



Dunannie Thursday Letter issue 1

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new year at Dunannie. I do hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. I would especially like to welcome all new families to the school. We have a very busy time planned for the children and we look forward to seeing you at events in the months ahead. You will be pleased to know that the children have settled into their new classes smoothly and happily.

Year 3 are looking forward to a stunning start to their project on Tuesday when Mexicolore arrive for an exciting workshop. It will also be an opportunity to welcome Churchers School who will be coming to join us.

As I write this letter I am very much looking forward to seeing you at the Drinks Party tonight. The Friends of Dunannie have been busy organising the party and I would like to thank them in advance for what I know will be a successful evening. I should especially like to thank Noni Needs for stepping in and taking over the Chair of the committee. I know she will lead her team with great enthusiasm and I look forward to working with her.

All after school activities and Swallow Club information has been sent to you and Marian will put all confirmed arrangements on the notice boards in the entrance later today. We are also finalising the music timetable and this information will also be displayed.

May I remind Year 3 children and parents that school starts promptly at 8.30am (8.45am on Fridays) and the end of the school day is 3.30pm.

One important date to put in your diaries is the Badley Weekend! We shall be starting at 11am. During this time I hope that we can empty the PE store ready for our outside classroom and create a stunning entrance at the bottom of the path leading to Dunannie. We have many ideas all based upon the 'Head, Hand, Heart' ethos of the School. At this time of the year our 'junk' boxes are empty so if you have anything you feel would be appropriate (paper, wood, ribbons, buttons, shells etc) please bring them in to school. The day will finish at 1.30pm. If you wish to bring drinks, snacks or a picnic please do!

On a more serious note, please remember that your children need careful supervision at the end of the school day and that they are your responsibility. We also ask that play equipment should not be taken out of the store.

Curriculum Evenings start next week. All evenings will begin at 6.45pm in the library with refreshments - apart from the Nursery who will be in their barn. The evenings











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will be an opportunity for you to hear about the year ahead and to meet many of the staff who teach your children.

I look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks but if you do have any concerns at all please do not hesitate to come and see me.

With best wishes

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

-  **Date List:** A date list and term date list are attached.
-  **Exhibition:** The best of Bedales Art & Design work from the past year is being exhibited at the Bedales Gallery until 18th September. It was a very strong year and a number of our students have won places at leading art schools, where they are about to embark on Foundation and Degree Courses. Please take a chance to see this varied and inspirational show (Mon – Fri 2-5pm, Sat 10am – 1pm). You are most welcome to attend an informal reception in the Gallery between 12.30 and 2.30pm this Saturday, 11th September. The Gallery is located in the Design building, adjacent to the main car park at Bedales.
-  **Theatre & Music:** The one man performance by Steven Berkoff on 17th September is now sold out but the Box Office is maintaining a waiting list for those still keen for an opportunity to see this legendary theatrical figure. Tickets are available to hear the wonderful musicians of the **Asaf Sirkis Trio** and **Inner Noise** on Friday 24th September and, if more commercially popular music forms the soundtrack of your life, you may also want to check out **Frisky & Mannish** on 5th October for an exuberant, irreverent but affectionate hour of entertainment, fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe. Contact the Box Office via tickets@bedales.org.uk or 01730 711 511. If any parent does not have the Bedales Arts brochure, they are available in the entrance.
-  **Sports Kit:** For the rest of this term can Year 3 boys please bring in shin pads, football boots and football socks.
-  **Photographs:** The children's individual photographs will be taken next Tuesday (Nursery and Reception) and Wednesday (Years 1, 2 and 3 and Nursery children not in on Tuesday).
-  **Menu:** A copy of this term's menus is available in the office; please help yourself if you want one.
-  **Health:** A nit check will take place next Monday, 13th September.
-  **Address Book:** This will be produced as soon as possible but as yet not all the data check sheets have been returned. If you have not already done so, please let Nicky or Marian have yours so that we can get the new year's address book circulated.