



## Beaulieu Primary School Newsletter – November 2012

Dear Parent / Carer



### Winter Fair – 29<sup>th</sup> November

The Parent Council, in conjunction with the school are organising a Winter Fair. This will take place from 1pm to 4pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the Flat Roof Building. Each class will prepare a stall of various seasonal items. The children will take turns at manning the stalls where they will count money and give change, which enhances their mental agility. In addition children are fostering their interpersonal skills, increasing their confidence and developing skills for life.

In order that all children have the opportunity to take part there will be no morning nursery session that day - all children will attend the 12.15pm – 2.45pm session.

The nursery is seeking volunteers to assist with the running of their enterprise stall. If you are able to spare an hour or two on the afternoon of 29<sup>th</sup> November please see Mrs Anne Bissett.

The Parent Council is in the process of organising a number of additional stalls including games, home baking, raffles, a 'pupil only stall' and the Garden Group will also be selling spring bulbs. The 'pupil only stall' will offer for sale items that children can purchase as presents for their parents and other family members. The cost of these items will be £1 and the Parent Council is also offering a free gift wrapping service. We are now seeking donations for these stalls and would be grateful for suitable contributions including wrapping paper, ribbons, unwanted gifts, and home baking. The Parent Council is also seeking volunteers to help out on the day with the manning stalls and wrapping presents. Please speak to a member of the Parent Council or the school office if you are able to assist.

This event is open to all and we would be delighted to welcome parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and members of the community to our Winter Fair.

### Christmas Light Switch On



The Christmas Light switch on will take place at 7pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December. Children from P3 – P7 will be providing musical entertainment with 3 festive songs from Beaulieu Songsquad.

The Christmas light switch on will be preceded by a Lantern Parade from what was formerly the 'House of Beaulieu' to Beaulieu Square. All children are welcome to take part and should assemble at House of Beaulieu at 6.30pm. The Gala Committee have organised a lantern making workshop for children wishing to take part in this parade. This will take place from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the Church of Scotland Church Hall. The cost of the workshop is £1.

### Beaulieu Songsquad Event – 6<sup>th</sup> December

Pupils in P3-P7 are taking part in Beaulieu Songsquad. Music Teacher, Margaret Rae has been coaching the children over the past few weeks in a sport inspired score entitled 'Going for Gold'. The songs incorporate themes such as rowing, track and field, aquatics and cycling. There are also songs with the more universal themes of dedication, motivation and commitment, including the opening and closing song which incorporates the words Faster, Higher, Stronger (the motto of the International Olympic Association). In addition children will be singing three Scottish songs and three festive songs.

Pupils will showcase their learning with two productions for parents, wider family members and members of the community.



**These will take place at 1.30pm and 7pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> December at Phipps Hall.** Pupils have been busy designing tickets and a programme for this event. Tickets are priced at £4 for adults and £3 for concessions. Children under the age of 5 are

free, however in order that we are aware of numbers attending (to comply with Health & Safety and Fire Regulations) it will still be necessary to request a ticket. All proceeds will go to school fund and help pay for further opportunities for pupils. To purchase tickets please complete the attached form, together with your payment and return to the school office.

## Nativity – 14<sup>th</sup> December



The P1/2 class and the P2 children in P2/3 are taking part in a nativity on 14<sup>th</sup> December. Their production entitled 'Shine Star Shine' will take place at 10am in the Church of Scotland on Croyard Road. All parents, wider family and members of the community are welcome to attend. Any donations towards school fund are most welcome.



## Christmas Lunch

This will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and will be at the normal price of £1.80. We would be grateful if you could return the reply slip on the letter circulated earlier this week by **Friday 30th November**. This is for planning purposes only; please pay the canteen in the usual way.

## End of Term Parties

Date	Time	Class
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning session	P1 , Nursery am and pm party
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon session	P2/3 + P2 children from Mrs Williams / Mrs Maclver's class
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon session	P4/5
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon session	P5/6
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Afternoon session	P7

## Competition Winner

Jacqui Williamson from Corner on the Square visited the school on 1<sup>st</sup> November to present Ollie Chalmers with his winning pumpkin and a prize following a competition for children aged 8 and under. The children were invited to design the funkiest pumpkin they could imagine, be this a princess pumpkin or punky pumpkin. The only restriction was that it had to be possible to physically make the design out of a real pumpkin and additional materials. Pupils were also asked to provide instructions to go along with their blueprint. As you will see from the photo Ollie is a very deserving winner!



## Brave

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November the P3/4 class went to the cinema at Eden Court to see 'Brave' as part of the Educational Film Festival. Pupils very much enjoyed this film and some of their comments are below:



*'Brave the movie makes me think about all the kings and queens. Even if the queen gets turned into a bear she will still act like a queen does'. – Libby*

*'Brave makes me think about proper Scottish people' – Jimmy*

*'I liked Brave because the boys were so cute when they were bears' - Millie*

## Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January in the school library. The Parent Council always welcomes new members and would be delighted if you could join them. This is a great opportunity to find out about the life and work of the school. As the Parent Council only meets once per term being a member is not an onerous task.

## Severe Weather Arrangements

Guidelines for Travelling to School during Adverse Weather, together with the school pin number will be issued shortly. Please keep this information for use during the winter months. **The phone number for the Telephone Messaging Service is: 0870 054 6999. The school pin number is: 041530**

## Term Dates

School Closes after School on:	School opens for pupils on:
Thursday 20 December 2012	Monday 7 January 2013
Thursday 28 March 2013	Monday 15 April 2013
Friday 28 June 2013	Tuesday 20 August 2013
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2013
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2013	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2014
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2014	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2014
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2014	
Additional Closure Days	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Weekend Break / Inset Days
Monday 6 May 2013	May Day Holiday

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](mailto:beauly.primary@highland.gov.uk)

## Beauly Songsquad



Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Performance time (please tick)

1.30pm

7.00pm

I would like to purchase:

Please indicate number of tickets required	Ticket type	Cost per ticket	Total
	Adult	£4.00	
	Concessionary	£3.00	
	Child under the age of 5	free	
<b>I have enclosed payment of:</b>			

Name of parent \_\_\_\_\_