



Newsletter

November

2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome!

We are delighted that some new families have joined us this term. We hope you settle in well and would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Beauly Primary School and Nursery.

Thank You!!

Picnic Benches

A huge thank you to the Co-Op for their donation of money which we received prior to lockdown. A lot of this money was originally raised for Roz Paterson's treatment which was eventually funded by the NHS.

We took delivery last week of 3 gorgeous green picnic benches for our playground. One of our benches has a Snakes & Ladders board on the surface which will be great fun for our pupils. Each bench is made from 2731 recycled milk containers - a fact which our pupils were amazed by when we spoke about it in Assembly last week. I am sure the benches will be very useful for years to come.

Mud Kitchen

A huge thank you to Willie Marshall for creating our wonderful mud kitchen. We have had a little set back with paint but this is soon to be rectified by Trevor Geddes. The P1/2 class have had a little play in it but it will soon be in full use when our paint error has been corrected!! Mrs Williams and Mrs MacRitchie have already been amazed at the imagination shown by the children in this area. A massive thank you goes out to all parents who very kindly donated money to buy resources for the kitchen. The teachers have been busy shopping and are looking forward to the children exploring and playing with all the new utensils.

Tots Money

We are very grateful for an extremely generous donation of £1000 from the Beauly Tots Group. We have not yet spent this money but we do plan to buy a shed to store outside play resources for the front area of the school. With the remaining money we will be buying further resources to promote outside play.

Hand Made Re-usable Face Masks

Niami's Granny, Cath, has been busy making unique face masks for both children and adults. She has very kindly decided to donate all proceeds to Beauly Primary school funds. She has also recently bought a wide variety of materials including festive fabrics. If you would like to purchase one for a small donation to school please contact Cath direct at cath@crofthouse.uk detailing which size and fabric you would like.



Rights Respecting School

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

November *Article 12*

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Poppies

Poppies for Remembrance Day are available in all classes from Nursery to P7 in return for a donation. All money raised will be going to the Scottish Poppy Appeal.

Homework - Term 2

Hopefully you will all have logged into Google classroom. Please ensure you check the google classroom on a regular basis with your child, as class teachers and support staff will use this platform to share homework activities. Google classroom will also be used for teachers sharing messages and other information with their class.

Chromebooks

All pupils from P4-7 now have their own personal device. Chromebooks should be taken to school every day charged and ready to use. It only takes an hour for the Chromebooks to be fully charged. Pupils in all classes will be using these as part of their learning in school, as well as using them for homework.

PE

PE can now take place in the school gym hall, however, teachers may decide to continue to have some PE lessons outside. Please check your child's google classroom for more information. Inside PE kit consist of shorts and a t-shirt and if possible these should be worn underneath school uniform.

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 could you ensure 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!!

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 Pick up

If you arrive early to pick up your child from nursery, please remember to ring the bell so the staff are aware you are there! In the event that the children are in the garden there will be a note informing you of this on the nursery door.

Nursery Renovations

Renovations to temporarily accommodate the nursery in the main building will be taking place shortly. This will be happening during term time and I will be meeting with a Council Representative later this week to discuss further. In order for works to commence the P2/3 and Mrs Fraser will be moving to the flat roof building. 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 £4,281.90

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 £1,563.58

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