

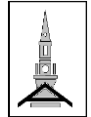
Anderson's Primary School Newsletter
September/October 2023

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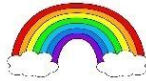
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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term is suddenly almost over! It has been a very busy start to the school year and we are all looking forward to the October break so we can take a breath and relax. Please make sure your child is coming to school with a warm, waterproof jacket and gloves when we return after the holiday.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School closed – Tuesday 26 September
Potential school closure – Wed/Thur: 27 and 28 September
Individual school photos – Friday 29 September
AFG Meeting – Tuesday 3 October
Last day of term – Friday 6 October
Pre loved Uniform Sale – Saturday 14 October
School re-opens – Monday 23 October
School Discos – Thursday 2 November

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

Our partners, St John's Church, Moray SchoolBank and St Leonard's Church will be running another sale of pre-loved uniform. Using pre loved clothing helps to build a more sustainable world through the reduction in landfill. The sale will take place in St Leonard's Church hall.

STRIKE ACTION

As you will be aware there will be strike action across the country on 26, 27 and 28 September. Please have childcare contingency plans in place for these three days as we may have to be closed to pupils.

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 or email.

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 http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_55486.html

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.

BIKE SAFETY

There have been one or two occasions where bikes have been tampered with recently, one of these could have resulted in a very serious injury. We have spoken with all of the children and reminded them to stay away from the bikes at break and lunch and we are looking into moving the shelter which is at the kitchen side of the school to the South Street side. Please remind your children of the importance of keeping away from bikes which have been taken to school, even their own one.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

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



CAN YOU HELP US?

We are happy to support volunteering opportunities in school. Please contact me, Mr Lunan or Mr Johnston if you are interested in coming in to help out – either in class, over lunchtime to help with clubs or for outdoor learning.

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.

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.

ABSENCES AND LATE ARRIVALS

All absences and late arrivals are recorded on The Moray Council computer system. Please try to let us know of an absence as early as possible – a message can be left on the answer machine or an email sent to the admin account. Moray Council policy is that we contact Police Scotland if we have not heard about a child's absence by 10am. If you have concerns about your child's attendance or lateness please contact the school to discuss this with me.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We have booked the photographer from Tempest for Friday 29 September to take individual and 'in school' family group pictures. Please note you under no obligation to buy the photographs.

LOST PROPERTY

There is already quite an accumulation of cardigans, jumpers, sweatshirts and jackets which we cannot return as they have no names on them. If your child is missing an item of clothing ask them to have a look on the lost property trolley outside the school office.



SCHOOL VALUES, VISION AND AIMS

At the beginning of this school session our re-vamped values vision and aims were launched. These have been shared with children and with those who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' events. These will be referred to regularly across school.

Our values –

Opportunity
Resilience = ORRIN
Respect
Inclusion
Nurturing

Our Vision –

To be the best that we can be

Our Aim –

At Anderson's we work together – pupils, families and staff – to build a nurturing school community where we support and encourage pupils throughout their learning journey.



And just like that we are almost at the first school holiday of the year. It's been a busy few weeks which have included our visit from HMIE. Thank you for your support over the first few weeks of term.

Sara Neil
Head Teacher