



# Newsletter September 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

## Crossing Patroller

We are delighted to announce that Catherine MacCallum will be our new Crossing Patroller as of Wednesday 20th September. Wivie has very kindly agreed to show her the ropes so she will be in very good hands! We would like to welcome Catherine to our team and wish her all the very best in her new job.



**DRESS  
DOWN  
DAY**

## Dress Down Day - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

The next Dress Down Day will take place on Friday 29<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.

## Harvest Assemblies - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

All parents and family members are warmly invited to come and join us on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October to share in our Harvest Assemblies. P1, P2/3 and P3/4 will have a short assembly at 11am and P4/5, P5/6 and P7 will have a short assembly at 11.45am before the school closes for the holidays at 12.15pm.



**SAY CHEESE!**



## Tempest Photography - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

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

Letters will be issued nearer the time to confirm if you would also like a family group photo to be taken and proofs will be sent home with your child.

## Flu Immunisation - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Please ensure permissions have been returned to the school office if you wish your child to be given the flu vaccine on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. If you have any questions or are unsure if a form has been returned please do not hesitate to call the school office.

## St. Andrew's Day Celebration- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

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

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



## Lagganlia

Our P7 class returned from their adventures in Lagganlia on Friday. Most of them were exhausted after an action packed week of activities. Lots of new skills learned and many fears overcome with different challenges every day.

On the whole, a very successful trip for the P7's with lots of good team work, even if it did rain most of the week.

Lots of memories made and stories to tell - that is for sure! Thank you very much to Mrs Lockett, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Mackenzie for accompanying the class and ensuring they all returned to us safely.

## P.E.

Mr McFee, our PE teacher, has been promoted to Acting Deputy Head at Charleston Academy. This unfortunately means that we will be losing some of his teaching time, which means the P4/5 class will no longer be getting taught P.E. by him. We would like to congratulate Mr McFee on his new post and wish him well as Deputy Head.

## School Website

We are very much looking forward to our new updated website going live in the near future. We plan to spend the next couple of weeks familiarising ourselves with the new website before we officially launch it and close down the old one. Bear with us while we no doubt go through some teething problems!



## Pupil Profiles

The staff and pupils are currently working on developing profiles which will be used as the basis for sharing pupil progress throughout the year. We plan to have regular opportunities throughout the school year when pupils can share these with their parents, and gather their comments. As we are just at the very early stages of our profile development and we have lots of work to do on them our first sharing session is likely to be during Term 4. However we will be looking to gather some comments on key assessment tasks from you long before then!

## School Garden

Thank you to those parents who have very kindly agreed to give up some of their time at lunchtimes so the pupils can get into the garden and keep it looking great. Our volunteers will work with groups of children from different stages in school and all children will be given an opportunity to have a session in the garden at some point in the year.



## Howdens Garden Vouchers

Howden's Garden Centre in Inverness runs a 'Gardens for Schools' scheme whereby customers receive one voucher for every £10 they spend in store. For every 250 vouchers redeemed the school will receive a £100 gift voucher to spend in our wonderful Magic Retreat. **The vouchers are not always given out automatically so a gentle reminder when paying at the checkout would be good.**

## Contact Detail Information/Annual Permissions & Medical Forms

Family update forms, annual permissions and medical forms were issued to all pupils in August. We still have a number of these forms not returned. It is essential that these forms are completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible to ensure the information held on file is completely up to date.



## 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. 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.

## 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. Traffic on Croyard Road can get very busy and we have to be respectful of our neighbours.**

### 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.

### Scottish Country Dancing Classes

Scottish Country Dances are held at Kilmorack Hall on every Tuesday from 7.30 - 9.30pm. Very sociable group - beginners very welcome to come along and give it a try. For more details please phone Margo on 01463 741321.

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### 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 .....

### 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](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 £1,205.89

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 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2018
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	

### Extra Closure Days

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Weekend Break
Tuesday 20 <sup>st</sup> February 2018	Weekend Break
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	May Day Holiday
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Weekend Break
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Weekend Break
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	May Day Holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	Inset Day - Staff only

### Term 1 & 2 Dates for the Diary - so far!

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P7 Parents Evening - 4-6pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ross County Taster Sessions for P2/3 &amp; P4/5</li> </ul>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress Down Day</li> </ul>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P7 Safe Highlanders event in Dingwall Leisure Centre - leaving school at 8.30am</li> </ul>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P1, P2/3 &amp; P3/4 -Harvest Assembly 11 am - parents and friends welcome</li> <li>P4/5, P5/6 &amp; P7 - Harvest Assembly 11.45am - parents and friends welcome</li> <li>Close for October holidays</li> </ul>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back to school</li> </ul>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shimla Indian Cuisine Night - Parent Council Fundraising event - 5-7pm or 7-9pm</li> </ul>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Council Meeting 7pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual &amp; Family Group photos - smile please!</li> </ul>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flu Immunisation day</li> </ul>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kodaly lessons with John Thomson restart for 4 weekly sessions for P3/4 &amp; P2/3</li> </ul>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Childsmile dental nurses visiting today</li> </ul>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P1-3 Nativity in Church of Scotland at 11.15am</li> </ul>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11am-12noon - Christmas Carols &amp; Coffee in the school hall - all welcome</li> </ul>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P4 &amp; P5 party in the school hall 1.15pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P1, P2 &amp; P3 party in the school hall 1.15pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P6 &amp; P7 party in the school hall 1.15pm</li> </ul>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P1-P7 whole school outing to Eden Court Theatre to see Snow White pantomime in the afternoon</li> </ul>