



# Newsletter August 2016



Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer holidays despite the weather. Our pupils are all settled back in now and are enjoying this late warmer weather.

We also have a special welcome this term to the new families joining us throughout the school and nursery. We also welcome back Mrs Rebecca MacIver, who is teaching Class Contact Reduction for P4-7 teachers and management time in P2/3 for Mrs Mackenzie and also Ms Vanessa Cardoso who will be in Primary 1 every Friday.

## Position of Head teacher at Beaul Primary

It was expected that I was to remain at Beaul for the current session as Acting Head teacher. However following recent developments regarding Mr Morrison's future he has now decided not to return to Beaul and is taking up a post with the council which fully utilises his Gaelic knowledge and skills. As a result of that decision the council have seen fit to advertise the post, locally and nationally for a permanent Head teacher. As soon as I have any further information or progress on this situation I will let you know.

## Dress Down Day

The next Dress Down Day will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. We would like to thank parents/carers and children for supporting the dress down days which take place on the last Friday of each month. The non-uniform day provides children (and staff) with a special day to look forward to. The donation to the school fund (generally £1) makes a huge difference over the course of the year and supports a wide range of special opportunities for children in the school. This includes subsidised class trips, visiting performers or the occasional special treat.

## Beaul Primary School Garden Tidy

Our school garden is in need of some TLC. We will be opening the garden over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> September and are looking for volunteers to spare an hour or so and lend a hand. The garden is used regularly by the nursery and primary pupils and it would be great to get it tidied up. Our aim is to open it up at lunchtimes once or twice a week for the children to enjoy. We have some tools, but if you have any spades, rakes, hoes, paintbrushes etc. please take them along. Many thanks in advance for your support.



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Also a huge thank you to the team of parents and carers who watered the garden over the summer break, our sunflowers and vegetables are coming on nicely thanks to your help.

## School Meals

This is a reminder that tickets should be purchased on a Monday morning, before school, from the school canteen. A cheque made payable to Highland Council is preferable to cut down on administration time. School lunch is £2.30 per day. Please note that school meals for Primary 1-3 children are available free of charge as part of the Scottish Government initiative. If required forms for free school meals are now accessed via the Highland Council website at [www.highland.gov.uk](http://www.highland.gov.uk).



## Travelling to and from School

It is wonderful to see so many pupils cycling or scootering to and from school. However please be aware of the need to comply with our cycle policy which states children should wear cycle helmets and Hi-Viz vests if cycling. Can we also raise the need to use the Safer Routes to School drop off zone at Braeview Park as traffic on Croyard Road is very busy and we have to be respectful of our neighbours.

### Pupil/Drop off/Collection

Could we please ask that if your child is late for school they should report to the school office. Late is classed as if the side door to the main building or the main door to the flat roofed building is closed. In order to maintain pupil and staff security children will be taken to class by Mrs Ritchie. Parents must inform the school office if your child is going to be collected by a different adult. The school has a duty of care in managing this and contact should always come from the parent/carer ; and not the person collecting the child.

### Nut Allergy

We have a small number of children in the school who have a nut allergy. Could all parents please ensure their children do not bring any items to school that contain nuts, including biscuits which your child may request as a playtime snack. Many thanks for your support with this.

### Breaks

Please note that this session, morning break will be from 10.30am-10.45am and lunch break is 12.15pm -1.15pm for all stages.

### Morning Break Snack Prices

Piece of Toast & Spread	0.15p	Cuplets of Fresh Fruit Juice	0.25p
Small Piece of Fruit	0.15p	Milk Cartons	0.30p
Scone/Pancake/Homebaking	0.25p	Flavoured Milk Cartons	0.35p
Glass of Milk (150mls)	0.15p	Bottled Water (330mls)	0.30p
Glass of Milk Shake (150ml)	0.20p	Aqua Juice 200ml	0.25p
Glass of Pure Fruit Juice (150ml)	0.15p	Aqua Juice 85ml	0.20p

### School Transport

Our school bus service operates one journey in each direction. Therefore any P1-3 children , who use the service, will need to remain at the school until 3.15pm where they will take place in supervised activities. If a parent wishes, they can collect their



child from school at 2.45pm rather than waiting for the bus. Please inform the school if this applies to your child.

### Open Afternoon / Parent Evening / Share a Session

Parents/carers are invited to join us for our Open Afternoon on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** 1.30pm in the school hall. The focus of our Open Afternoon this session will be Numeracy and we will be joined by Ms Kirsten Mackay, Highland Numeracy Development Officer who will lead an information workshop , highlighting some of the new approaches we are using here at Beaully. You will then be free to visit your child's class to see numeracy in action. Following your visit and for your convenience, a sign-out sheet will be available in class; should you wish to remove your child from school before the end of the day. Please note that if you are collecting children other than your own we will require written permission to be given to class teachers from their parents.

For future reference Parent Evenings for Primary 1 to Primary 7 will take place on **Tuesday 15th November from 3.30pm - 5.30pm** (with crèche facility available) and **Thursday 17th November from 5.00pm - 7.00pm**

Parents of children in Beaully Nursery will be given the opportunity to participate in 'Share a Session'. This will provide an opportunity to visit their child in the Nursery and discuss learning experiences on an individual basis.

### Contact Detail Information & Medical Forms

Parent update forms have been issued to all pupils. It is essential that these forms are checked, particularly emergency contact details. Children can become very distressed if we are unable to make contact with parents/carers. Please ensure the nominated emergency contacts are contactable and live within a reasonable distance from the school.

It is essential that the school office is kept informed of any changes to mobile numbers/contacts throughout the course of the session.

**All pupils who have allergies or other health conditions requiring medication will need to complete a medical form. These are available**

from the school office and should be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible with your child's medication. Please note staff cannot administer medicine without a completed medical form and pupils should not come to school with medicine in their school bag. Please ensure that if we hold any medication at school for your child that you have ensured it is in date as expired medication cannot be administered.

### Parent Council

The parent council AGM will be happening soon, please keep an eye on the website for the date and time. Each year the Parent Council receives funding from the Highland Council. In 2015/16 the parent council received 71p per child. All remaining funding is generated through fundraising and donations, and made possible by volunteers. Please come along to a parent council meeting, held once a term, or speak to a member of the parent council if you can help out with anything.

### After School Clubs

Thank you to everyone for their swift responses for spaces in our after school activities. Karate, basketball and multisports are all full. Confirmation letters for multisports will be issued, can we please request that any outstanding payments are paid before the sessions start on 5th September. If applicable cheques should be made payable to Highland Council. All children who requested a space at Karate should attend on Thursdays. Children who have asked to join basketball will be told by their class teacher in advance of the club resuming. It is hoped that both girls and boys football will start soon.....watch this space!

### School equipment

Each child needs to have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when not outside. As we are also hoping to take advantage of as much outdoor PE as possible could pupils in P3/4 upwards please bring a pair of outdoor trainers, to save spoiling their indoor shoes. For health and safety, earrings should be removed for PE. However, if your child is not able to do this please supply them with a roll of micro pore tape which they

could use to cover their earrings during their lesson. It really does help to have all items of clothing, lunch packs, school bags, pencil cases clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

### Newsletter Distribution

If you haven't already signed up to have an electronic version sent to you, we would be grateful if you could come into the school office and complete a registration form.

### Fundraising

#### **Rag Bag**

Our rag bag collection bin is now located in the school playground, beside the blue recycle bin. Clothing, All Fashions, All Ages, Paired Shoes, Handbags & Belts are accepted.. 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 £1862.30**

#### **Easyfundraising**

Simply log on to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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 £808.90**

#### **Book People**

Our latest offer is £5 off when you spend £20 visit [www.thebookpeople.co.uk/school-fundraising](http://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/school-fundraising) and enter offer code MKius7k.

We value your opinions on the life and work of our school. Any feedback received will be used to evaluate our work and inform future developments for the school and its links with the wider community. Comments can be shared with the school directly in writing or alternatively please e-mail [beauly.primary@highland.gov.uk](mailto:beauly.primary@highland.gov.uk)

# Highland School calendar 2016/17 (UK)

August 2016							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
32	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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September 2016							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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October 2016							
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November 2016							
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December 2016							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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January 2017							
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February 2017							
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March 2017							
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April 2017							
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May 2017							
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June 2017							
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July 2017							
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School holidays  
In-service days

School days