



Newsletter

March 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

Staffing

Mrs Fraser is signed off work and will be for the foreseeable future. Miss Kennedy will continue to cover the P2/3 class in Mrs. Fraser's absence.

Mrs. MacRitchie will be taking up her Maternity Leave from Friday 5th April. We would like to wish her well and we all look forward to meeting baby MacRitchie. Ms. Stoddart will be covering the P4/5 class Tuesday to Friday each week. Mrs. Donna Grant will be teaching the class every Monday from April until July. Mrs Grant has already met the children and will teach them on a couple of occasions before the Easter holidays. Mrs Grant will also be covering Mrs Mackenzie's Principal Teacher management time in place of Ms Stoddart. She will be teaching the P6 class on Friday mornings from April until July.

Road Safety Concerns

We are having ongoing concerns about road safety awareness. Almost on a daily basis staff or parents are mentioning near misses with children being completely unaware of dangers associated with the road. Please ensure your children cross the road safely and at appropriate points such as pedestrian crossings or at the designated safer routes to school.

When using the safer routes at Braeview, pavements and paths should be used at all times and children should not walk through the middle of the car park or between parked cars!! Please also park your car considerately and keep our children safe.

Scholastic Book Fair - Tuesday 5th March

Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 5th March. Classes will be given the opportunity to view the books during the school day and can take in money to buy a book if they so wish. The Book Fair will also be open to parents after school on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March for approx. an hour. Louise (P7) and Jamie (P6) have very kindly agreed to run the book fair after school both days. Beaully Primary will receive 60% commission on sales to purchase books for the school.

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

All pupils are invited to dress up as a character from a traditional story or fairy tale on World Book Day. Pupils should take in the book of their character so this can be shared with their classmates throughout the day. Thank you to the parents who have offered to come in to read to classes. Thanks also to our local librarian Helen who is going to visit all classes including the nursery.

Beaully Primary Cross Country - Monday 11th March

Our annual Cross Country will take place on Monday 11th March at 9.45am 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. All children from P4-7 will take part but will be given the option of walking part of the course.

This year we would also like to give our younger pupils in P2-3 the option to take part. There will be no trophies awarded to P2/3 pupils but they will all be rewarded with a sticker if they choose to take part. If you do not want your child to take part please contact the school office.

Pupils should have their gym kit, a warm waterproof jacket, appropriate outdoor footwear (no spikes) and a water bottle. We are looking for parent volunteers on the day - please contact the school office if you would be available to help out.

'The Journey' Road Safety Play - Tuesday 12th March

There will be a road safety play for our P6 & P7 pupils on the afternoon of Tuesday 12th March. This will be delivered by a visiting drama group and is fully funded by Road Safety Scotland.

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

Primary 7 pupils will be raising money for Red Nose Day during the Soup & Sandwich Lunch. There will be various activities like guess how many sweeties in the jar and tombola going on during the lunch. Donations for the tombola stall would be greatly appreciated. Please hand these in to the P7 class as soon as possible. Primary 7 pupils are hoping to run their events during morning break as well. Activities will cost either 50p or £1.

Soup & Sandwich Lunch - Friday 15th March

On Friday 15th March we are having a soup & sandwich lunch in our school canteen/gym hall. This will be served from 12.00 - 1.00pm, £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. Tea & Coffee will also be available. **Don't forget to return your pink slip to the school office by Friday 8th March if you are able to join us.**

A huge thank you to everyone who has offered to bake, we really appreciate this. Could we please request all baking is handed in first thing on the Friday morning.

Raffle tickets are available at the school office for £1 per strip. If you would like to purchase tickets in advance please hand this in to the school office with your name and clearly marking how many tickets you would like.

Drop in sessions - Tuesday 19th March

The next informal drop in session for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee will be on Tuesday 19th March at 9.05am. I look forward to seeing some of you in the Creation Station to chat about any school related issues you may have.

McRobert Cup Cross Country - Wednesday 20th March

The McRobert Cup Cross Country takes place at Bught Park on Wednesday 20th March. Permission slips have now been issued to the pupils involved.

Class Photos - Tuesday 26th March

Mike Leslie will be in school on Tuesday 26th March to take class photos. Please ensure all pupils are wearing school uniform.

Dress Down Day - Friday 29th March

I am delighted with the number of pupils wearing their school uniform each day - keep up the good work everyone! We will continue to do spot checks on uniform each week and if percentages remain above 90% pupils will be rewarded with a Dress Down Day towards the end of each month. If possible a donation of £1 to the school fund would be greatly appreciated.

Nursery Trip to Frankie & Lolas - Friday 29th March

Our Nursery will be visiting Frankie & Lolas on Friday 29th March. Information has been issued and we are sure they will have a lovely morning.

Science & Technology Week - 1st - 5th April

The staff have decided to have a week focusing on science and technology work. During the week, as well as our own teachers delivering lessons, it is hoped that we will have visitors working with various classes from Charleston Academy and the UHI. We would also like any parents or relatives who work in this sector to visit classes and share their experience. If you could help out please get in touch with the school.

Enterprising Maths Challenge - Tuesday 23rd April

A small group of our P7 pupils will be taking part in the Enterprising Maths Challenge at Dingwall Academy along with other groups from schools in the Highlands. This is in conjunction with the University of Aberdeen.

Blue Beetle 'Gamers' Production - Friday 26th April

We have arranged for the Blue Beetle Production Company from Stirling to perform 'Gamers' to the P3-7 pupils. This tells the story of 3 school friends and highlights the dangers of both online and offline bullying. It looks at how we share information and put our trust in strangers in the virtual world. It also covers real world bullying which could happen in the playground. This interactive production provides clear suggestions for how to deal with bullying and highlights ways to stay safe online. The cost of this will be met by the school fund.

P6 Swimming Lessons - Monday 29th April

Primary 6 pupils will be attending swimming lessons from Monday 29th April until Monday 1st July.

Parent Council - Thursday 2nd May

Our next Parent Council meeting will be on Thursday 2nd May at 7pm in the staff room. All welcome.

DYW Week - 20th -24th May

All classes will be learning about how the skills they are developing now could relate to the world of work. We would love parents to come in and share information about their jobs with the classes. On Friday 24th May pupils are asked to come to school dressed as what they would like to be when they are older. P7 pupils will also be involved in a DYW transition event at Charleston on 23rd May with other P7s in the local area.

Class Assemblies

All classes will be holding an assembly during this session when parents and friends are invited to attend. The dates for these are as follows;

- P7 - Friday 8th March at 11.30am
- P3/4 - Friday 22nd March at 11.30am
- P6 - Friday 3rd May at 11.30am
- P2/3 - Friday 17th May at 11.30am
- P1/2 - Friday 7th June at 11.30am

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.

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 £3,478.70

Easyfundraising

As the title suggests it is easy to sign up and raise money for Beaulay 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 £1,447.54

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 2019-2020

School Closes after School on:	School opens for pupils on:
Friday 5 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
Thursday 4 th July 2019	Tuesday 20 th August 2019
Friday 11 th October 2019	Monday 28 th October 2019
Friday 20 th December 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020
Friday 27 th March 2020	Tuesday 14 th April 2020
Thursday 2 nd July 2020	Tuesday 18 th August 2020

Extra Closure Days

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

5 th - 11 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 7 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day
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Monday 20 th - 24 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DYW Week
Friday 31 st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day @ 9.45am
Friday 7 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P1/2 Class Assembly @ 11.30am
Friday 21 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Open Day & Pupil Profile sharing.
Wednesday 3 rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P7 Leavers Assembly in the Phipps Hall at 1.45pm.