Ruth Mackay and I am your new Head Teacher at Holm. I will put out a monthly newsletter on a Friday to keep you up to date with everything that is going on in the school.

Please contact me on [ruth.mackay2@highland.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.mackay2@highland.gov.uk) if you need me for anything.

**Ruth**

### School Improvement Updates

This year we have 3 action plans for improvement. Nursery to P7 will all be involved with these. They are:

1. Raising attainment in Numeracy/Maths
2. Continue to develop our Nurturing approach
3. Reviewing and updating our curriculum to ensure we include Digital Skills, STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering and Maths) and DYW (developing the young workforce)

Please see the accompanying FULL school improvement plan in this email. I have also attached the school's Standard and Quality Report which shows our evaluations of last year.

### What's new??

I would like to welcome Mrs Michelle Mackay who will be covering Mr Ross's paternity leave.

I would also like to welcome Kaella MacMillan who will be with us on a Monday and Tuesday for ASN support and Christina McIvor will be covering CCR Science on a Monday.

We have also had a few new families join us over the holidays so I would like to also welcome you all to Holm Primary.

This term we will be re-naming our blocks! The children will all take part in a competition to re-name A/B/C/D blocks. The winners from each block will have their sign made and hung above each block.

Holm has joined Twitter! To follow us search for @schoolholm

## Dates for the diary...

### August:

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August all children will receive a flu vaccine letter. **Please return as soon as possible**
- Welcome back/celebrating KINDNESS ASSEMBLY Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August for staff and pupils. ***This week each class has been focusing on being KIND.***
- Welcome back/celebrating KINDNESS ASSEMBLY Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August for staff and pupils. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Welcome letters home from every teacher
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August @ 7pm - Meet the Head Teacher for coffee and cake. **Please email the school if you are coming along** – holm.primary@highland.gov.uk
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Meet the Head Teacher for coffee and cake – 11am in the school gym hall.

### September

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Parent Council Meeting at 7pm – all welcome
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Primary 1 Press Photos 10am
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Termly overviews out from every teacher
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Golden Assembly (celebrating achievement and successes)
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Inset Days – no school for children
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – James and the Giant Peach performance for whole school

### October

- Parent Council Quiz – October – Date TBC
- Parent Council Disco – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - TBC

### November

- Parents Evening – week of the 11<sup>th</sup> November (Tues – late/Thurs –early)
- November Inset Days– Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – no school for children

### December

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Holm's Winter show (there will be 2 showings)

Xmas Party Dates:

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – P1 @9.30/P5 afternoon
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – P2 9.30/P4 pm
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – P3 and P6 pm
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Nursery am and P7 pm

**\*\*\* 18th May – Loch Insh P7 Trip\*\*\***

### Celebrating Achievements @ Holm

- Well done Dana in P7 who climbed Ben Nevis over the Summer!
- Effie in P6 is now a WORLD CHAMPION.... in Kick Boxing! Wow – go Effie!
- Well done to Amber in P5 who came first in a horse riding competition
- Lucy in P4 walked 11 miles for charity – well done Lucy!
- Brooke in P3 donated to charity – what a kind toot!
- Amelie in P2 learned how to trot on a horse without holding on – woohoo!
- Ava in P1 learned how to swim on her tummy without a float.



**SHOUT OUT TO...**

***I would like to give a HUGE SHOUT TO all the P7 buddies who have done a fantastic job this week with their P1 buddies. It was so lovely to see the children playing together, supporting each other and engaging in a friendly way. Well done P7s – you have made us all proud.***



***Also a big shout out to Mr Ross who had a wee baby girl called Ellie on Thursday! Come and visit us soon Ellie!***



### **Ethos and our Environment**

This term we will be reviewing our positive behaviour policy with staff, children and parents. We will also be working on creating our new VISION, VALUES AND AIMS. This also will involve all staff, parents and children. I have already worked with all the P7s and they have provided some good ideas of what they want to see improved in the school.



## Back to school Week 1:

*I have loved getting to know all the amazing pupils this week! I have been going outside at break and lunch and the children have been having so much fun!*



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