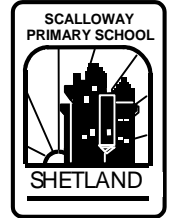




Scalloway Primary School
Newsletter
March 2017



As we near the Spring Break, this newsletter will update you on some important school related issues.

Dates for your Diary

Easter Holidays

Friday 31 March - Last day of term
(school re-opens on Tuesday 18 April)

May Day Holiday

Friday 26 May only

Sports Day

Friday 9 June (reserve date Fri 16 June)

Summer Holidays

Friday 30 June - Last day of term
(school re-opens on Wednesday 16 August)



Open Day & Coffee Morning - We are planning an event on the morning of Saturday 29 April. All classes will be open for visitors. It is hoped that the Pre-School and Hame fae Hame will be open too. Teas/Coffees and Homebakes (charge) will be available in the canteen and our music staff are preparing performances for you to hear. We also plan to have a stall with a Dorling Kindersley representative present. Any books sold will allow us to re-stock our library resources. We look forward to welcoming family and friends on the day.

Comic Relief - Friday 24 March - Donations in school totalled £227.41.
Thank you!



Easter Service - Our final assembly of this term will be held in the Church of Scotland on **Friday 31 March at 11.15am**. All **primary pupils (not Early Years)** will walk down to the Church for an Easter Service. If it is a bad day, the service will take place in the School Music room instead. Parents are welcome to join us in the Church.

Instrumental Tuition - All parents of current Primary 4 pupils will be sent an application early next term regarding the availability of musical instrument tuition for next school year. Children's services organises this, not the school and the contact at Hayfield House is Kariss Goodlad.

Parent Council - Next Meeting - **Wednesday 17 May, 6.00pm** in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

Da Voar Redd Up - **Friday 20th May** - More details to follow.



Edinburgh School Trip P6/7 - Pupils and staff will travel by Northlink on Monday 1 May returning Saturday 6 May. Staff accompanying the 30 pupils are Mrs Fox, Mrs Tait, Mr Kirkness and Julie Jamieson. A meeting for pupils and parents has been organised for **Tuesday 18 April, 6pm in the music room**. Letters regarding final payments went in school bags this week.

Staffing - Mr Mike Bradley is now in post following Gary's retirement. Thank you to those who donated. We were able to buy Gary a motorised golf trolley and a new Celtic top.

School Roll and Classes for 2017/18 - Further information on classes and teachers for next session will be with you by the end of May.



Primary Netball League 2017/18 - I'd like to congratulate our P5-7 netballers for their commitment to training and their achievements this season. The Scalloway team, were first equal in their league to make the finals on Saturday 25th March. They won their semi-final against Whiteness before losing out to Whalsay in the final. A terrific effort, well done

Chatterbox - Sanna Aitken (Active Schools) has been working with our volunteers from Primary 7. They have completed training and have had several visits to the Walter and Joan Gray Eventide Home where they have been involved in conversation and playing games with the residents and day care clients. A very worthwhile initiative enjoyed by all.

Early Arrival to school in the morning - An increasing amount of children are arriving at school very early (between 8-8.45am). One member of staff is tasked to monitor children arriving on the bus only as we have little say on the time it arrives. Teachers are not in school early to supervise/childcare, they are there organising their day ahead. All other support/supervision staff arrive in time for a 9am start.



Staff Absence - This has been a particularly difficult term with ongoing staff absence, both teachers and support staff. Pupils have adapted particularly well and have been a credit to themselves and the school for their ability to cope and get on. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience during this time. We all look forward to the lighter nights and a healthier term 4!

Enjoy the holidays!

Mrs Morag Fox
Head Teacher

Happy
Holidays!