



Newsletter

August 2017



Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back everyone! We have a special welcome this week to all our new families joining the school community. We also welcome four new members of staff: Mrs Susie Lockett, Ms Yvonne Stoddart, Miss Jennifer Surgeoner and Mr Russell McFee. Mrs Lockett previously worked in Beauly Primary as a Support Teacher and will be returning to work as our full time P7 class teacher. Ms Stoddart will be working part time covering management time, probationer time and CCR cover in the upper stages classes. Miss Surgeoner is our probationer and will be teaching P4/5 this session. Mr McFee, Principal Teacher of P.E. in Charleston, will be teaching P.E. to our P3/4, P4/5, P5/6 and P7 classes on a Wednesday and Thursday.

We hope all our new families and staff members settle in very quickly and enjoy their time with us.

New School Hours August 2017

Please remember our new school hours;

- P1-3 - Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 3.05pm with lunch between 12.20pm-1.15pm , on Friday P1-3 will finish at 12.05pm
- P4-7 - Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 3.30pm with lunch between 12.30pm-1.15pm , on Friday P4-7 will finish at 12.15pm

A 'Grab and Go' lunch which will consist of a sandwich, fruit, cake and a drink school lunch will be provided on Fridays. This lunch will be available for everyone but do remember that **all P1-3 pupils are entitled to a free lunch.**

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	Aquajuce 200ml	0.25p
Glass of Pure Fruit Juice (150ml)	0.15p	Aquajuce 85ml	0.20p

Payment of School Meals

- Payments are submitted by you in a sealed pre-payment envelope. These are collected by the catering staff from the collection boxes in the classrooms. (Primary Pupil meals cost £2.30)
- The envelopes are available for collection from the catering staff and there will also be a supply in each classroom and at the school office.
- The envelopes should be filled in with the **full name** of the pupil, their class and the amount to be credited to their account. **If you have more than one child in the school please fill in the name of each child and how much is to be credited to each child's account.**
- You can pay by **cash or cheque**. Cheques should be made payable to The Highland Council and the pupil's name and class written on the back.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE GIVEN OUT BY THE CATERING STAFF FOR SCHOOL MEALS - ANY CHANGE WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD TO THE NEXT WEEK

LUNCH TICKETS WILL NO LONGER BE HANDED OUT TO PUPILS

Instead the amount paid by each child, their balance and whether they have had a school meal will be recorded daily by the catering staff. Any balances will be carried over to the following week i.e. if you have paid for your child to have 5 meals but your child has been absent for 2 days the balance of those 2 days meals will carry forward to the following week.

When do I pay?

- We would prefer to receive the payment envelopes on **Monday mornings to cover the upcoming week**. Payments can be made throughout the week but we would appreciate payments on Monday mornings.
- These amounts are added to the pupil's account by the catering staff.
- Cash will NOT be accepted for school meals except in a labelled envelope in advance as described above.

If required forms for free school meals and clothing grants are now accessed via the Highland Council website at www.highland.gov.uk .

Lagganlia Information Evening - Thursday 24th August

An Information Evening for parents of our P7 children attending Lagganlia in September will be held on Thursday 24th August. The meeting will be held in the P7 classroom in the main building at 6.00pm. Information about accommodation and details about activities will be provided.

Could we please remind parents that all payments should be completed before the trip in September. Should you have any questions regarding payments please do not hesitate to come and discuss this with me.

Dress Down Day - Friday 25th August

The next Dress Down Day will take place on Friday 25th August. 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.

P1 - P6 Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held between 4-6.30pm on Thursday 14th September for parents of P1 - P6 pupils. This will be a short 5 minute appointment to meet your child's teacher, discuss how your child has settled in to their new class and talk about next steps in their learning. There will be a Parents evening on Wednesday 27th September between 4-6 pm for parents of p7 pupils. Slips will be issued in due course to arrange appointment times.

Outdoor Learning

As part of our school improvement plan we will be developing Outdoor Learning as part of our curriculum over the next session. Every Friday our P1-7 classes will be enjoying a session of outdoor learning, relating to various aspects, such as Maths, Literacy or Science. These lessons will take place in our school grounds or in the adjoining Cnoc area, once all permission slips have been returned to school. We intend to carry this out **every week** so please could you ensure your child comes to school prepared with a **waterproof jacket and sensible sturdy footwear**.

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.

Travelling to and from School

It is wonderful to see so many pupils cycling or scootering to and from school. Please remember the safety aspect and 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 remind parents 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. Please also take extra care when crossing the road as we do not yet have a replacement Crossing Patroller. I am hoping to appoint someone to this post in the very near future.

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 3.30pm. If a parent wishes, they can collect their child from school at 3.05pm rather than waiting for the bus. Please inform the school if this applies to your child.

School Clubs

Homework Club

Thank you to all of you who have been in touch expressing your interest in places for our Homework Clubs. These will start next week on Monday 21st August. The morning club will run daily and the afterschool club will run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The morning club will start at 8.15am. The afternoon club will run from 3.30-4.30pm. Charges will be 50 pence per session. Those of you have requested places will be contacted directly with further information. We still have a couple of spaces left for the morning sessions and are ready to take bookings for our afternoon clubs. Please contact the school office if you would be interested in booking a place for your child.

Art & Craft Club

Mrs Stewart will be running an Art and Craft Club on Wednesdays between 3.30-4.30pm. During this time the children will work on a group piece of art for the school. The first task they have is to turn Archie Ross's winning design for the School Aims into a display for the school hall. Places for this are very limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis. We plan to run the club all year and change the children in the club after a few weeks so as many people as possible get a chance to join in if they would like. If your child is interested in attending this club please fill in the attached slip and return to the school office as soon as possible. The charge for this will be 50 pence per session which will go towards the cost of materials.

Rokzkool4u

Rokzkool ASC will be open to P1-7 pupils and they will be running two sessions a week in Beaulieu. Monday their regular class will remain at the school, with an additional Mini Rok starting prior to our senior class.

- **P1- 3 Monday 21st August**
- **Time: 15:10 -16:00 pm**
- **Cost £18 per month**

- **P4-P7 Monday 21st August**
- **Time: 3.45pm - 5.15pm**
- **Cost £26 per month**

The additional session will start on Wednesday 23rd August

Wednesday ASC @ Phipps Hall Beaulieu

Phipps Hall Times

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| • Mini Rok | Time - 2.45-3.15pm | Cost £12 per month |
| • P1-3 | - 3.15-4pm | Cost £16 per month |
| • P4-7 | - 3.45-5.15 | Cost £20.00 per month |

To book a place, visit their website rokzkool4u.com / booking page alternatively please return the booking form together with your payment to the school office by Friday 18th August. Places will be limited to 15 children on a first come first served basis.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Rokzkool4u@gmail.com / rokzkool.info@gmail.com or 07713894742

Karate

Dolina Ross who runs Karate lessons in the school on Tuesday has informed us she has a few spaces. If you would like your child to start Karate lessons please contact Dolina direct on 07907 747748.

EQ Sports

EQ Sports will be running a club on Friday afternoons from 12.15pm in the school hall. Permission slips will be sent home shortly.

Basketball

Adam who coaches basketball for the school on a Friday afternoon is hoping to encourage some of our younger pupils to take part. He will be running a P4/5 club from 3-3.45pm on Fridays, then a P6/7 club from 3.45-4.30pm from 1st September until the October holidays. If you are interested in your child attending either of these clubs please contact the school office so we can compile a list for him. Please note places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

PE

Mr McFee our PE teacher who will be here on Wednesdays and Thursdays intends to carry out as many lessons as possible outside this term. He will be teaching classes P3/4, P4/5, P5/6 and P7. Please ensure your child has full PE kit and appropriate outdoor trainers on these days.

Indoor Shoes

All pupils require to have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when not outside. 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.

School Garden

A huge thank you to our garden volunteers. We very much appreciate the hard work and time spent by them over the summer holidays to ensure our garden was well watered and cared for.

Contact Detail Information & Medical Forms

Family update forms will be issued to all pupils shortly. 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 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 any medication held at the school for your child is in date and clearly labelled with their name - expired medication cannot be administered.

Newsletter Distribution

If you haven't already signed up to have an electronic version sent to you, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the form below. Ideally we would like to have a form returned for every family in the school so we know we are doing all we can to improve communication between school and home.

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Pupil Name..... Class.....

E-Mail Address

I do not have access to a computer or e-mail and require a paper copy of the newsletter.

Parent Signature Date

Art and Craft Club

My child is interested in participating in the Art and Craft Club on Wednesdays between 3.30-4.30pm.

Pupil Name..... Class.....

Parent Signature Date

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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 £2,476.70

Easyfundraising

As the title suggests it is easy to sign up and raise money for Beaully 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 £1,149.51

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 2017-2018-2019

School Closes after School on:	School opens for pupils on:
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 21 st August 2018
Friday 12 th October 2018	Monday 29 th October 2018
Friday 21 st December 2018	Monday 7 th January 2019
Friday 5 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
Thursday 4 th July 2019	

Extra Closure Days

Monday 14 th August 2017	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 18 th September 2017	Inset Day—Staff only
Tuesday 19 th 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
Monday 20 th August 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 17 th September 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Tuesday 18 th September 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 18 th February 2019	Weekend Break
Tuesday 19 th February 2019	Weekend Break
Wednesday 20 th February 2019	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 6 th May 2019	May Day Holiday
Monday 3 rd June 2019	Inset Day - Staff only

Term 1 Dates for the Diary - so far!

Monday 21 st August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming for P7 starts - block of 10 lessons
Wednesday 23 rd August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photographer from Inverness Courier to take picture of P1 Class
Friday 25 th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress Down day - whole school
Wednesday 30 th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Citizenship Group meetings for pupils in afternoon between 1.15-2.15pm
Friday 1 st September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Basketball training in hall at 3pm with Adam First EQ Sports Afternoon Club
Monday 4 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to all Primary classes in school by SSPCA First Feis Rois lessons for P4/5 & P5/6
Wednesday 6 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to Nursery, P1 and P2/3 by Dental Nurse
Monday 11 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P7 class leave for Lagganlia (back Friday 15th) Visit by Creeping Toad (Literacy Specialist) to work with P2/3, P3/4, P4/5 & P5/6
Thursday 14 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P1-6 Parents Evening - 4-6.30pm
Wednesday 27 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P7 Parents Evening - 4-6pm
Thursday 5 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shimla Indian Night - Parent Council Fundraising Event