



Newsletter

February 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Student

We would like to welcome Mrs Emma Martin our PGDE Student from Inverness College UHI. Emma will be working with our P5/6 class until Friday 6th March. As part of her studies, Emma will be planning and delivering various lessons to the class. We hope she enjoys her time with us in Beauly.

Safer Routes to School

The school and nursery have been getting calls from very concerned members of the public regarding the safety on Croyard Road. Unfortunately with the increase of traffic at peak times the road is becoming more and more congested. Many of our pupils walk to school and this route takes them along Croyard Road as part of our Safer Routes to School.

If you are travelling by car to school could we politely ask that you make use of the drop off zone at Braeview Park. Please, please let's try and keep everyone safe and if at all possible avoid dropping pupils off on Croyard Road.

It's great to see some of our pupils cycling to school or scooting to school. However, could we please remind all parents to ensure their children wear a cycling helmet at all times.

Family Update Forms

A number of family update forms have still to be returned to the school office. It is vital that the school holds up to date contacts for your child in case of an emergency. **We also require the permission form at the back of the family update forms to be returned.** Once this form is in place the permissions will cover your child for the remainder of their primary years.

School Meals Payment

Please remember that school meals should be paid for in advance. Payment can be made by either cash or cheque at the school (cheques made payable to Highland Council). School meals are £2.30 per day. Please note that no change will be given out by the canteen. Any overpayment will be carried forward to the following week.

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.

Rights Respecting Schools Award - Right of the Fortnight

During the recent P6/7 assembly the whole school learnt about our journey to achieving the Rights Respecting Schools Award. In Rights Respecting Schools, children's rights (detailed in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)) are promoted and realised and the children and adults in the school work towards the goals together as a team. Being a Rights Respecting School means that everyone, whatever their role in school, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, ability, should feel safe, listened to and treated with respect and dignity. We have successfully achieved the bronze award and we are now working towards the silver level. As part of this we will be considering a 'Right of the Fortnight' at Assemblies. P6/7 will share the Right with the rest of the school and explain its significance and what we as a school can do to promote and realise that Right. The Rights of the Fortnight for February are:

Article 38 - Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war. Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces.

Article 29 - Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Nursery Targets

Please note that the Nursery staff will no longer be handing out new and completed target sheets for the children. New targets will now be written on a star for the children to take home. Staff would appreciate if parents could discuss this with their child if they bring one home.

Charleston Inter Primary Cross Country - Thursday 6th February

This will take place on Thursday 6th February at Dochgarroch Primary School. Letters have been issued to the pupils taking part.

Dochgarroch Primary School Parent Council will be doing teas/coffee/juice/biscuits for a small donation. Parking is available just past the An Talla Cafe and Gift Shop.

Nursery Enrolment - w/c 10th February

This will take place week commencing 10th February. Parents of children eligible to start nursery during the academic year 2020/21 are encouraged to complete the enrolment form which will be available online at :-

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/11/enrol_your_child_for_early_learning_and_childcare

Our nursery caters for children aged 3 and 4. **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.**

Parents Evening - Tuesday 11th & Thursday 13th February

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 11th February 5.30-8.00pm and Thursday 13th February 4-6.30pm. This will also be an opportunity for parents to view some of the pupils' work. Appointments have now been issued via pupil school bags. **Please note there is only a crèche available on the Thursday afternoon which will be held in the school library in the flat roof building. Pupils will need to be signed in and out by parents.**

Gaelic Cafe - Wednesday 12th February

Mrs Maciver and some of our pupils will be running a Gaelic Cafe in the hall on Wednesday 12th February. The cafe will be open for sessions throughout the day and will be a chance for pupils to practice their Gaelic speaking skills in a real life context. Pupils have issued invites to their parents/carers and look forward to welcoming them.

February Holiday

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February for our February break. School will also be closed to pupils on Wednesday 19th February for In-Service training for all staff.

Beaulys Got Talent - Thursday 27th February

Beaulys Got Talent will be on Thursday 27th February in the Phipps Hall. Doors will open at 6.10pm and the show will start at 6.30pm. Tickets are available from the school office - £3 per adult and £1 per child.

Pupils who have been successful have been informed and should practice their acts at home. They will get one chance to rehearse in the Phipps Hall on the afternoon of Wednesday 26th February before the big show! It promises to be an evening of super entertainment.

The Parent Council has very kindly offered to hold a raffle on the night. We would really appreciate if you have any donations of raffle prizes if you could hand them in to the school office by Friday 21st February.

Scholastic Book Fair - Tuesday 3rd March

Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 3rd March until Friday 6th 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 wish. The book fair will also be open to parents after school on Thursday 5th March and Friday 6th March. This will be run by some of our senior pupils.

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

This year we would like to ask pupils to dress up as an animal from a story and take in the book where their character comes from. There will be lots of 'story stops' for classes throughout the day and there will be prizes for the best costumes in each class. World Book Day vouchers will be issued to pupils. These can be used towards a book at the book fair.

HWB/DYW Week - Monday 9th March to Friday 13th March

Pupils are going to focus on various aspects of Health and Wellbeing during this week. We would love lots of people who work in careers related to HWB to come in and share information about the skills required for their jobs. This will help the pupils build up an idea of what they might like to do in the future. Letters about this have been issued separately - PLEASE help us if you can!

Class Photos - Wednesday 11th March

Nursery - P7 class photos will be taken on the morning of Wednesday 11th March. Please could all pupils ensure they are looking as gorgeous as ever and wearing full school uniform for this day. P7 pupils should wear their green school hoodies to school and also take their leavers hoodies with them as photos will be taken in both.

Beaulieu Primary Cross Country - Thursday 12th March

Our annual Cross Country will take place on Thursday 12th 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. All pupils in P1-3 will be given the option of taking part in a shorter course for fun. Parents and carers are warmly invited along to support the pupils. We will be looking for parent volunteers on the day - please contact the school office if you would be available to help out. **Could we also request for trophies to be returned from our winners from last year.**

Parent Council Meeting - Monday 16th March

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on Monday 16th March in the staffroom building at 6pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

McRobert Cup Cross Country - Wednesday 18th March

The McRobert Cup Cross Country takes place at Bught Park on Wednesday 18th March. Permission Slips will be issued in due course.

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;

P3/4/5 - Friday 27th March at 11.15am

This will be our Easter Assembly which all parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

P2/3 - Friday 29th May at 11.30am

P1/2 - Friday 12th June at 11.30am

Primary 5/6 Swimming Lessons - Monday 27th April

Primary 5/6 pupils and P5 from P3/4/5 will be attending swimming lessons from Monday 27th April until Monday 29th June. Please could pupils bring a £2.50 donation each week towards transport costs.

May Day Holiday - Friday 8th May

Please note our May Day holiday has been changed to Friday 8th May.

Lagganlia 2020 - Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June

Our P7 Lagganlia Outdoor Residential trip takes place from Monday 22nd June until Friday 26th June 2020. We would like to encourage parents to make use of the monthly payment plan set up for the trip. Please get in touch with the school office if you require a copy of the paperwork.

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 £4,076.70

Easyfundraising

As the name 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 £1,587.37

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 & Nursery Calendar 2020/21

School Closes after School on:	School opens for pupils on:
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 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

School & Nursery - Dates for the Diary

Thursday 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dochgarroch Cross Country
w/c 10 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursery Enrolment
Tuesday 11 th & Thursday 13 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gaelic Cafe
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Thursday 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beaulys Primary Annual CC
Monday 16 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Council Meeting @ 6pm
Wednesday 18 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• McRobert Cup Cross Country
Friday 27 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P3/4/5 Assembly at 11.15am
Monday 27 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P5 from P3/4/5 and P5/6 Swimming Lessons.
Friday 29 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P2/3 Assembly at 11.30am
Friday 12 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1/2 Assembly at 11.30am
22 nd - 26 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P7 to Lagganlia Outdoor Education Centre
Wednesday 1 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P7 Leavers Assembly in the Phipps Hall at 1.45pm

Please keep an eye on our website for regular updates.