



Newsletter

August 2015



Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to say how delighted I am to be joining the school community here in Beauly. I am looking forward to working with everyone and over the coming weeks having the opportunity to meet parents and carers. I would like to thank Mr Morrison for his support, ensuring my transition into post has been as smooth as possible, with minimum disruption for learning and teaching within the school.

We also have a special welcome this week to all the new families joining us throughout the school and nursery. We also welcome Miss Lauren Brown who will be teaching Primary 7 and Miss Rachel Ann Urquhart who will teach Primary 2/3 one day a fortnight as Management Cover for Mrs Mackenzie whilst she undertakes her duties as Principal Teacher.

Dress Down Day

The next Dress Down Day will take place on Friday 28th August. 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.

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 £2.10 per day. Please note that school meals for Primary 1-3 children are available free of charge as part of the Scottish Government initiative.

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.

Lunch Breaks

P1, P2/3, P3/4	12.30 - 1.30pm
P4/5, P5/6, P7	12.15 - 1.15pm

Morning Break Snack Prices

Piece of Toast & Spread	0.15p	Cuplets of Fresh Fruit Juice	0.25p
Small Piece of Fruit	0.15p	Milk Cartons	0.30p
Scone/Pancake/Homebaking	0.25p	Flavoured Milk Cartons	0.35p
Glass of Milk (150mls)	0.15p	Bottled Water (330mls)	0.30p
Glass of Milk Shake (150ml)	0.20p	Aquajuce 200ml	0.25p
Glass of Pure Fruit Juice (150ml)	0.15p	Aquajuce 85ml	0.20p

School Transport

We have recently been informed that our school bus service will now operate one journey in each direction. Therefore any P1-3 children, who use the service, will need to remain at the school until 3.15pm where they will take place in supervised activities. If a parent wishes, they can collect their child from school at 2.45pm rather than waiting for the bus. Please inform the school if this applies to your child.



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 **Thursday 10th September**. Adults are welcome to join classes from 2.00pm 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 for Primary 1 to Primary 7 will take place on **Thursday 19th November from 5.00pm - 7.00pm and Tuesday 24th November from 3.30pm - 5.30pm** (with crèche facility available).

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

Contact Detail Information & Medical Forms

Parent update 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. Please note staff cannot administer medicine without a completed medical form and pupils should not come to school with medicine in their school bag.

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 £1167.90**

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 £507.79**

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

Parent Council

The parent council AGM will be happening soon, please keep an eye on the website for the date and time. Each year the Parent Council receives funding from the Highland Council. In 2014/15 the parent council received £1.11 per child. In 2015/16 the parent council received 71p per child. All remaining funding is generated through fundraising and donations, and made possible by volunteers. Please come along to a parent council meeting, held once a term, or speak to a member of the parent council if you can help out with anything.

After School Clubs

Please note after school activities will resume as soon as possible. Arrangements are currently being put in place for the clubs to start. Once the details are finalised, permission letters will be issued with starting dates and travelling home arrangements.

School equipment

Each child needs to have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when not outside. As we are also hoping to take advantage of as much outdoor PE as possible could pupils in P3/4 upwards please bring a pair of outdoor trainers, to save spoiling their indoor shoes. For health and safety, earrings should be removed for PE. However, if your child is not able to do this please supply them with a roll of micro pore tape which they could use to cover their earrings during their lesson. 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.

School days	Holidays	In-service days
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