



**"Safe, happy, Learning,
Respectful"**



Weekly Updates – Week 9th March 2020

School Office: 01463 232697 Absence Line: 01463 251920 www.holmprimary.co.uk

Twitter - @schoolholm @holmmaths

Welcome to our Weekly Update

March	
Mon 9 th March	National Science Week all week. Classes will be focusing on some Science this week.
Tues 10 th March	Multi-sports event for all P7s at the IRA at 10am
Wed 11 th March	Dance Platform for the Dance Mania Team at the IRA 4.30 – 6.30. Mrs Mackay and Miss Penman to attend.
Thurs 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5 trip to Culloden Battlefield • The Sense Concert – see information on page 3
Friday 13 th March	Sports Relief Day – some fun activities planned and also to help raise money for our sports champs! Wear sports clothes, bring £1 and some change to take part in some fun sports themes games.
Wed 18 th March	McRobert Cup (Cross Country) @ Bught Park
Thursday 26 th	Pupil Council Movie Night @ 6.30 to raise money for our P7 Leavers Hoodies.
Friday 27 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Term Assembly with Rev Fiona @ 11. All parents welcome • Dress Down Day
WED 22 nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BINGO NIGHT • Sustrans Big Pedal – information to follow in a few weeks' time.

Some Thank You's! 😊

- Thank you to all the parents who came to Parent's Evening this week and for those parents in the Parent Council who served tea and coffee to our hard working teachers during the sessions.
- Thank you to our amazing teachers who have worked really hard this term looking at the attainment data for children and collating this to share with parents. I hope you all found this parents evening more informative.
- Thank you to Lee our stand-in Janny whilst John the Janny is off sick. Poor John has badly hurt his back – we wish him a speedy recovery.
- Thank you to all those parents and families who continue to support the school with things like Movie Nights, Dress Down Days and fundraisers. We really appreciate it. 😊



Corona Virus – Key Messages from the NHS for Schools:



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China, Italy or other affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.
On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days or had contact with someone who has coronavirus illness.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call the GP or NHS24 (111) for advice. Teachers and support staff should follow the Health Protection Scotland (HPS) advice for childcare or educational settings: www.bit.ly/HPS-Guidance-to-schools

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Category 1 risk areas for COVID-19 within the last 14 days should self-isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days, even if they feel well. You can find information about affected areas on the HPS website: www.bit.ly/HPS-coronavirus

Staff, students and pupils who think they have been in contact with someone infected with coronavirus should NOT attend education even if they are well, but should first contact their GP or NHS24 (111) for further assessment and advice.

See www.bit.ly/NHSinform-coronavirus for more information about coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately and tell the call handler/operator that person has been in a risk area for COVID-19 or had contact with a case



Holm Scripture Union Update



**The Sense Concert for P7 SU pupils - Thursday 12th March at IRA,
7-9 pm**

Primary 7 Scripture Union pupils are invited along to the IRA on Thursday 12th March for a concert with the Youth for Christ band The Sense. The Sense will be at the IRA from March 7th to March 13th meeting and working with pupils around the school, including a visit to their RME classes. Primary 7 SU pupils are more than welcome to make their own arrangements to come along to this concert as a taster of what lies ahead next year! Check out the band below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZ9FGg6aktw>

Creative Competition for Primary School SU Groups

SU pupils at Holm have been invited to take part in a Creative Competition with the chance to win the **Hugh McHardy Memorial Shield**. The shield will be kept by the group for the next year.



This competition gives the opportunity for our wonderful SU pupils to share their learning with others.

The Competition

This year individual pupils are asked to make a **picture** based on a **Bible story** they have looked at in their SU Group.

Tell me more...

- Each entry should be on one sheet of A4 paper, landscape or portrait
- The picture can be made using felt tips, paints, pencils, crayons or a collage of materials
- The picture should be based on a story that has been looked at in the SU Group during the current academic year
- The back of picture should have written on it
 - The name of the pupil
 - The name of their school and their year group
 - A title for their picture (e.g. Moses and the Burning Bush)

Every pupil entering will receive a certificate to mark their entry.

The closing date for all entries is **Friday 20th March 2020**. Entries handed to Fiona, Cathy or the school office

Ideas

The stories we have looked at this session are –

I Am – God appears to Moses at the burning bush and calls him to go to Pharaoh and rescue the Israelites from slavery. (Exodus 31-15)

Challenge – God sends ten plagues on the Egyptians (Exodus 5-11)

Rescuer – God parts the Red Sea for Moses and the Israelites to escape from the Egyptians (Exodus 14)

Provider – God provides food and water for the Israelites as they travel through the wilderness (Exodus 16:1-17:7)

Ruler – God gives Moses the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)

We were runners up in this competition last year and have some extremely talented artists again in the group this year. Please have a think this week about what you would like to do (you could do Internet search, picture books for ideas) and we will work on this in SU time on 10th and 17th March.

Let's get creative!! – Fiona, SU Leader

Holm Achievements

We love to hear about the children's achievements out-with school. Please send any achievements to ruth.mackay2@highland.gov.uk. It can be anything your child has done that they are proud of – and you don't always need to send in a photo!

Please, keep them coming in!

We have one special one this week. Here, Chloe was proud to show me her 4 medals and 1 trophy for TLC dancing at the weekend. 😊



The Choir at the Music Festival

Well done to our Choir who is led by Mrs Jean Bradley and Peter Evans. They came second out of 7 on Monday with a distinction. They all sang beautifully. Also Mr Evans and Mrs Bradley came first in their singing category in the evening – well done all!



Lego Club Finals in Perth

Our Lego Club braved the snow and travelled to Perth last Saturday for the finals. We didn't come home with any trophies but we had an amazing time. Thank you to Mrs Hamilton who came with us and who has been an amazing coach to our amazing team.

