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Dear Parents / A Charaidean Choir,

Welcome back to session 2022-23. Thanks to everyone for settling back so well and a special thank you to all of our new pupils who have settled in so quickly.

Staffing and Pupils / Luchd Obraich: The following staff will be working in Dunvegan Primary School and Nursery this session:

Ms Samantha Muir ~ Head Teacher (Cluster with Carbost)
Mrs M MacGregor ~ Teacher GM1-3
Miss Rhoda Ferguson ~ Teacher GM4-7
Miss L Kater ~ Teacher EM1-4
Mrs J Allan ~ Teacher EM1-4
Mr Ally Troon ~ Teacher EM 5-7
Mrs Alice MacVicar ~ Non-Class Contact Teacher
Mrs Kat Boddy ~ Non-Class Contact Teacher
Mrs L Coull ~ Clerical Assistant
Miss H Moujib ~ Pupil Support Assistant
Miss M MacGregor ~ Pupil Support Assistant
Mrs M Morrison ~ Pupil Support Assistant
Mrs C Matheson ~ Early Years Practitioner (Gaelic)
Miss K Campbell ~ Nursery Assistant (Gaelic)
Miss C Macdonald ~ Early Years Practitioner (Gaelic)
Roxinne Llewellyn-Porter ~ Visiting Strings Instructor
Allan Craig ~ Visiting Pipe Band Drumming Instructor
Mr Ian Ruari Finlayson ~ Visiting Chanter Instructor
Mrs F MacAskill ~ School Cook
Miss A Blair ~ Cleaning Operative

There have been a number of staff moving on from Dunvegan Primary since we broke up for the summer break, so we would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication and wish them well in the future.

Our English roll is 24 and our Gaelic roll is 22. Our Gaelic Nursery roll is 13.

School Dinner Money / Airgead Dinneir: School lunches are available to all children in full time education, and are FREE up until they reach P6 & 7 when the cost is £2.30 per day.

2 days - £4.60
3 days - £6.90
4 days - £9.20
5 days - £11.50

Homework / Obair Dachaigh: Reading/homework journals will be given to all learners again this year and daily reading remains a priority. We would be very grateful if you could regularly add your comments to these records too. Please can you listen to your children read as often as you can and discuss the stories / events etc. afterwards. Please also continue reading to your child, this is so important at all ages.

In addition to regular reading and book talk, class teachers will send home spelling and time tables/number practice along with additional games and website recommendations for you to use. Older children may bring home project work.

Visitors / Neach-tadhail: If you are visiting the school for any reason, please report to the office on arrival. Thank you.

Absences / Neo-Lathaireachdean: If your child is going to be absent from nursery or school, please can you give this information to the school in advance. If your child is absent unexpectedly on any given day, please phone the school on 01470 521307 before 09.30am.

Forest School & Outdoor Learning / Sgoil na Coille: Please ensure that your child has wellies and waterproofs in school all the time as these sessions will be running at different times through the week.

Clothing / Aodach: Please can you write your child's name on their clothing, especially school jumpers. This helps us so much when we are trying to return 'lost items'. Please could we ask all children to bring in a pair of indoor crocs, trainers or shoes (NOT SLIPPERS) that will only be worn inside the school building. This will help to keep our carpets, cushions, rugs etc. clean and dry. If you prefer, wellies for outside play are a great alternative. It is also a good idea to make sure that ALL children have a spare change of clothes in school.

PE/ Sports: Please can you send in a PE kit with your child - including trainers, shorts and a t-shirt. This can be left at school on their hanger or tray in class.

Music /Ceol: We continue to have music tuition for Pipe Band Drumming, Strings and Chanter, virtually and in school lessons.

Swimming / Snamh: We are delighted to finally be able to get back to our swimming lesson blocks with the school.

W/B 21st November - GM4-7

W/B 28th November - EM 5-7

W/B 23rd January - Squad Rewards

W/B 20th March - GM1-3

W/B 28th March - EM1-4

Children will need to bring along a towel, swimwear, water and a snack.

We have booked the community minibus to help transport children to this, and would like to ask any parents if they would be willing to help by driving the minibus. If we have enough offers of help, you

will only have to do it a few times. Numbers dependant, we may need to have parent helpers to drive over to Portree with some children. More information will go out nearer the time.

BME Award for Nan Cleghorn / Duais: Nan Cleghorn, our wonderful Jaggy Thistles tutor, will be presented her BME at a ceremony in Dunvegan Primary on Friday 16th September at 3.30pm. There will be a performance by the Jaggy Thistles, and we will invite parents of Jaggy Thistles pupils to come along and join us for this. There will be refreshments served.

Afterschool Clubs / Club na Sgoile

Jaggy Thistles: Nan will be starting up her Jaggy Thistles music group (For age 6 +) on a Monday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. If your child would be interested in learning the Tin Whistle or Recorder, please let us know and come along and join in.

‘Sunday School Club’: On Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm Mrs Allan will be running an afterschool club in her classroom, P2-7. It will be exploring the Christian faith through song, dance, craft, games, drama and most importantlyfun!

Nursery / Sgoil Araich: Our nursery is open full time hours, from 9am – 3pm each day.

- Please can children have a pair of indoor shoes (NOT slippers), a change of clothes and a waterproof jacket each day.
- If you would like to send sun cream into the nursery for the hotter days and smidge for the midge days, please do so along with written permission from home that nursery staff are allowed to apply this.
- There will be no set ‘Forest Schools’ session for our nursery this term. The children will spend a lot of time exploring the outdoors during their sessions every day.
- If you have any issues or queries about the nursery, then please feel free to email Catherine on catherine.matheson@highland.gov.uk

Safe Strong Free / Sàbhailte làidir an-asgaidh: Pre school pupils will be taking part in the Safe Strong Free workshops in Sgoil Araich on Monday 29th August, Monday 5th September and Monday 19th September. Email has gone out to parents.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon / Feasgair Cofaidh: We are planning to host a MacMillan Coffee Afternoon this term, more details to follow.

Parent Council / Comharile nam Parantan: Date & time will be posted on the school’s Facebook page. All parents are welcome to come and attend these meetings.

Headlice / Mialan: Please can you check your child’s hair on a regular basis.

Allergies in School / Alergidhean san sgoil: Please be aware that we have a member of staff who has a severe allergy to nuts. There can be NO NUTS or NUT PRODUCTS at all in the school building as the allergy is so severe that even being in the same room can cause a potentially deadly reaction.

<https://www.epipen.co.uk/> is an informative website which shows you how to administer an epipen to someone who needs one and what to do there after. You never know when you could be with someone who needs this.

In-service Days / Latha Treanadh: Nursery & School will be closed on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th September for staff training.

Term Dates 2021-22

Highland School calendar 2022/23

Please note - Dates may be subject to change

August 2022							September 2022							October 2022							November 2022											
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School holidays	School days
In-service days	

End of the School Day / Deireadh an latha scoile : Please can all parents / carers that are collecting children at the end of the school day please adhere to the following protocol:

1. Nursery children leave at 3pm
2. Taxis leave
3. Bus leaves
4. Children being collected are sent out to cars
5. Cars leave

This is to make sure that the end of day traffic is handled in as safe a way as possible and we do appreciate your help.

End of Term / Deireadh an teirm: The school will close on Friday 7th October at 3.15pm for the October break, and will re-open on Monday 24th at 9.15am.

Please call or email any time. Your support makes an incredible difference to our school and we consider you all a part of our team.

I look forward to seeing everyone over the course of the term.

Tapadh Leibh / Thank you,

Samantha Muir

Head Teacher / Ceannard
Dunvegan Primary School / Bun Sgoil Dhun Bheagain