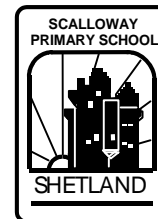




## Scalloway Primary School Newsletter March 2018



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

### Easter Holidays

### May Long Weekend

### Sports Day

### Summer Holidays

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 30 March - Last day of term  
(school re-opens on Monday 16 April)

Friday 25 May and Monday 28 May

Friday 8 June (reserve date Fri 15 June)

Friday 29 June - Last day of term  
(school re-opens on Wednesday 22 August)



**Sports Relief** - Friday 23 March - Donations in school totalled £141.92. Thank you!



**Easter Service** - Our final assembly of this term will be held in the Church of Scotland on **Friday 30 March at 9.30am**. All **primary pupils including 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 (743848).

**Parent Council** - Next Meeting - **Wednesday 2 May, 6.30pm** in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.



**Da Voar Redd Up** - **Wednesday 23 May** - P3-7 will walk over the hill to the Burwick beach to do their Redd Up. It is hoped that representatives from various local organisations plus the Big Blue Ocean Clean Up team will be there to help. This year's focus is on plastics. More information to come, parent volunteers are very welcome.

**School Roll and Classes for 2018/19** - Further information on classes and teachers for next session will be with you by the end of May.

**Edinburgh School Trip P6/7** - Our bi-annual trip to Edinburgh is planned for 6 - 11 May 2019. A letter has already been sent out with information in order to get an indication of how many pupils are interested. First payment is likely to be in June 2018. The overall cost is likely to be in the region of £400 per pupil.



**Staffing** - Mrs Eileen Nicolson has taken up post as ASN teacher. We are happy to welcome her to our school. Mrs Rachel Jamieson returns from maternity leave and she will job-share with Mrs Dawn Mainland in Primary 4 until the summer holidays. Mrs Mainland will return to her role as ASN teacher for half the week in addition to Mrs Nicolson.

LSWs - Ms Marie Fullerton has been supporting in school since February and will be with us until May. From May, Miss Jodie Sandison will be in school until the summer.



**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 placed second in their league and are in the finals play offs. The play off date has been confirmed as Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Further details and training to follow.

**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.



**Late Arrival to school in the morning** - We continue to monitor time keeping in the school. There is a pattern of late comers arriving after 9am. This is both disruptive for the teacher and the class. Please ensure your child arrives before the bell.



**Sumdog** - 538 pupils from 27 classes across Shetland, played in the March Sumdog maths competition last week, including 61 Scalloway pupils from Primaries 1-7.

Congratulations to:

- The 10 pupils who worked with determination to complete the full 1000 questions in 7 days.
- Primary 4 for being the Daily Winner on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March
- Primary 5 for being the Daily Winner on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March
- The 4 pupils who placed in the top 50 including one person in the top 10
- All the pupils who took part and added to the team score.

The next Competition is a National one and will run during the holidays from 30<sup>th</sup> March until 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Enjoy the holidays!

Mrs Morag Fox  
Head Teacher

