



Newsletter

November 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

School Field

At this time of the year our school field can get very wet and muddy. Could we please request all children to wear welly boots or other suitable boots so we can still make full use of the field. It would also be helpful if children could take a spare set of clothes in their bag so they have something to change into if need be. Please ensure all clothes are labelled with their name and class.

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

Basketball

Please note there will be no basketball until Friday 17th November as Adam is on holiday.

P1 Transition Questionnaire

Thank you to all the Primary One parents who returned their questionnaires about the transition arrangements between Nursery and Primary One. We value your opinions and will adapt next year's transition programme accordingly as a result of this. Feedback was extremely positive and it is great to hear how well you feel the children have settled in P1 and how our transition programme supports them in this. In line with your feedback, next year we will aim to advertise the induction afternoon better and try to make sure all parents are aware of the date and time of this. We will also look at not having a staggered start during the first week as quite a few of you thought this had a detrimental effect on the children.

School Improvement through Self Evaluation

As part of ongoing School Improvement we have been using Quality Indicators from How Good is Our School to pinpoint areas to work on. Staff, pupils and parents have been engaged in various activities over the last few months to find out what is going well in school and also to find out what we need to work on.

Looking at the information we have gathered from Quality Indicators focused on so far it shows that pupils, parents and staff agree that our children are confident and happy at school and well supported in their learning by the committed staff. All parties agree that more parental involvement and engagement with the community needs to be encouraged.

As a result of this we have held some end of term assemblies where parents and carers have been invited. Both the Spring and Harvest assemblies were very well attended and the pupils enjoyed performing to an audience. As a result of the feedback we have also set dates for class assemblies when parents, carers and members of the community are welcome to join us and find out more about what the pupils have been learning in class. We have also set up a Community Links group during Citizenship time and the aim of this group is to encourage more involvement with the community. Beaully's Got Talent was also very successful in bringing the whole school community together in May and it is planned to hold this event again in 2018.

We have also welcomed a few parents/members of the community into our school to support us in our learning. We are lucky to have volunteers supporting us in cycle training, gardening, visits to the library and in our classrooms. This is an area we hope to continue to develop so if you have a skill you feel you could share, please do let us know.

Parents also identified that communication between school and home needs working on and we have tried to address this by having more informative newsletters detailing upcoming dates and events happening in school. By bringing our first parents evening forward and holding these in September staff felt this should support more effective communication between home and school as relationships between teachers and parents can be established earlier than previously.

Another area highlighted by both parents and staff to work on was the sharing of pupils learning and their next steps. As a result of this the staff are currently reviewing pupil profiles and looking at ways to involve parents and seek feedback on their children's learning more regularly throughout the year.

Pupil Council are currently gathering information on the teaching of Literacy throughout the school and parents were also given the chance to offer their opinion during our recent parents' evenings. The findings of this will be shared with you in due course.

SNAG Fruit Tally Week - 6th November

Our SNAG citizenship group are trying to encourage pupils to eat more fruit. During the week beginning 6th November SNAG members will be keeping a tally of how many pieces of fruit each class eat for their snack. The winning class will be rewarded by having a 'no homework for a week' pass.



SAY CHEESE!



Tempest Photography - Tuesday 7th November

Amy from Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 7th November. All pupils will have their photo taken individually to be updated on the school Seemis recording system.

Letters have been issued and should be returned by Friday 3rd November if you would also like a family group photo to be taken and proofs will be sent home with your child.

Schools Swimming Relay Night - Wednesday 8th November

A small group of our P7's will be taking part in a swimming relay competition at the Aquadome on the evening of the 8th November. This is the first time we have entered this event and wish our relay team the best of luck and hope they enjoy themselves.



Children in Need - 17th November

House Captains and Depute House Captains are in charge of organising events for Children in Need. They will be leading 4 different activities which all children will be taking part in. The pupils will work in house groups raising money for Children in Need.

Flu Immunisation - Thursday 23rd November

The flu immunisation team will be in school on Thursday 23rd November for pupils who have a signed permission returned. If you have any questions or are unsure if a form has been returned please do not hesitate to call the school office.

Dress Down Day - Friday 24th November

The next Dress Down Day will take place on Friday 24th November.

The JRSO's would like pupils to wear stripes if possible to heighten awareness of zebra and pedestrian crossings.

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.

**DRESS
DOWN
DAY**



Read, Write, Count Scotland - Monday 27th November

All pupils in P1-3 will receive a bag full of books from the Scottish Book Trust on Monday 27th November. We would like to invite P1-3 parents/carers to the school hall at 2.30pm when the children will be presented with their bags. Pupils will then be given an opportunity to share the contents of their bags with parents.

St. Andrew's Day Celebration- Wednesday 29th November

The Community Links Citizenship Group will be organising a St. Andrew's Day Celebration in the school hall on 29th November between 2-3pm. This will be open to parents and members of the community. More details will follow soon.



Beaulieu Christmas Light Switch on - Thursday 7th December

All children will be invited to join the lantern parade from Braeview Park to the Square. Parents and children should meet at Braeview Park at 6.20pm.

P4-7 pupils are invited to perform a few carols in the Square after the parade. **If your child would like to join in the singing of the carols please could you complete the form below so we can start practicing in school.**

More details on the lantern making will follow shortly.

A King is Born Nativity - Wednesday 13th December

The children from P1-3 will be performing their nativity in the Church of Scotland on Wednesday 13th December at 11.15am. All parents/carers and members of the community are warmly invited to join us for this performance. Individual parts and song words will be issued by class teachers.



Christmas Lunch - Thursday 14th December

This year our Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 14th December. **Please complete the tear off slip below and return to the school office by Friday 10th November if your child is having Christmas lunch.**

Please wear a Christmas jumper or something festive to celebrate this special occasion.



Christmas Carols and Coffee - Friday 15th December

All parents/carers and members of the community are invited along to the school hall on Friday 15th December between 11am and 12. We would like you to come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy some carol singing by the pupils from nursery to P7. There will also be a small selection of Christmas crafts for sale. We look forward to seeing you there.

Snow White Eden Court - 21st December

All staff and pupils from P1-7 will be attending Eden Court to see Snow White on Thursday 21st December. The parent council have very kindly bought the tickets. More information to follow.



Nursery Christmas Sing-along & Party - Friday 22nd December

We would like to invite all parents/carers to our Christmas sing along on Friday 22nd December. **Both am and pm sessions will be in at the same time, from 9.00am until 12.10pm.** The sing-along will begin as soon after 9am as possible. Once the children have been dropped off at Nursery we ask that parents meet in the school gym hall. The nursery party will take place after the sing-along. All children should be collected at 12.10pm.



Christmas Parties

All our party dates and times are listed below.

Class Assemblies

Each class is going to have a sharing assembly at some point through the year. Parents/carers/family members are warmly invited to join the pupils in the school hall where they will share some of their learning which has been happening in class. The dates for these are as follows:

P1	Friday 3 rd November 2017 at 11.30am
P2/3	Friday 2 nd March 2018 at 11.30am
P3/4	Wednesday 28 th March 2018 (Easter Assembly) at 2pm
P4/5	Friday 18 th May 2018 at 11.30am
P5/6	Friday 26 th January 2018 at 11.30am
P7	Friday 29 th June 2018 (Leavers Assembly) at 10.45am

SEE BELOW FOR RETURN SLIP FOR *CAROL SINGING & **CHRISTMAS LUNCH - BOTH FORMS TO BE RETURNED BY 10TH NOVEMBER.

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.

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

✂.....

*P4-7 Carol Singing - Thursday 7th December 2017

My Child would like to join in the Carol singing on Thursday 7th December 2017

NameClass

Please return to the school office by Friday 10th November.

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** Christmas Lunch - Thursday 14th December 2017

Christmas Lunch

Packed Lunch

Home Lunch

Name Class

Please return to the school office by Friday 10th November

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 £2,605.90

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 £1,175.47

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 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 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 2 Dates for the Diary - so far!

Monday 6 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Council Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 7 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual & Family Group photos - smile please!

Wednesday 8 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools Swimming Relay Night
Friday 17 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children In Need
Wednesday 22 nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kodaly lessons with John Thomson restart for 4 weekly sessions for P3/4 & P2/3
Tuesday 23 rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu Immunisation day
Friday 24 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dress Down Day - Wear Stripes
Monday 27 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read, Write, Count Assembly @ 2.30pm
Wednesday 29 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Links St Andrews Day Event @ 2pm
Tuesday 5 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childsmile dental nurses visiting today
Thursday 7 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lantern Parade from Braeiew @ 6.20pm Carol Singing in the Square @ 6.30pm Christmas Light Switch On
Wednesday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P1-3 Nativity in Church of Scotland at 11.15am - A King is Born
Thursday 14 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Lunch - wear something festive
Friday 15 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11am-12noon - Christmas Carols & Coffee in the school hall - all welcome
Monday 18 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P4 & P5 party in the school hall 1.15pm
Tuesday 19 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P1, P2 & P3 party in the school hall 1.15pm
Wednesday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P6 & P7 party in the school hall 1.15pm
Thursday 21 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P1-P7 whole school outing to Eden Court Theatre to see Snow White pantomime in the afternoon
Friday 22 nd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery double session 9.00 - 12.10pm Nursery Sing-Along & Party