



Newsletter

September 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

Newsletter

From now on only one newsletter will be issued to parents and carers. This will be a combined nursery and school newsletter which will be sent out on a monthly basis. Please read these to keep you up to date with school and nursery matters.

Bruno & Barney's Adventures

We will soon be sending our Nursery bears Bruno and Barney home to have adventures at your house. All children will have a turn to look after them. Instructions are included and don't feel pressured to write lots in their diaries - a wee paragraph is perfect. Please ensure that everything is cared for and returned to the Nursery.

Safer Routes to School

We have had reports of children not using the Pelican Crossing in the centre of the village and trying to cross the road by themselves. Our village is so busy with traffic and children should not be attempting to cross the road at any point other than at the Pelican Crossings or with our Lollipop Lady.

Please please have a talk with your children on the importance of using the safer routes to school, pelican crossings, our lollipop lady, keeping to the pavements and staying safe!

Illness - Sickness or Diarrhoea

Please remember if your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea they should stay at home for the recommended 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.

Cross Country After School Club Volunteer

We are keen to get our after school cross country club running again and are looking for a volunteer to help or a couple of volunteers so we could make up a rota. If you are able to volunteer please get in touch with the school office.

May Day Holiday 2020

The May Day public holiday in 2020 will change from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to coincide with the VE Day 75th Anniversary commemorations.

School Uniform

A wee reminder that all items of school uniform - t-shirt, jumper, trousers, skirts, leggings, shoes, pencil cases and water bottles should be labelled with their child's name. This will help to return lost property items to their owner.

Could we request all pupils, from Nursery to P7, have a **jacket in school each day**? All pupils should also have a pair of indoor shoes to wear inside the school buildings throughout the school day.

Cnoc na Rath Development Project

We are delighted that a group of pupils from school will be working to develop the Cnoc area. Simon Harry from Many Routes, a specialist in Outdoor Education, will lead the group and work alongside other community groups. The idea is that the group will discuss, plan and implement changes to the Cnoc so that the school and community can make more effective use of it in learning and recreation activities.

Sustrans - Ibike Initiative

During this session the Charleston Academy ASG are lucky to have input from Sustrans. This government funded initiative helps support schools to encourage pupils and staff to lead a more active lifestyle by cycling, walking or scooting to school. Ian Thompson will be working alongside the school to promote choosing a more sustainable way to travel to school. Over the year the pupils will be involved in various bike and scooter focused activities. Ian will be leading an assembly to the whole school on Friday 20th September to explain more about this initiative.

Primary 7 to Fairburn Activity Centre

On Thursday 12th September Primary 7 will be going to Fairburn for a day of team building skills. Information regarding this was sent out last term however, several pupils have still to return their permission slip along with payment. We would appreciate if all permissions and payment could be returned asap.

In-Service

The school will be closed for In-Service training on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th September. The staff will be working on developing aspects of our school improvement plan including attending a course about writing. Please note the authority have 2 In-service days in September and 2 in November too. These dates are detailed towards the end of the newsletter.

School Photos - Wednesday 18th September

Mike Leslie will be in school on Wednesday 18th September to take individual and family photos. If you do not wish your child to have their photo taken please contact the school office.

Parents Evening

Our parents evening will take place on Tuesday 24th September 5.30 - 8.00pm and Thursday 26th September 4.00 - 6.30pm. Letters have been issued and appointment requests will be issued shortly.

Dress Down Day

Dress down days will be given as a reward for pupils consistently wearing their uniform. Spot checks on uniform will take place each week and if percentages remain above 90% pupils will be rewarded with a dress down day. If possible a donation of £1 to the school fund would be appreciated. Our next dress down day is due to be on Friday 27th September.

E-safety for Parents - Wednesday 2nd October

Robert Quigley from Highland Council will be running an information evening for parents on helping children to stay safe online. This will be held on Wednesday 2nd October in the Primary 6/7 classroom at 5.00pm. The target audience for this is parents of Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils as they will soon be given their chrome books to take home. This information session will be useful for all parents to attend.

Harvest Assembly - Friday 11th October

All parents, carers and members of the community are invited to join us on Friday 11th October at 11.15am for our Harvest Assembly. All classes will be taking part in the assembly.

Lagganlia 2020

We would like to encourage parents to make use of the payment plan set up for the Lagganlia 2020 Outdoor Educational Trip. Please get in touch with the school office if you require a copy of the paperwork.

Class Assemblies

All classes will be holding an assembly during this session where they will be sharing some of their learning. All parents, carers and friends are warmly invited to attend. The dates for these are as follows:

- P5/6 - Friday 8th November at 11.30am
- P6/7 - Friday 24th January at 11.30am
- P3/4/5 - Friday 27th March at 11.30am
- P2/3 - Friday 29th May at 11.30am
- P1/2 - Friday 12th June at 11.30am

Flu Immunisation - Friday 29th November

The flu immunisation team will be in school on Friday 29th November for pupils who have a signed permission returned. **Could any unreturned forms be handed in to the school office by Friday 13th September at the latest.** If you have any questions or are unsure if a form has been returned please do not hesitate to call the school office. Flu vaccines will only be given to pupils who have returned forms. We have been informed by the flu immunisation team that **forms returned after the 13th September will NOT be accepted.**

Pantomime at Eden Court Theatre

All pupils from Primary 1 to Primary 7 will be going to see Beauty and the Beast at Eden Court Theatre during the afternoon of Thursday 19th December. This will very kindly be paid for by the Parent Council.

Family Update Forms

Family update forms will be issued in due course. Please keep the school informed of any change in contact details as and when they happen. It is vital that the school holds up to date contacts for your child in case of an emergency.

Nut Allergy

We have a small number of children in the school and nursery who have a nut allergy. **Could all parents please ensure their children do not bring any items to school that contain nuts,** either for their snack or in their packed lunch. Many thanks for your support with this.

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 £3,722.60

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 £1,450.90

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 2019-20/21

School Closes after School on:	School opens for pupils on:
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
Friday 9 th October 2020	Monday 26 th October 2019
Tuesday 22 nd December 2020	Wednesday 6 th January 2021
Thursday 1 st April 2021	Monday 19 th April 2021
Thursday 1 st July 2021	Tuesday 17 th August 2021

Extra Closure Days

Monday 19 th August 2019	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 16 th September 2019	Inset Day - Staff only
Tuesday 17 th September 2019	Inset Day - Staff only
Thursday 21 st November 2019	Inset Day - Staff only
Friday 22 nd November 2019	Inset Day - staff only
Monday 17 th February 2020	Weekend Break
Tuesday 18 th February 2020	Weekend Break
Wednesday 19 th February 2020	Inset Day - Staff only
Friday 8 th May 2020	May Day Holiday
Monday 1 st June 2020	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 17 th August 2020	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 14 th September 2020	Inset Day - staff only

Tuesday 15 th September 2020	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 15 th February 2021	Weekend Break
Tuesday 16 th February 2021	Weekend Break
Wednesday 17 th February 2021	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 3 rd May 2021	May Day Holiday