



21 August 2015

Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. We are delighted to see all the pupils back fit and well, ready for a new term. Our school roll is 17 this year.

### **Staffing**

- Our Learning Support Teacher allocation for this year is a day and a half a week and Mr A O'Flaherty will be working in the school.
- Mrs Anderson will teach Lower Primary this year.
- Miss K Gounden will teach Upper Primary this year.
- Shona Allison will continue to work in school as Pupil Support Assistant with no reduction in time.
- Monica continues as Lunchtime Supervisor and Laurie continues as the School Cleaner.
- Carol will continue in the office. As you know Alison resigned at the end of last term and the post will be advertised. In the meantime, we are fortunate to welcome Jane Stevenson who is on the Relief Supply List. As Jane is able to work more hours than Alison, the office will be staffed as below:

Carol: Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9.45 am - 4.40 pm.

Jane: Monday & Thursdays 9.00am -3.30pm & Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm.



### **Free School Meals/Assistance with School Clothing or Special Diet**

If you require a form for any of the above, please contact the school and we will send one home.

### **Violin and Chanter Lessons**

A letter was sent home at the end of last term about violin lessons. If your child is interested in taking either violin or chanter lessons there may be an opportunity for them to do this. Please ask for a leaflet from the school office.

### **School Website**

Jane is going to be working on updating our website for us and we will keep you posted. If you have any ideas about what you would like to see on the website, please let us know.

### **PE Days**

Pupils will need to bring PE kit on the following days: Wednesdays & Fridays.

PE delivery will be shared between the class teachers, Mr Sagalara (High School PE Teacher) and the senior pupils undertaking the Sports Leadership Course.

### **Tuck**

Last year the school provided fruit for the pupils at break. This was very popular with the pupils and we have decided to continue this term at no cost to the parent. As a result of the pupils eating more fruit, there have been fewer purchases from the Tuck trolley and, as a result, the trolley service has ended. We would always encourage parents who like to provide a snack from home that these are healthy options.



## Parent Council

Tuck and other issues can be discussed at the Parent Council meeting which is likely to be held week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> August, should have any queries or concerns.

## Dates for this term

20 August - 8 October

Mrs Heather Muir each Thursday to teach Kodaly singing culminating in an evening concert, date yet to be decided.

31 August for six weeks

A letter and forms from Paula and Heather went out yesterday about P4-7 shinty. Due to the new astroturf installation works starting Monday 31 August for six weeks, shinty will not start until after the October holidays this year.

1 September

Donna Morrison the Oral Health Educator, will be in school on Tuesday 1 September to do toothbrushing etc with the children.

2 September

Andy McCechnie Dance Instructor from Jammin Fitness will be with us 2 September. Parents will be invited to watch the pupils at the end of afternoon and join in if they wish. Further details to follow.

Stranger Smart leaflets - we have been asked to distribute these leaflets by Highland Council and one is attached for your information



### Water Bottles

A wee reminder to all parents, please remember to take water bottles home and cleaned on a regular basis.

### Term & Holiday Dates

A separate sheet is attached with term and holiday dates for 2015-16 and 2016-17. For those of you who prefer to use electronic calendars, one can be downloaded from the Highland Council website.

Dinner money envelopes are attached with this newsletter. If you require more, please ask at the office.

If you have any queries or concerns at any time, please contact me.

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