

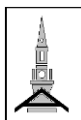
# Anderson's Primary School Newsletter

August 2023

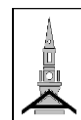
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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all and 'hello' to those of you who are joining us for the first time either in P1 or in other year groups. The start of this school year sees us joined by new staff; Mrs Cortney McLeman and Miss Maisie Charteris who join us for their NQT year, Mrs Annie Sutherland is our new Cook-in Charge and will be joined by Ms Ruby Smart as Assistant Cook; we are delighted to welcome them all to our team.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AFG Meeting – Tuesday 29 August  
Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 30 August  
HMIE visit: Monday 4 to Wednesday 6 September  
Flu immunisation: Wednesday 13 September  
Parent Council Meeting – Tuesday 26 September  
Term ends: Friday 6 October  
School returns: Monday 23 October  
In service closure: Monday 13 November and Tuesday 14 November  
Term ends: Friday 22 December  
Term starts: Monday 8 January 2024  
Mid-term holiday: Friday 9, Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 February 2024  
Term ends: Thursday 28 March 2024  
Term starts: Monday 15 April 2024  
May Day holiday: Monday 6 May 2024  
In service closure: Thursday 16 May and Friday 17 May 2024  
Term ends: Friday 28 June 2024

## CLASS DOJO

We use Class Dojo as a means of communicating with families. Class teachers post information, send out messages, pictures and short videos. They cannot respond to questions or queries through Dojo and will reply to these by phone or email.

Pupil portfolios are used to share children's learning and school work with you.



School Story lets us share wider 'good news' and other information with you. **Please use email/Parent Portal/phone call to inform school of absences and appointments rather than Dojo.**

## CLASSES

Class teachers are as follows –

P1T – Mrs Tulloch (Rm 2)  
P1CT – Mrs Clark/Mrs Thomson (Rm 3)  
P2 – Mrs Donegan (Rm 1)  
P2/3 – Miss Mackenzie/Mrs Johnson (Rm 4)  
P3 – Miss Charteris (Rm 5)  
P3/4 – Mrs McLeman (Rm 10)  
P4 – Mrs Nelmes/Ms Waddington (Rm 9)  
P5 – Mr Rutherford – (Rm 7)  
P5/6 – Mr Sleaford (Rm 13)  
P6 – Miss Webster (Rm 6)  
P7 – Mr Charles McKeating (Rm 8)  
We had a new addition over the summer with the birth of a baby boy to Alex and Jenny Charles McKeating. Mr Charles McKeating is currently enjoying his paternity leave and returns to school on Monday 4 September.

## HEADLICE

Be vigilant about checking your child's hair each week for head lice. If you have any questions, you can ask your local pharmacist or contact the school nurse at the Health Centre.

## NUT FREE SCHOOL

We are a 'nut free' school. Please check snacks and packed lunches do not contain any nut-based products e.g Nutella.

## MOBILE PHONES

Please remind your child that, if you allow them to take a mobile to school, it should be handed in to the school office/class teacher and collected at the end of the day. Mobile phones must not be used by pupils in school

### **COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

All parents of P1 children are eligible for a Best Start Grant. Details can be found on <https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/>

Applications for school clothing grants and free school meals can be made following the guidance on Moray Council's website. If you think you may be entitled to a school clothing grant or free school meals, even with a child included in the universal offer you can still apply.

[http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/page\\_55486.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55486.html)

Moray Schoolbank supports families with school and winter clothes. This is a charitable organisation and they accept donations. You can find more information on their website - <https://www.morayschoolbank.org/> If you would like their help please contact me through the school office.

Pre-loved school uniform is available in school for a small donation to the Parent Council. Email the school office and we'll look to see if we have what you are looking for. We'll soon be organising time in school when the uniform is available for you to come in and have a look at what there is and to drop off any donations.

Children only need to take their water bottle, snack, PE kit and packed lunch if required. We provide pens and pencils and other stationery items.

Free period products are available in school; these are in the accessible toilet.

Free bus travel is available to all under 22 [Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme | How to apply | Transport Scotland](#)

For other help with finances contact - [Income Maximisation - Moray Council](#)

### **PLAYGROUND**

Please do not cycle or use scooters on the playground before or after school. Dogs are not to be taken on to the playground.

### **SCHOOL LUNCHESES**

Please register for iPay if you have not already done so. **All P1 to P5 children are eligible for universal free school meals.**

<http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file147882.pdf>

iPay can also be used to order and pay for school sweatshirts.

### **SCHOOL OFFICE**

Our school office is open from 8.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday. Staff are not always available to answer the telephone and over lunchtime the office is not always attended. Please leave a message which will be dealt with as soon as possible. Data Capture forms have been sent out, these detail your address, emergency contacts, medical conditions etc and include permissions for photos, email/internet etc. Many of the forms are coming back without indicating permissions. If you leave these blank then we will continue with the permissions you have given us previously. Please make sure all contacts are up to date and are aware they have been included on the form.

### **MEDICINES**

Only prescribed medicine can be administered in school; medicine that has a pharmacy label with the child's name, and dosage, on it and is in date. We encourage parents to come into school to administer medicine to their child, or to ask a family member/friend to do so. If this is not possible we can do this for you. Please complete the appropriate paper work, available from the school office, before the prescribed medicine is handed in to school.



Finally, we look forward to working together with you over this coming school year. Please get in touch if we can help you in any way.

Sara Neil  
Head Teacher