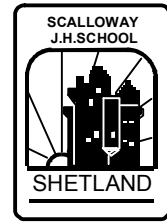




Scalloway J H School
Primary Newsletter
October 2011



It is hard to believe Term 1 is drawing to a close already and Autumn is around the corner. Our new primary 1 class have settled in well and are now attending for the full day. A good time to update you on some school related matters.

Dates for your Diary

<u>October Holidays</u>	Last day of term for pupils and staff - Friday 7 th October (re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 26 th October)
<u>In-service</u>	Monday 24 th and Tuesday 25 th October
<u>Class Photos</u>	Wednesday 2 nd November (Garry Sandison)
<u>Parents' Evening</u>	Thursday 10 th and Monday 14 th November (start time 6pm)
<u>Christmas Concert</u>	Tuesday 13 th December



Staffing

Welcome to the following existing and new staff members: -

Mrs Morag Fox - Head Teacher

Mr Kevin Briggs was redeployed in the primary department following the Secondary Department closure as a part time Additional Support Needs (ASN) auxiliary. He now works full time following an additional temporary appointment in the ASN department.

Mrs Julie Swanson also joins the ASN department on a part-time basis until June 2012.

Parents' Evening



Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 10th and Monday 14th November. Appointments will be distributed after the October holidays. We are offering appointments between 1800-2030. **If you are unable to attend the parents' evenings or have a particular request, please inform the school of this by Friday 28th October, prior to the timetable being drawn up.**

School Handbook

We are in the process of updating our School Handbook and this will be distributed to families early in term 2.

PLPs

You will have received a term 1 overview of the subject areas your child has studied since August. Your child's Personal Learning Plan (PLP) will be sent home on Friday 4th November with targets and an overview for term 2.

Pupil Council

Classes have voted for this year's pupil council representatives. Their first task this year is to encourage everyone to consider a possible name for our school now that we are no longer a Junior High.

House Teams

Our new primary 1 class have been allocated to one of our 4 House Teams - Oxna, Havra, Hildasay or Papa and are trying really hard to stick to the targets set. Well done to Hildasay whose House Team came out on top this term! They have been exceptionally good at sticking to the Secret Student targets and will be rewarded on Friday 7th October.



Fundraising

In conjunction with the Parent Council, we hope to have a coffee morning in February 2012 to raise money for the school fund. We are also planning two enterprise activities next term. P3 will be organising Christmas hampers to be raffled and the Pupil Council will be printing T-Towels with everyone's face drawn on it. Just in time for Granny's Christmas present!

Shoebbox Appeal



Primary 7 have distributed a letter and leaflet detailing the enterprise activity they are organising. Please note that the last day for contributions and shoeboxes is Friday 4th November.

Glossy Magazines and Catalogues

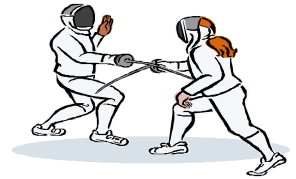
We are still collecting magazines and catalogues for recycling. Your contributions should be delivered to the Janitor's Room.

Playing Outside

On dry days, it is expected that your child will play outside at breaktimes. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for outdoor play.

After School Clubs

Next term pupils will have the opportunity to take part in three different after school clubs. Fencing (P1-3 and P4-7), recorder (P6 & 7) and Zumba (P4-7). Separate letters will be distributed shortly with a return slip.



Clothing Grant/Free School Meals 2011/12

An application for the above is available from the office at any time.

Double Yellow Lines/One way system



Another reminder to parents and carers NOT to park/wait/drop off children on the double yellow lines outside the primary department. It has also been reported that a number of cars are leaving the school car park against the one-way system. These practices are not safe and are a potential danger for our children. Parents are encouraged to use the drop off/pick up point at the main front door of the school.

Mrs Morag Fox
Head Teacher