



# Newsletter January 2016

Dear Parent / Carer,

## Staffing

We would like to welcome a couple of new staff members to the team here at Beaully Primary. Miss Stephanie Watson will be delivering Class Contact Reduction for teachers, covering probationer teacher release days and also teaching Fridays in Primary 1. Miss Louise Mackenzie will be with us from the February holiday as our Additional Support Needs Teacher.



## Nuts in School

Some pupils at school suffer from a severe food allergy to peanuts/nuts. Exposure to peanuts/nuts may cause serious allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment so it is vital that there is strict avoidance of this food in school, to reduce the chance of this occurring. Please do not send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## Sports Round Up

### Beaully Cross Country Championships



We are in the process of organizing this annual event for the school and further details will follow. 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

This event takes place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at Kirkhill Primary School. The children will be accompanied by Mrs Webb and Mrs Nair. A further letter will be distributed to those involved.

### McRobert Cup Cross Country

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 Bought Park on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## Basketball League

Several pupils from Primary 6 and 7 have been competing in the Highland Primary Basketball League at Millburn Academy. They have played three rounds so far and both the boys and the girls teams are currently in 5<sup>th</sup> position in the league. Many thanks to Adam and Laura, our coaches and also to parents who have provided transport to and from the event. Their next fixture is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.



## Primary 1 Enrolment

Primary 1 enrolment will take place in the week commencing 26 January 2016. This is for children who will be **FIVE** by the **28th February 2017**. Parents of children starting P1 in August 2016 are encouraged to complete the enrolment form available [online](#) and call in with them at the office between 9-10am and 2-3pm daily. Alternatively forms can be emailed to the school email address [beaully.primary@highland.gov.uk](mailto:beaully.primary@highland.gov.uk) Could parents please remember to take along their **child's birth certificate** and **proof of address**. Furthermore, if you wish your child to attend Beaully Primary but live out with the catchment area you must initially enrol at your catchment school and then complete a placing request to the Area Education Office. When requested, hard copies of the forms can be made available. Following enrolment at Beaully Primary, all parents/carers will be invited to attend a P1 Parent Information Meeting later in the year. More information is available through the links on the school blog or from Highland Council's own website

## Nursery Enrolment

This will take place throughout the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> February. Parents of children eligible to start nursery during the academic year 2016/17 are encouraged to complete the enrolment form available [online](#) and call in with them at the office between 9-10am and 2-3pm daily. Please remember to take along your **child's birth certificate** and **proof of address**. A **Nursery Induction - Parent Information Meeting** will take place later in the year. Please be aware that attending Beaully Nursery does not automatically qualify out of catchment pupils with a place in Beaully Primary.

Moving on..... Transition to secondary school is automatic for the children living in the catchment area of the Associated School Group secondary school, here at Beaully Primary that school is Charleston Academy. Can I ask all parents of Primary 7 pupils who live out with the catchment area for Charleston Academy but wishing to transfer to them for S1 to please complete a placing request form as soon as possible. A link for this form is on our school [blog](#) and [Highland Council website](#) or a hard copy can be requested from the office. A parents meeting for pupils transferring to Charleston Academy is to be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, more details will be distributed once we receive them.

**Please contact the school if you require any further information regarding your child's enrolment for either Primary 1, Nursery or Primary 7.**



### **Dress Down Day**

Our next Dress Down Day will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

## **School Calendar 2016 - 2017**

The highlighted dates are the next closures for school.

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

#### **Extra Closure Days**

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Weekend Break
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Weekend Break
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2016	May Day Holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2016	Inset Day - Staff only
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2016	Inset Day—Staff only
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2016	Inset Day—Staff only
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Weekend Break
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2017	Weekend Break
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017	Inset Day - Staff only
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	May Day Holiday