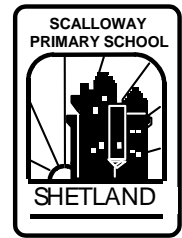




Scalloway Primary School
Newsletter
June 2018



Another busy school year has passed by in a flash. This Newsletter includes some useful information to round off this year and some details for session 2018/19.

Dates for your Diary

Summer Holidays

The school will close at 3.15pm on Friday 29th June 2018

Term 1

Term 1 begins for pupils on Wednesday 22th August 2018

A School Calendar for 2018-19 is attached. Please keep this for future reference.



End of Year Reports

We aim to distribute them w/b 18th June.



Sports Day - Friday 8th June (reserve date Friday 15th June)

Early Years - P3 9.15-10.45am

P4 - P7 10.45-12.45pm

Family members are encouraged to come and watch their child(ren). However, children are to stay with their classes as they will be rotating to different stations with their teachers. Championship events will still be competed for by P6/7. The school will provide snack for all pupils.

End of Year Closing Ceremony - Friday 29th June

There will be a Closing Ceremony on the last day of term for **all pupils**. The Ceremony will include musical items, presentations to P1 and P7, sports awards and generally a celebration of achievement.

Please accept this as an invitation to ALL parents/carers and/or family members. The event will take place in the games hall, starting at 9.15am.

Staffing

Miss Thomson, Learning Support Worker is leaving us at summer to take up a permanent post at the AHS. We wish her all the very best and thank her for her hard work and commitment this year.

School Open Evening - Wednesday 9th May

A busy and very successful open evening was held recently and was well attended by all involved with the school. We are always so delighted with the support we have from our school community. Thanks must go to everyone that helped in any way to prepare for and support on the day. Also our musical pupils and their instructors, a fantastic programme of talent! £382.82 was raised for school funds from the sale of teas, coffees and homebakes. Donations or raffle prizes were gratefully received from Usborne books, The Body Shop, Enjo, Neals Yard, Partylite and Jamberry Nails.

ASN Raffle and stalls

The ASN team organised the above to raise money for resources and equipment. Local businesses provided raffle prizes which were very much appreciated. Their effort has raised a tremendous £586. We are currently deciding on how to use the money to benefit the department. Well done ladies and thank you.

Outdoor Learning



Our hens have arrived, are now settled and thanks to Mike and Julie have an extended run to enjoy. Our hens have been named Princess Peach and Dusty by our pupils and are enjoying their new home aptly named, 'Cluckingham Palace' around the time of the Royal Wedding.

I'm also pleased to announce that our Poly Tunnel has finally been erected in the former garden patio. A little smaller than originally planned but nevertheless, more than adequate as we start as beginners. The young folk from Bridges have been asked to build planters over the summer. We will be looking for donations of top soil from any of you who may be able to help, please contact the school office.

The Scottish Opera - The Dragon of the Western Sea

P5-7 were involved in a terrific Operatic performance yesterday at Tingwall hall. Parents were invited and I really hope some of you managed to enjoy the spectacle. Thank you to Mrs Pottinger who worked with the pupils on the songs before the Scottish Opera team arrived for rehearsals ahead of the performance. This opportunity is funded by the Youth Music Initiative Programme.

Clothing Grant/Free School Meals 2018/19

The new forms for Clothing Grant & Free School Meals and EMA are now available online: Clothing Grant & Free School Meals: <http://www.shetland.gov.uk/education/ClothingGrants.asp>

EMA: <http://www.shetland.gov.uk/education/EMA.asp> **You will need to re-apply** each year if you are currently receiving the grants.

Emails

We will continue to send correspondence electronically instead of paper copies as much as possible. Occasionally, we still use 'school bag post', particularly if there is a slip to be signed and brought back. Please let us know if your email changes or if there are problems with this process.



Library

Please ensure all borrowed library books are returned to the school before the end of term.

Parent Council

The Parent Council AGM will be held on **Thursday 27th September, 6.00pm** in the staffroom. New parents are always welcome and we hope for a good attendance.



Lunch Money - All overdue lunch/milk money should be paid for by the end of term. P1-3 are entitled to free school lunches. In August the charge for a school lunch will remain at **£2.20** per day for P4-7 pupils. Milk will also remain at **90p** per week. Invoices are sent to parents of children who choose to have milk termly.

We wish you a sunny and happy holiday when it comes.

Mrs. Morag Fox,
Head Teacher.