



Newsletter

December

2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Nursery Absence

As you are all aware Mrs Bissett from our nursery has been unwell. Sadly, Mrs Bissett was admitted to hospital at the beginning of this week as she was very poorly. We are delighted to say that she is now improving each day, and is hoping to get home soon. I am sure you will join me in sending our love and wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mrs Bissett would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and cards which she has received.

Thank you

Hand Made Re-usable Face Masks

A big thank you goes to Niami's Granny for donating £250 from her handmade face masks. We very much appreciate the huge amount of time and effort she has put in to raise this money for our school fund.

Christmas Tree

We are delighted with our Christmas tree which was very kindly donated by Tarradale Trees in Muir of Ord. It's great to have such support from businesses in our community.

Instead of putting the tree in the gym hall this year we have decided to put it in our playground so everyone can enjoy it!!

A huge thank you to Catherine Rait for organising this for us.

Adverse Weather

Our Adverse Weather telephone number is 0800 5642272 and the school pin is 041530. Please keep this information close to hand for using during the winter months.

Information on school closures can also be found at <https://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December

This year we are going to join in with Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. We would like all pupils and staff to wear a Christmas jumper and bring in a £1 donation for this very worthy cause. Pupils will be watching a short video in school to explain what the charity does.

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 17th December

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Thursday 17th December. Pupils are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper/top or something sparkly to add some festive cheer.

Games Morning/Movie Afternoon

Unfortunately, this year we are limited in what we can do regarding parties and Christmas celebrations due to COVID. However, we are determined to still have fun and celebrate in our own way. During December all classes will be treated to a party games session with their class. Each class will also have a movie afternoon with snacks. Class Teachers will be organising dates and more information will be issued via your child's google classroom.

Christmas Class & Parent Google Meets

All classes from P1-7 will be preparing a short Christmas activity to share with parents and carers. We plan to have a short google meet with each class in the last few days of term when parents can join in. More details of this will be shared via email shortly.

Christmas Cards

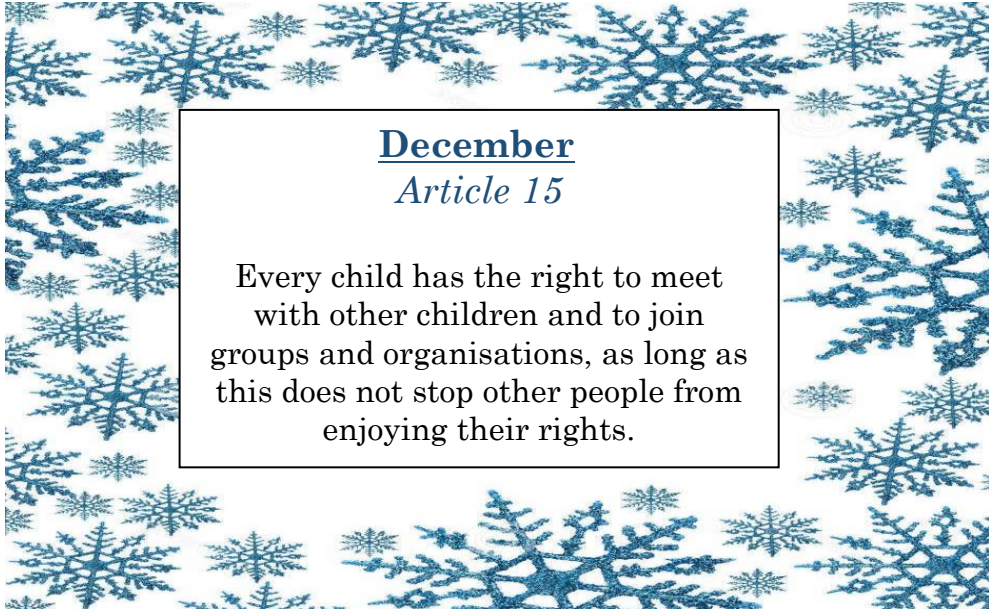
Please could any children wishing to give cards to their friends ensure the cards are brought to school before Thursday 17th December and placed in the box in their classroom. All cards will be given out by Monday 21st December to take home after they have been quarantined for the recommended amount of time.

Playtimes

Due to the current restrictions and in line with all Covid guidelines children will be outside for playtimes in all weathers, unless it is deemed unsafe. **Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and has a warm waterproof jacket with them every day, as well as suitable footwear.** Again please ensure all clothing and footwear is labelled with your child's name!!

Rights Respecting School

As part of our Rights Respecting School Journey we focus on a right of the child each month...



December *Article 15*

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

Face masks/coverings

In line with new guidelines issued by the Scottish Government and Highland Council all adults entering the school grounds should wear a face mask or covering. We would be grateful if everyone adheres to this at drop off and pick up times from school. School staff also require to wear masks now if social distancing is not possible and in communal areas around the school.

Nursery Renovations

Renovations to temporarily accommodate our nursery in the main building are due to start in February. We are currently working through issues regarding toilets which is proving to be quite tricky. Hopefully a solution will be found soon. The safety of our children is paramount and procedures to ensure our school can continue running smoothly will be put in place.

Getting in Touch

Due to the current COVID situation we are discouraging as many people as possible from entering the school building and grounds. This totally goes against our open door policy but is necessary for the time being. However, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us through phone call or email at any time if you have any concerns or questions. We are really missing the contact we have with you all.

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. Children should be wearing fresh clothes each day in line with current guidelines. All pupils should have a pair of indoor shoes to change into for wearing inside the school buildings.

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 £4,459.10

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 £1,567.01

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 2020/21

School Closes after School on:	School opens for pupils on:
Tuesday 22 nd December 2020	Wednesday 6 th January 2021
Thursday 1 st April 2021	Monday 19 th April 2021
Friday 25 th June 2021	Tuesday 17 th August 2021
Friday 8 th October 2021	Monday 25 th October 2021
Wednesday 22 nd December 2021	Thursday 6 th January 2022

Extra Closure Days

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
Thursday 6 th May 2021	Inset Day - staff only
Monday 16 th August 2021	Inset Day - staff only
Monday 13 th September 2021	Inset Day - staff only
Tuesday 14 th September 2021	Inset Day - staff only