

Newsletter

February 2016

Dear Parent / Carer,

School Holidays

Please remember that both school and nursery are closed to pupils next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday due to holidays and staff training. We will reopen on Thursday 18th February at the usual times.

Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday 25th February to take Nursery to P7 class photos. Could you please ensure that all pupils (P1-7) wear school uniform. If you do not wish your child's photo to be taken with their class could you please contact the school office.

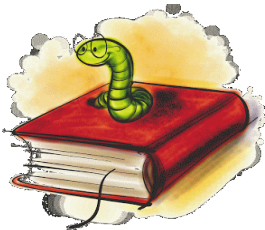


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Dress Down Day

Our next Dress Down Day will be on Friday 26th February. 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.

Literacy Week/World Book Day & Scholastic Book Fair



During week beginning 29th February we will be holding a Literacy Week here in school. This is to coincide with World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. All week, children will be involved in a range of activities with a special focus being given to reading, writing, speaking and listening. More details will be sent home soon, however, we are looking for members of our community to come into school and read both to and with the children. If you feel you could support this please contact the

school. Scholastic Book Fair will also be in school during this week. All pupils will be given a Word Book Day £1 token which can be used towards purchasing a book at the Book Fair or at participating book stores (please check with the store beforehand). Pupils will have the opportunity to visit the book fair with their class during the school day on Wednesday 2nd March. Book prices start from £2.99, if the children wish to take money with them. Alternatively parents are welcome to visit the Book Fair on the Wednesday 2nd from 2.45 - 3.30pm or Thursday 3rd from 9.00 - 9.45am to make a purchase. Beauly Primary will receive commission on all sales which can then be used to purchase new books, for the school, from Scholastic.

Fair Trade Fortnight

Primary 7 are planning to host a Fair Trade Café for staff and pupils on March 3rd and 4th. Drinks and snacks e.g. hot chocolate, fruit salads, smoothies, toast and spreads will be made and sold using Fair Trade and local produce. Further details will be issued closer to the event. Donations of produce are warmly welcomed and can be handed into the school no later than Wednesday 2nd March.

Draw Your Mum for Mother's Day



All pupils from Nursery to P7 are taking part in the Draw Your Mum for Mother Day Competition. Children can draw a portrait of their mother, grandmother or a special person in their life. All completed entry forms will be displayed in a pop up gallery in the Eastgate Centre from Wednesday 24th February until Sunday 6th March. Good luck everyone.

School Nurse

Please note that following restructuring, our new School Nurse is Liz Watson and she can be contacted on 01463 706700. We would like to extend our thanks to Mary Finlay who has supported the school for many years in her role as our School Nurse and we wish her well in her new schools.

Enterprising P7s



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Well done to Aine, Millie, Zoe, Libby, Molly and Carmen for their efforts on Sunday, raising a wonderful **£186.00** for the school fund with their enterprising efforts at the Co-op. Also a big thank you to the parents who supported them and the Co-op for helping make the fundraiser possible.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 10th March from 5-7pm and Tuesday 15th March from 3.30 - 5.30pm (with crèche facility available). All meetings will take place in the main school building. Further info will follow shortly.

Sports Relief

Sports Relief is on Friday 18th March 2016. Pupils will be involved in various activities during the week. More details are to follow once they have been finalized.

Pupils are encouraged to make a donation for this charity fundraiser and each donation will be rewarded with a sports relief wristband (**minimum of £1 donation please**).



Sports Round Up Basketball League



Congratulations to our U12 boys and girls teams who recently competed in the Highland Primary Schools League. More information can be found on their website, <http://highlandprimarieschoolsleague.leaguerepublic.com/> A huge thank you goes to Adam and Laura, the coaches, and also to the parents who transported the children to and from Millburn Academy on several occasions. Without all of their support it would have been difficult to give the children this wonderful opportunity. Thank you once again.

Beaully Cross Country Championships

Could any families with cups or shields presented to winners last year please return them to school for preparation for this year's event.



Kirkhill Cross Country

The re-scheduled cross country will take place after the February holiday. We are waiting for a date to be sent, once the course is deemed fit for use again.

McRobert Cup Cross Country Wednesday 23rd March

Our Cross Country training sessions take place on Wednesday lunchtimes in school. Many thanks to Mrs Nair and Mrs Mackenzie for giving their time to train the children. We are hoping to have enough members to submit team applications for this event at the Bught Park on 23rd March 2016.

Shinty Success

Well done to Michael in P5/6 who was recently involved in great success with the junior club at the Inverness Area Qualifiers. He is now part of a team heading to Fort William next month to play teams from across the country. A match report and a team photo can be found [here](#).

Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council Meeting is planned for Tuesday 19th April at 7pm in the wooden hut.

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.

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.

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 £1618.70

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 £640.12

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 2016 - 2017

School Closes after School on:	School opens for pupils on:
Thursday 24 th March 2016	Monday 11 th April 2016
Friday 1 st July 2016	Tuesday 16 th August 2016
Friday 7 th October 2016	Monday 24 th October 2016
Friday 23 rd December 2016	Monday 9 th January 2017
Wednesday 5 th April 2017	Monday 24 th April 2017
Friday 30 th June 2017	Tuesday 15 th August 2017

Extra Closure Days

Monday 2 nd May 2016	May Day Holiday
Monday 6 th June 2016	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 15 th August 2016	Inset Day - Staff only
Thursday 22 nd September 2016	Inset Day—Staff only
Friday 23 rd September 2016	Inset Day—Staff only
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