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Dear Parents / A Charaidean Choir,

*Welcome back to session 2024-25. 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 Sgoil Araich this session:

Ms S Muir ~ Head Teacher (Cluster with Carbost)  
Ms J MacLeod ~ Acting Principal Teacher (GM) + GM1-4 teacher  
Miss R Gordon ~ Teacher GM5-7  
Mrs M MacGregor ~ Teacher GM & Forest Schools Teacher  
Miss L Kater ~ Teacher EM1-4  
Mrs J Allan ~ Teacher EM1-4  
Miss S Wilson ~ Teacher EM5-7  
Mrs A MacVicar ~ Non-Class Contact Teacher  
Mrs J Tyronney ~ Additional Support Teacher  
Mrs L Coull ~ Clerical Assistant  
Miss M MacGregor ~ Pupil Support Assistant  
Ms M Pelletta ~ Pupil Support Assistant  
Mrs M Morrison ~ Pupil Support Assistant  
Mr C Cairns ~ Pupil Support Assistant  
Mrs M Munro ~ Pupil Support Assistant (GM)  
Mrs C Matheson ~ Early Years Practitioner (GM)  
Mrs J Slater ~ Early Years Practitioner (GM)  
Mr H McCallum ~ Visiting Pipe Band Drumming Instructor  
Mrs R Llewellyn Porter ~ Visiting Fiddle Instructor  
Mr IR Finlayson ~ Visiting Chanter Instructor  
Mrs F MacAskill ~ School Cook  
Mr D Slater ~ Catering Assistant  
Miss A Blair ~ Cleaning Operative

Our English roll is 27 and our Gaelic roll is 23. Our sgoil araich roll is 9.

**School Day / Latha sgoile:** Sgoil araich starts each morning at 9am and school starts at 9.15am. Can parents please note that there is NO PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION until 9am, and that if children are

dropped off earlier than that they will not be supervised. Some of the school transport arrives early as it has subsequent journeys to make. The time before school starts is NOT a break time.

**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 £2.40 per day.

2 days - £4.80

3 days - £7.20

4 days - £9.60

5 days - £12.00

**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 sign in and report to the office on arrival.

**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 or email [dunvegan.primary@highland.gov.uk](mailto:dunvegan.primary@highland.gov.uk) before 09.30am.

**Forest School / Sgoil na Coille:** We are delighted that Mrs MacGregor is going though her Forest School training this coming term, this will enable her to provide forest school sessions to all our school and sgoil araich pupils. It is advised that all pupils leave waterproofs and wellies in the school at all times.

**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.

**Snack / Biadh beag:** Please can you send your child to school daily with a healthy morning snack. We do not operate a tuck bar at the moment.

**Breakfast club / Club Braicist:** Breakfast club will continue to run daily (helpers dependant). We are so thankful to our wonderful volunteers, as without them, we would not be able to run this club.

**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 Chanter on a Tuesday morning and Pipe Band Drumming on a Thursday morning, virtually and in school lessons. If you would like your child to

start either of these, please have a look online here:

<https://www.myhighlife.co.uk/music-tuition/login/>

**School Photographer / Dealbhan Sgoile:** The photographer will be in school on the morning of Friday 13th September.

**Book Fair / Fèill leabhraichean:** We are really looking forward to hosting an 'in house' Book Fair this session. We will take delivery of a range of Scholastic books which we will have displayed in the gym hall during the week beginning 23rd September, and then parents and children will have the opportunity to come in and buy some new books. Some more information will be going out on our school FB page and Seesaw.

## Term Dates 2024/25

### Highland School calendar 2024/25 Please note - Dates may be subject to change

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School holidays  
In-service days

School days

## Afterschool Clubs / Club na Sgoile

**Jaggy Thistles:** Nan continues to run her Jaggy Thistles music group (For age 6 +) on a Monday from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. If your child would be interested in learning the Tin Whistle or Recorder, please let us know and come along and join in.

**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 have any issues or queries about the nursery, then please feel free to email Catherine or Jeanette on [catherine.matheson@highland.gov.uk](mailto:catherine.matheson@highland.gov.uk) or [jeanette.slater@portreehigh.org.uk](mailto:jeanette.slater@portreehigh.org.uk)

**In-service Days / Latha Treanadh:** Sgoil Araich & School will be closed on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September for staff training.

**Headlice / Mialan:** Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual

shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, ask your local pharmacist, school nurse, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment.

**End of Term / Deireadh an teirm:** School & Sgoil Araich will close on Friday 11th October for the October break, and will reopen on Monday 28th.

**End of the School Day / Deireadh an latha sgoile :** 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.

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