



Newsletter October /November 2015

Dear Parent / Carer,

Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable break and we are all now getting back into our familiar routines.

Cup of Kindness

Congratulations to Logan and Dylan who displayed great kindness to another pupil, following an after school activity, when he was unable to unlock his bicycle to get home. The very inclement weather didn't stop them helping and they even walked the boy in question home to make sure he was alright. Well done boys, that is the kind of behaviour we like to promote here at Beaulieu.

Creating Confident Kids

This week your child will be bringing home a Parent and Carers guide explaining all about a new approach to developing emotional wellbeing and self-esteem within the school. The programme tackles key issues through assemblies, games and activities, with the children focusing on developing a better understanding of their feelings and how they affect our learning. There will also be a Family Homework sheet which will give you an opportunity to be involved in the programme. The theme for the next 2 to 3 weeks is Friendship.

Highland Inter-School Basketball League

Once again Beaulieu are entering into the Highland Inter-School Basketball League at Millburn Academy. The Beaulieu Basketball Team will compete in several games over the next few months with the first game played on Monday 9th November. Separate letters will be issued to those pupils involved.

Nursery Share a Session

All parents/carers are invited to share a whole or part of a session with us. This will give you an insight to what happens throughout a nursery day. You can observe your child as they learn through play and speak to nursery staff about the progress he/she is making. Please sign up on the sheet on the nursery table. If you would like to but cannot attend during week beginning 9th November, please speak to staff who will be happy to make alternative arrangements with you. Please remember, if you have any talents or would like to share your knowledge with the children, we would be delighted to hear from you and arrange a mutually convenient time.

Double Nursery Session

The nursery will be visiting Strathpeffer Pavilion on Friday 30th October to see a special performance of Sticky Kids. Both am and pm sessions will be in at the same time on this day. The session will run from 8.40am to 12.40pm. We are going to take this opportunity to use the session as a transition day, where the N4s and the N3s can join together with their peers from the other session.

Scottish Opera Unwrap

Primary 5-7 will be visiting Eden Court on Friday 30th October to participate in a special behind the scenes version of Carmen. Thank you very much to the parents who have volunteered to accompany the children on this event. Please note that pupils will require a packed lunch on this day. Please note that lunch time for Primary 1-4 will be 12.15 to 1.15pm on this day only.

School lunch

The canteen are extending an opportunity for parents to join their children for lunch during November and December. On 11th, 18th, 25th of November and the 2nd of December parents are invited to help out during lunch service, see how the children interact and sample the menu on that day. Space is limited so if you are interested please contact the school office. Parents requiring a meal would have a discounted price of £2.

Dress Down Day

Please note that our next dress down day will be on Friday 6th November

Staffing

Following the retirement of Mrs MacLennan Mrs MacRitchie is now teaching in the Primary 3/4 class. Following Highland Council guidelines I have advertised the teaching post. However this will take some time to fill so until further notice Mrs Cullen will be full time in Primary 1 and Mrs Dillon will teach Primary 7 on Wednesday and Thursdays. We also welcome Ailsa MacKay to the nursery and Primary 1 class who is with us as part of her HNC studies with Inverness College UHI.

Pupil Drop off/Collection

Could I please ask that if your child is late for school they should report initially to the school office. In order to maintain pupil and staff security they will then be taken to class by Mrs Ritchie. Parents/carers are also asked to contact 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 the contact should always come from the parent/carer; not the person collecting the child.

Parent's Evening

Further letters and information will be distributed shortly for Parent's Evenings on Thursday 19th November and Tuesday 24th November.