



Newsletter

January 2018

Dear Parent / Carer,

Staff

We would like to welcome Mrs Helena Stewart to our team. Mrs Stewart has joined us as a PSA on a temporary basis for the foreseeable future. We also look forward to welcoming student teacher Fiona Cumming at the end of the month. She will be joining us for a few weeks and we hope they both enjoy their time with us in Beaully.

Primary 1 Enrolment - w/c 29/01/18

Primary 1 enrolment will take place in the week commencing 29th January 2018. This is for children who will be **FIVE** by the **28th February 2019**. Parents of children starting P1 in August 2018 are encouraged to complete the enrolment forms which will be available online.

Please remember to take your child's birth certificate and proof of address to the school office if you haven't attached them to the online enrolment form.

If you wish your child to attend Beaully Primary but live outwith the catchment area you must initially enrol at your catchment school and then complete a placing request to the Area Education Office. When requested, hard copies of the forms can be made available. Following enrolment at Beaully Primary, all parents/carers will be invited to attend a P1 Parent Information Meeting later in the year. More information will be available on the school blog or from Highland Council's own website.

Primary 7 Parent Information Evening - Thursday 1st February

This will be held on Thursday 1st February at 7.00pm in Charleston Academy Assembly Hall. Letters have been issued with a return slip to confirm if you will be attending.

Nursery Enrolment - w/c 12/02/18

This will take place throughout the week commencing 12th February. Parents of children eligible to start nursery during the academic year 2018/19 are encouraged to complete the enrolment form which will be available online.

Please remember to take your child's birth certificate and proof of address to the school office if you haven't attached them to the online enrolment form.

A Nursery Induction - Parent Information Meeting will take place later in the year. Please be aware that attending Beaully Nursery does not automatically qualify out of catchment pupils with a place in Beaully Primary.

Eligibility for Free Early Learning and Childcare	"Three Year Olds" Eligible Dates	"Four Year Olds" Eligible Dates
August 2018	1/3/15 - 31/8/15	1/3/14 - 28/2/15
January 2019	1/9/15 - 31/12/15	
April 2019	1/1/16 - 29/2/16	

Dochgarroch Cross Country - Thursday 8th February

This year the ASG Cross Country event takes place on Thursday 8th February at Dochgarroch Primary School. Dochgarroch Parent Council will be doing teas, coffees and biscuits for spectators - £1.50 each. More info will follow shortly.

Beaully Cross Country Championships - Tuesday 6th March

Our annual cross country will take place on Tuesday 6th March for our P4-7 pupils. Medals will be presented for 1st/2nd/3rd placed boy and girl in each year group. There will also be cups and shields presented to our overall boy and girl champion. We will be looking for parent volunteers on the day - please contact the school office if you would be available to help out. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Lagganlia - June 2019

As previously mentioned the vast majority of current P6 parents voted for the Lagganlia residential trip to take place towards the end of their child's P7 year. I can confirm that we have booked the week from the 10th to the 14th of June 2019. Payment cards will be issued soon to the P6 pupils.

Car park

For the safety of our pupils please note that the school car park is only to be used for staff cars with the exception of visitors to our school and anyone on school business who requires to make use of the disabled parking bays.

Adverse Weather Arrangements/School Closure

Guidelines for travelling to school during adverse weather have now been issued. Please keep this information for use during the winter months. The phone number for the telephone messaging service is 0800 564 2272, and the school pin is 041530. The service will be given the highest priority in the event of a closure, followed by other methods of communication eg. Radio Broadcast and School Blog.

School Improvement through Self Evaluation

As we have highlighted in a previous newsletter the Pupil Council were involved in gathering information on the teaching of Literacy throughout the school. We also sought parents' views during parents' evenings and staff have expressed their views too. Most people think Literacy is taught well across all stages. The pupils mentioned that they enjoy writing lessons and getting targets to work on for their next piece of work. They enjoy listening to stories and being able to borrow books from both the school and public library. The younger pupils enjoy 'Show and Tell' and some of the older pupils mentioned that they like to give talks or presentations in their classes.

The overwhelming response from pupils, and from some parents, was that they would like newer reading books with a higher interest level which they could relate to, especially in the upper stages of school. We have addressed this by investing a large amount of money in buying in some new reading materials with particular focus on the middle and upper stages of school. Teachers have selected a variety of fiction and non-fiction materials which they look forward to using with the children in school. We have also supplemented the reading resources in lower school and bought in some new materials for our younger pupils to enjoy too. We plan to share some of these new materials with you during our open day on Friday 23rd March. We hope these resources help enthuse our young people to read and learn more.

School Uniform/Dress Down Days

I am pleased to say that most pupils consistently turn up to school looking smart in their school uniform. I feel quite strongly that wearing uniform helps give the pupils a real sense of belonging and being part of a team. I love going in to the classes to be greeted with a 'sea of green!' It provides the school with an identity in the community and nothing makes me more proud than when I hear positive feedback about someone in a 'Beauly sweatshirt' from a member of the community or from a visitor. The Parent Council also highlighted the importance of wearing school uniform at the last meeting. I would really appreciate your support in ensuring all pupils wear uniform on a daily basis.

Dress Down Days as you know happen on the last Friday of the month and the Pupil Council and I have discussed that these will only go ahead if pupils are consistently wearing uniform. Spot checks on classes will take place on random days each week and the percentage of pupils wearing uniform will be worked out for the month (by the senior pupils in Pupil Council). If this average percentage is above 90% for the month then Dress Down day will go ahead. The Pupil Council raised the point that if it is to be used as a reward then we couldn't force people to pay £1 to dress down. However they talked about how much of a benefit the money raised from this is so would like to encourage pupils to bring in a donation if possible.

Newsletter Distribution

If you haven't already signed up to have an electronic version sent to you, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the form below. Ideally we would like to have a form returned for every family in the school so we know we are doing all we can to improve communication between school and home.

Pupil Name..... Class.....

E-Mail Address

I do not have access to a computer or e-mail and require a paper copy of the newsletter.

Parent Signature Date

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SUPPORTING OUR FUNDRAISING

Rag Bag

All the following items are accepted;

Clothing, All Fashions, All Ages, Paired Shoes, Handbags & Belts. All items should be wearable, dry and clean and wrapped in a plastic bag as the bin is not totally watertight and any wet clothing cannot be collected.

To date this has raised a massive £2,788.70

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 £1,226.27

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

Reminder to All Parents/Carers

Pupil Absences

Please contact the school office before 9.30am if your child will not be attending school for any reason, unless prior contact has been made.

Parent Contact Details

Please keep us updated with any changes of address, telephone numbers (home and work), mobile numbers and emergency contact details.

Pupil Medicines

Please ensure that you inform us of any medication your child is taking or any conditions affecting your child's wellbeing, providing medication where applicable. Please help us to be prepared for any eventuality; all information will be treated confidentially.

Head Lice Advice

Head lice are often a problem within schools and the wider community. Regularly practicing 'wet combing' with a suitable comb is advisable for parents of children throughout their school years. If head lice are detected, Pharmacists are able to advise on the management of a head louse infection. We would also be grateful if you would contact the school if you find your child has head lice. Children should be returned to school once they have been treated. Head Lice 'alert letters' are against Highland Council policy as most schools will have a few pupils with head lice at any one time. Also, in the past these letters have led to parents attempting preventative treatment which does not work and over-use of treatment may also lead to resistance.

School Calendar 2017-2018-2019

School Closes after School on:	School opens for pupils on:
Friday 22 nd December 2017	Monday 8 th January 2018
Wednesday 28 th March 2018	Monday 16 th April 2018
Friday 29 th June 2018	Tuesday 21 st August 2018
Friday 12 th October 2018	Monday 29 th October 2018
Friday 21 st December 2018	Monday 7 th January 2019
Friday 5 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
Thursday 4 th July 2019	Tuesday 20 th August 2019

Extra Closure Days

Monday 19 th February 2018	Weekend Break
Tuesday 20 st February 2018	Weekend Break
Wednesday 21 st February 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 7 th May 2018	May Day Holiday
Monday 4 th June 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 20 th August 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 17 th September 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Tuesday 18 th September 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 18 th February 2019	Weekend Break
Tuesday 19 th February 2019	Weekend Break
Wednesday 20 th February 2019	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 6 th May 2019	May Day Holiday
Monday 3 rd June 2019	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 19 th August 2019	Inset Day - Staff only

Dates for the Diary

Monday 22 nd January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Council Meeting 7pm in staffroom building
Friday 26 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5/6 Class Assembly 11.30am in school hall- parents and visitors welcome
Thursday 8 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date for Charleston Cluster Cross Country - to be held at Dochgarroch • P3/4 parents invited to the pupils' French café- details to follow
Tuesday 13 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Evening - Appointments 5.30pm-7.30pm
Thursday 15 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Afternoon - Appointments 3.40pm-5.40pm • Oral Health Hygienist visiting Nursery, P1 & P2/3
Tuesday 27 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewables visit to school for P7, P5/6 & P4/5
Friday 2 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P2/3 Class Assembly 11.30am in school hall- parents and visitors welcome
Tuesday 6 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school for rest of week • Beauly Cross Country Event for all pupils in P4-P7
Friday 9 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional date for Dance Platform Event at Charleston Academy for After School Creative Dance Club

Monday 19 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beauly's Got Talent Auditions start (Provisional date of BGT Friday 27th April)
Wednesday 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MacRobert Cup Cross Country Competition in Inverness
Friday 23 rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Open Day from 11am to 12noon - opportunity to share New Pupil Profiles with parents • New reading resources available to view
Wednesday 28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P3/4 Class Easter Assembly at 2pm - parents and visitors welcome