



Newsletter

September

2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Parent Council Meeting

Our next parent council will be on Thursday 10th September at 6.30pm. This meeting is our AGM and all parents/carers are welcome to join via the following google meet link:

<https://meet.google.com/icr-tipn-yap?hs=122&authuser=0>

In-Service

The school will be closed to pupils for In-Service training on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th September.

Flu Immunisation

The flu immunisation team will be in school on Monday 21st September for pupils who have a signed permission returned. The flu vaccination team will be wearing full PPE and working in one classroom at a time. They will be following a strict routine to ensure everyone's safety.

End of Term Assembly

We are settling into our new normal weekly assemblies!! These have been hosted by a different class each week with Mrs Fraser-Lee leading. This is all a bit strange but the feedback from the children has been positive. All classes join via google meet.

It is hoped for the final assembly this term, on Friday 9th October, parents can join us from home if they wish. A link will be sent out closer to the time.

Tiktok & Social Media

As I am sure many of you will be aware there has been an extremely concerning video posted on Tiktok. This will have no doubt caused upset for some of our pupils and serves as a stark reminder of the dangers of social media. Please ensure you are monitoring your children's usage of digital technology and talking

to them about what they are viewing online. This will help to support appropriate and healthy use of social media for the age and stage of your child.

Family Update Forms/Permissions & Medical Forms

Thank you to everyone who has returned family update forms/permissions and medical forms. Could we please request for any outstanding forms to be returned to the school office as soon as possible. It is vital that the school holds up to date contacts for your child in case of an emergency.

Current Restrictions

Due to COVID, life in school is an ever changing picture and guidance is constantly being adapted and updated as we go. The children have been amazing at following our new routines/protocols and seem to be taking everything in their stride. There are still many school events which require clarification from Highland Council and Scottish Government, eg. Parents Evening/Meetings/Visitors to School. We will continue to communicate and keep you informed as this changes.

Google Classrooms

Google classrooms have now been set up for all pupils. If your child has not yet signed into their classroom please ensure they do so as soon as possible. They should use their Gmail address (forename.surname@charlestonacademy.org.uk) and their existing password. If you have any problems logging in to the account please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Birthdays

Unfortunately, we are not currently permitted to sing in school which sadly means that we cannot sing happy birthday in classes. Boo hoo!! We are not allowed to have birthday cakes unless it is individual cakes, which have been individually wrapped as well as having an outer packaging. This is to ensure that no germs are passed on.

Drop Off/Pick Up

Thank you to everyone who is following the rules of social distancing. This is not easy and certainly doesn't come naturally to any of us. Keep up the good work and ensure you drop off and pick up your children as promptly as possible at the beginning and end of the day. Our nursery parents get a gold star for maintaining a 2 metre distance from others!! Please be mindful and continue to set a good example to our pupils by ensuring social distancing.

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.

PE

In line with Government guidelines we will continue to have PE lessons outside even when the weather is not perfect. Please ensure your child wears a suitable kit on PE days and if possible under their school uniform. Pupils should also have a change of clothes including socks for after their PE session.

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. All pupils from Nursery to P7, should have a **jacket in school each day**. Children should be wearing fresh clothes each day in line with current guidelines.

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 £4,211.10

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 £1,558.49

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:
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
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 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
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