



Newsletter January 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am delighted to be in post and I am loving meeting all the wonderful children and staff here at Beauly. Please bear with me while I find my feet and become familiar with my new role. I look forward to working with you all and would like to remind you about The 'Meet the Head Teacher' meeting will take place on Monday 16th January, in the school hall at 7pm.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Mrs Andrea Wright as our ASN Teacher and we all look forward to working with her. She will be working in Beauly 3 days a week and we hope she settles in well and enjoys her time with us.

Reminders

Just a few reminders now we are into the New Year;

- (1) School uniform to be worn every day
- (2) Every pupil should have a pair of indoor shoes
- (3) Every pupil should have a gym kit of shorts and tee-shirt

Pupil/Drop off/Collection

Please remember our school day starts at 9.00am and lots of important tasks are carried out in the first few minutes, such as registration, lunch numbers and information for the day ahead.

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.

Outdoor Clothes

We are keen that the children get a good chance at break times to let off some steam and enjoy the outdoor space including the large grassed area. However we understand that at this time of the year the grass can be wet and muddy. We would like to encourage our pupils to have appropriate footwear such as wellies so they can enjoy and make the best use of our large playground. We would also like to encourage parents to put spare trousers and socks in their children's school bags so that they can change if necessary.



Eco School Committee

Miss Brown and her Eco School Committee will be having a focus on the importance of drinking water. They will be looking at the benefits this has for our bodies and how it helps to keep us healthy. The Eco Committee will be encouraging everyone in school to drink water and will be recording this information. Rewards will be issued to encourage this initiative. Further information will be issued soon by the Eco Warriors.

Severe Weather Arrangements/School Closure

Guidelines for travelling to school during adverse weather have now been shared and are always available on the school website. Please keep this information for use during the winter months. The phone number for the telephone messaging service is 0800 564 2272, and the school pin is 041530. This service will be given the highest priority in the event of a closure, followed by other methods of communication e.g. Radio Broadcast and School Blog.

Lagganlia 2017

Lagganlia letters were issued to P6 pupils in November for our residential trip which takes place in September this year. In order to make payment of the trip a little bit easier we also included a monthly payment plan. Should you require another copy or further advice/guidance re the payment of this trip could you please contact the school office.



**DRESS
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DAY**



Dress Down Day

Our next Dress Down Day will be on Friday 27th January. 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 might include subsidised class trips, visiting performers or the occasional special treat. Thank you all for your support with this initiative.

Primary 1 Enrolment w/c 30/01/17

Primary 1 enrolment will take place in the week commencing 30th January 2017. This is for children who will be **FIVE** by the **28th February 2018**. Parents of children starting P1 in August 2017 are encouraged to complete the enrolment forms which will be available online and call in with them at the office between 9-10am and 2-3pm daily. Alternatively forms can be emailed to the school email address beauly.primary@highland.gov.uk Could parents please remember to take along their **child's birth certificate** and **proof of address**. Furthermore, if you wish your child to attend Beauly Primary but live outwith the catchment area you must initially enrol at your catchment school and then complete a placing request to the Area Education Office. When requested, hard copies of the forms can be made available. Following enrolment at Beauly Primary, all parents/carers will be invited to attend a P1 Parent Information Meeting later in the year. More information will be available on the school blog or from Highland Council's own website.

Nursery Enrolment w/c 13/02/17

This will take place throughout the week commencing 13th February. Parents of children eligible to start nursery during the academic year 2017/18 are encouraged to complete the enrolment form which will be available online and call in with them at the office between 9-10am and 2-3pm daily. Please remember to take along your **child's birth certificate** and **proof of address**. A **Nursery Induction - Parent Information Meeting** will take place later in the year. Please be aware that attending Beauly Nursery does not automatically qualify out of catchment pupils with a place in Beauly Primary

Moving on.....

Transition to secondary school is automatic for the children living in the catchment area of the Associated School Group secondary school, here at Beauly Primary that school is Charleston Academy. Can I ask all parents of Primary 7 pupils who live out with the catchment area for Charleston Academy but wishing to transfer to them for S1 to please complete a placing request form as soon as possible. A link for this form is on our school [blog](#) and [Highland Council website](#) or a hard copy can be requested from the office.

Charleston P7 Parents Information Evening

This takes place in Charleston Academy on Tuesday 2nd February. A letter will be issued shortly from Charleston Academy to confirm times.

Please contact the school if you require any further information regarding your child's enrolment for either Primary 1, Nursery or Primary 7 transition.

Sports Round Up

Karate Competition

Congratulations to all our pupils who attended the Karate Alba's Kata & Kicking Competition on Saturday. We are delighted with the good behaviour and sportsmanship shown on the day. Well done to everyone involved.

Detailed results will be shown on the website



Basketball League

Several of our pupils from P5-7 have been competing in the Highland Primary Basketball League at Millburn Academy. We are delighted to say both our teams are doing exceptionally well with the girls in second position and the boys at the top of the league. Our next league game takes place on Monday 30th January. League tables can be found at http://highlandprimaryschoolsleague.leaguerepublic.com/1/fq/1_523458021.html



Dochgarroch Cross Country

This year the ASG Cross Country event takes place on Thursday 9th February at Dochgarroch Primary School. Further information will follow shortly.



Beauly Cross Country Championships

Our annual cross country will take place on Tuesday 7th March 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. We will be looking for parent volunteers on the day - please contact the school office if you would be available to help out. Further details will follow nearer the time.

McRobert Cup

The McRobert Cup Cross Country event will take place at Bught Park on Wednesday 22nd March 2017.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our coaches Paula and Jane for their time and dedication given during training and attending all our sporting events. We are always looking for volunteers to help out at training and Cross Country events - if this would be of interest please contact the school office.

Badminton Opportunity

Inverness City Junior Badminton Club, run by qualified coach David Barrie meet every Thursday in Inverness Royal Academy. Spaces available for new members for P4-P6 players, cost £2, 6- 7pm - begins again on 12th January 2017. Further details please contact Jane Grant on 07539 139311.

Nuts in School

Some pupils at school suffer from a severe food allergy to peanuts/nuts. Exposure to peanuts/nuts may cause serious allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment so it is vital that there is strict avoidance of this food in school, to reduce the chance of this occurring. Please do not send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child. Thank you for your support with this matter.

In-Service Day

Please note the In-Service day of Monday 5th June has been changed to Thursday 4th May 2017. Monday 5th June will be a normal school day.

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.

Beauly Primary School 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 £2203.50

Easyfundraising

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 £903.69

Your valued and continued support with all our fundraising initiatives really does make a difference to every child in the school. Thank you!

School Calendar 2017 - 2018

The highlighted dates are the next closures for school.

School Closes after School on:	School opens for pupils on:
Wednesday 5 th April 2017	Monday 24 th April 2017
Friday 30 th June 2017	Tuesday 15 th August 2017
Friday 6 th October 2017	Monday 23 rd October 2017
Friday 22 nd December 2017	Monday 8 th January 2018
Wednesday 28 th March 2018	Monday 16 th April 2018
Friday 29 th June 2018	Tuesday 14 th August 2018

Extra Closure Days

Monday 20 th February 2017	Weekend Break
Tuesday 21 st February 2017	Weekend Break
Wednesday 22 nd February 2017	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 1 st May 2017	May Day Holiday
Thursday 4 th May 2017	Inset Day - Staff only
Tuesday 15 th August 2017	Inset Day - Staff only
Thursday 21 st September 2017	Inset Day—Staff only
Friday 22 nd September 2017	Inset Day—Staff only
Monday 19 th February 2018	Weekend Break
Tuesday 20 st February 2018	Weekend Break
Wednesday 21 st February 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 7 th May 2018	May Day Holiday
Monday 4 th June 2018	Inset Day - Staff only