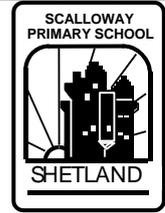




Scalloway Primary School
Primary Newsletter
October 2018



As we near the end of term one, it is 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 12 th October (Re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 31 st October)
<u>In-service</u>	Mon 29 th and Tues 30 th October
<u>Children in Need Day</u>	Fri 16 th November
<u>Interim Reports</u>	Early December
<u>Christmas Concert</u>	Wed 19 th December (matinee and evening performance)
<u>Christmas Canteen Lunch</u>	Wed 12 th Dec
<u>Christmas Jumper Day</u>	Fri 14 th Dec - in aid of Save the Children
<u>Christmas Carol Service</u>	Friday 21 st Dec in the Church of Scotland (family and friends welcome)



Harvest Assembly - Rev. Debby Dobbie will be joining us for our whole school Harvest Assembly at 9.15am in the Church of Scotland on Friday 12th October. Family and friends are welcome to join us.

CLAN and MacMillan Appeal - Staff and pupils recently organised two small fundraisers for charities close to our hearts. All the children dressed in purple for the day, donating £1 for the privilege.



Staff members organised a coffee morning and invited some extra guests along. Your kind donations have been counted and we have raised a fantastic £150 for CLAN and £150 for the MacMillan Appeal.



Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal - All children in the school will have had a presentation outlining the purpose of this appeal. With the onset of Christmas just around the corner, we spend some time in school, raising awareness of others around the world who have little to celebrate. If you are able to donate a Christmas shoebox, the P4 organisers would be very grateful indeed.



Free School Meals and/or Clothing Grants

A reminder for parents that the deadline for Free School Meals/Clothing Grant applications is 31st October 2017. Please ask at the office for further details or go to

www.shetland.gov.uk/education/ClothingGrants.asp

Head Lice - Please continue to check heads regularly and follow the advice given on www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice.

Polytunnel - The Polytunnel has been erected. Hopefully all pupils will have opportunities to learn about gardening. We hope to supply produce to our canteen and community in the months and years ahead. (We are looking for volunteers to build planters.) Donations of topsoil, cuttings, seeds and advice will be gratefully received next term.

Reporting to Parents - Thank you to all the parents who managed to attend our 'Learning Journey' event recently. Our pupils were thrilled to have the opportunity to share with you their great work this term. Thank you for taking the time to visit. We intend to collate the feedback we received from parents.

Calendars - Some pupils have been out in Scalloway over the last months, taking spectacular photos of their village and surrounding areas. The intention is to collate these photos and to produce a 2019 calendar in order to raise some funds for the school. More information will follow shortly

Oxford Reading Tree (ORT) - Over time, a number of books from our reading scheme are misplaced and/or lost. If you find a book in your home, it is never too late to return it to school. Returning late books would help enormously.

French Immersion - As pupils returned to school and wrote about what they did in their summer holidays, 3 teachers at Scalloway Primary were remembering their week long 'French Immersion' language course. Ms Willis, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Laurenson spent a week in Salignac, France at the beginning of the holidays, with the aim of enhancing their understanding, pronunciation and confidence in teaching French. The trio were part of a larger group of 25 practitioners working within primary education who attended the highly sought after training. Shetland were well represented with 8 out the total from here.

The course, delivered by French speaking tutors, explored developing conversational skills, good classroom practice, fun games and how to implement ICT in French lessons. Most days involved experiencing local culture as well as the classroom learning. The teachers were delighted to see beautiful sights as the caves of Lascaux and the towns of Beynac and Sarlat.

All of the new skills will be useful in a classroom and the teachers look forward to sharing with pupils and other colleagues at Scalloway Primary this year.



Staffing/Students - Learning Support Worker - Elizabeth Gifford will start with us Monday 29th October as will Mrs Jackie Townshend who takes up the Assistant post in our Early Years. We continue to support an Early Years Modern Apprentice, Hannah Wright. Miss Jaclyn Ross, Post Graduate student will complete her placement in P2 next term before working 4 weeks in Early Years and Ms Nicola Moncrieff will embark on a placement working two days a week between EY, P1 and P2. Mrs Jeanette Christie has retired from her Head Cook post. She will be a great miss to all in the canteen and the school as a whole. She has certainly catered for the dietary needs with ease and little effort. Enjoy your retirement Jeanette. Head Cook Cathy Mann starts with us the last week of term.

Parent/Grandparent Volunteers - Timetables for staff and pupil support are tighter than ever. More often, we will be asking for parent helpers to accompany staff and pupils on trips. In addition if anyone is willing or able to run a Golden Time activity on a Friday afternoon, requiring a PVG check, please contact the office for more details eg craft, chess etc.

Easy Fundraiser - In anticipation of lots of online Christmas shopping, can we encourage you to register with <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/scallowayschool>. It's an easy way to raise money for the school funds set up by the Parent Council.

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