



Newsletter

August 2014

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back everyone! We have a special welcome this week to all the new families joining the school community throughout the school and nursery. We also welcome three new members of staff: Sharon Brindle and Laura Murison join our Early Year Practitioners team in the nursery and Kath Macgregor joins the staff as a Pupil Support Assistant. We are delighted to notify parents that we will have a new teacher joining the school wk commencing 1st August; this will be on a temporary basis pending interview for the newly created position due to our increasing school roll.

Dress Down Day

The next Dress Down Day will take place on Friday 19th September (school closed on last Friday). We would like to thank parents/carers and children for supporting the dress down days which take place on the last Friday of each month. The non-uniform day provides children (and staff!) with a special day to look forward to. The donation to the school fund (generally £1) makes a huge difference over the course of the year and supports a wide range of special opportunities for children in the school. This includes subsidised class trips, visiting performers or the occasional special treat.

Garden Group Volunteers

The Beauly Primary School Garden Group is made up of pupils that love to work and help in the garden. Unfortunately we are desperately in need of extra adult garden volunteers to help keep our garden open. If you would like to volunteer please go to the school office or contact the school. Any time you can offer will make a big difference. We would like the school garden to be open for pupils to visit two days a week during lunchtime. However we also need to look after the garden throughout the year, which is a big job. We hope you or someone you know might be able to volunteer to help in our school garden so we can keep it open and hopefully make it even better.

Primary 1 Photo

The Inverness Courier will be in school to take our P1 photo on Tuesday 2nd September at 9.30am. The photos will be appearing in a 12 page supplement in the Tuesday edition of The Inverness Courier on the 23rd of September 2014.

Labelling of School Clothes

It really does help to have all items of clothing, lunch packs, school bags, pencil cases, clearly labelled with your child's name and class. We already have a stock of items appearing in our Lost Property, much of which consists of new items on clothing with no name visible.

Morrisons Vouchers

Beauly Primary School is collecting the 'Let's Grow' vouchers available from Morrisons supermarkets. The school can exchange the vouchers for gardening equipment that can then be used in lessons and by the school's Garden Group, which is one of the school citizenship groups. If you have collected any, please pass them to class teachers or the school office.

Trimtrack Donation

A massive thank you to Seona Fraser and Rosemary Gordon for both donating £250 through the RBS Community Cashback scheme (total £500). This is greatly received and will be put towards our trimtrack fundraising, which now stands at £6570.00. Several thousand are still required to secure a permanent state of the art facility for the school grounds. Further fundraising is due to take place in the year ahead.

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd September in the Support for Learning Room in the 'Flat Roof Building'. The Parent Council always welcomes new members and would be delighted if you could join them. This is a great opportunity to support the development of our school and community. As the Parent Council only meets once per term, being a member is not an onerous task.

Contact Detail Information & Medical Forms

The Highland Council moved all data concerning emergency contacts and medical information onto a new secure computer system (SEEMiS) for the start of academic year 2014/2015. While every effort has been made to do this accurately, it is vital that ALL details are checked carefully for mistakes.

These forms will be issued to all pupils by mid-September. It is essential that these forms are checked, particularly emergency contact details. Children can become very distressed if we are unable to make contact with parents/carers. Please ensure the nominated emergency contacts are contactable and live within a reasonable distance from the school. It is essential that the school office is kept informed of any changes to mobile numbers/contacts throughout the course of the session.

All pupils who have allergies or other health conditions requiring medication will need to complete a medical form. These are available from the school office and should be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible with your child's medication.

SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISING

Rag Bag

Our rag bag collection bin is now located in the school playground, beside the blue recycle bin. All the following items are accepted;

All mens, ladies and children's clothing

Paired shoes (tied together)

Handbags, ties and belts

Soft toys

Blankets

Underwear to include socks, tights, pants and bras etc

Household textiles, towels, bed linen, curtains etc

All items should be wearable, dry and clean. **To date this has raised £601.90**

Easyfundraising

As the title suggests it is easy to sign up and raise money for Beauly Primary School. Simply log on to www.easyfundraising.org.uk select support a good cause, search BPS, select and support us now, follow the online instructions and happy shopping. There is also a link to this on the school website. **To date this has raised £381.99**

Your valued and continued support with all our fundraising initiatives really does make a difference to every child in the school. Thank you!

Open Afternoon / Parent Evening / Share a Session

Parents/carers are invited to visit classes and see your child's work and have a look around their classroom at our Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 23rd September**. Adults are welcome to join classes from 1.45pm onwards. Following your visit and for your convenience, a sign-out sheet will be available in class; should you wish to remove your child from school before the end of the day.

For future reference Parent Evenings will take place on **Thursday 6th November from 5.00pm - 7.00pm and Tuesday 11th November from 3.30pm - 5.30pm** (with crèche facility available). In response to the feedback from parents at the last Parent Evening and taking into consideration the work that has been undertaken in the 'Gym Building', it is anticipated that these meetings will take place in classrooms this year and not in the Gym Hall. More information will follow closer to the time.

Parents of children in Beauly Nursery will be given the opportunity to participate in 'Share a Session' once the staff have settled in the new setting. This will provide an opportunity to visit their child in the Nursery and discuss learning experiences on an individual basis.

School Meals

This is a reminder that tickets should be purchased on a Monday morning in the school canteen. A cheque made payable to Highland Council is preferable to cut down on administration time. School lunch is £1.95 per day.

Playtime Snack Prices

Piece of Toast & Spread	0.15p	Glass of Milk	0.15p
Small Piece of Fruit	0.15p	Glass of Pure Fruit Juice	0.15p
Scone/Pancake/Homebaking	0.20p	Aquajuce Carton	0.25p
Glass of Milkshake	0.20p	Cuplets of Pure Fruit Juice	0.25p
Milk Cartons	0.30p	Bottled Water	0.30p

Nut Allergy

We have a small number of children in the school who have a nut allergy. Could all parents please ensure their children do not bring any items to school that contain nuts, including biscuits which your child may request as a playtime snack. Many thanks for your support with this.

New Nursery

Our new nursery looks absolutely fabulous so far! We have new furniture on site and the construction work is drawing to a close. Today the carpets were laid. Unfortunately there has been a delay with the manufacture of the new doors, which are both internal and external. Once these have been received and the building has been handed back to Highland Council by the contractors the children will move across from their temporary location. Thank you to parents/carers in Beauly Nursery who have been very patient and understanding throughout the delay.

Term Dates 2014/15

School days	Holidays	In-service days
August 2014 M T W T F S S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	September 2014 M T W T F S S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	October 2014 M T W T F S S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
November 2014 M T W T F S S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	December 2014 M T W T F S S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	January 2015 M T W T F S S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
February 2015 M T W T F S S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	March 2015 M T W T F S S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	April 2015 M T W T F S S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
May 2015 M T W T F S S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	June 2015 M T W T F S S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	July 2015 M T W T F S S 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Distribution of Newsletter

As you are aware the school website is now up and running and we make every effort to update this on a regular basis. Newsletters are also available in an electronic form on the website. **If you haven't already signed up to have an electronic version sent to you we would be grateful if you could complete the form below and return to the school office.** If you are unable to access the electronic version and require a paper copy please complete the return slip accordingly or contact the school. We hope to introduce our e-newsletter later in this school year.

Name of Child..... Class

Email address

Second email address (if required)

Name of Parent

I am unable to access the electronic version and require a paper copy

Email addresses will not be shared with any third parties, including other parents on distribution.

We value your opinions on the life and work of our school. Any feedback received will be used to evaluate our work and inform future developments for the school and its links with the wider community. Comments can be shared with the school directly in writing or alternatively please e-mail beauly.primary@highland.gov.uk