**Balhousie Primary School – Brief News, June 2017**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of the summer term. There has been lots happening in the school this session and we would like to thank you for your support. The children are continuing to work extremely hard and final preparations are going into the end of term concert.

**Staffing**

There have been some staff changes this session. It is always nice to welcome new staff. We are sad to see Mrs Findlay who had been covering in P4 leave on Friday 9th June 2017. We now welcome Mrs K. Bianco who will be with P4 until the end of term. We will also be welcoming back Mrs V. Jones on Wednesday 21st June 2017 as she now returns to work after having had her little boy.

I would also like to welcome Miss D. Sutherland, ECP to our Nursery. Miss Sutherland will be in the Nursery full time along with Miss V. Hall and Miss N. Gorrie. She joins a wonderfully dedicated and hardworking Nursery team that our school is very proud of.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Dormer for the wonderful job she did as Acting PT while I was on maternity leave and to Mrs Campbell who stepped in to teach Primary 1 in my absence. The class and school are a real credit to their hard work and dedication.

Thank you to Mrs M Donaghy who is continuing to support the school as HT in the absence of Mr Ferguson.

Mrs E. Menzies and Miss B. Murray will still be with us next session. A big thank you to them both for keeping the school running like clockwork every day!

Sadly Miss Mailer, the art teacher, will not be joining us next session. We wish her all the best in her new career.

A letter detailing class teachers and classes for next session has now been distributed. Thank you to all the teachers and support staff, Mrs L. Gibb, Mrs E. Robertson, Mr A. Buchan, Miss K Crabbie, Mrs L Sutherland, Mrs J. Hannah and Mrs A. Erdelyi and Miss A. Wylie who we welcome back next session, for their continued hard work, patience and dedication.

**Reminder of dates for the dairy:**

Tuesday 20th June 2017 – Nursery Sports Day

Wednesday 21st June 2017 – Summer Fete/BBQ

Wednesday 28th June 2017 – School Concert 6.30pm. Children to be dressed in school uniform and to arrive no earlier than 6.20pm. Concert will start at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 28th June 2017 - Nursery Graduation day (morning and afternoon)

Thursday 29th June 2017 – School summer term ends half day at 12.00 noon.

**End of term reports**

Pupil reports will now be handed out on Friday 23rd June 2017. Please sign and return parent/carer comment sheet only to school no later than Wednesday 28th June 2017.

**Parent council**

We would like to say a huge thank you to the parent council for the school trip to St Andrew’s on Friday. The children had a wonderful time at Craigtoun Country Park and it was thanks to money raised by the parent council that we were able to pay for every child to have access to all areas of the park. It was a fantastic day!

**Lunch Money**

Please ensure that all lunch money is paid and up to date by Wednesday 28th June 2017 please. You can pay using Parent Pay or in cash at the school office.

**Emergency contacts**

Please ensure that all emergency contacts are available and up to date in the school office before the end of term please. If you are unsure of this please visit the school office and Mrs Menzies or Miss Murray will be able to update these for you. If your child has been late or absent please always ensure that that the school office or class teachers have been notified of the reason for this otherwise an unauthorised absence will be marked on your child’s record.

Many thanks,

Mrs K. Crossley

(Principal Teacher)