



Dear Parents/Carers,

Now the clocks have changed we will be facing darker mornings and afternoons and colder, wetter weather. Please make sure your child comes to school with a waterproof jacket and a hat and gloves if needed. Please name all jackets and clothing your child takes to school as that makes it much easier to be able to re-unite children and lost clothing.



TERM DATES

Fancy Dress Discos – Thursday 2 November
In Service – Monday 13 November and
Tuesday 14 November
P5/6 Class assembly – Friday 17 November
AFG Meeting – Tuesday 21 November
@3.30pm
Dress down day – Friday 24 November
P4 Class assembly – Friday 1 December
Christmas Fayre – Friday 1 December
School photos – Tuesday 5 December
Parent Council meeting – Thursday 7
December @7pm
P3 Nativity – Tuesday 11 December
P7 Class assembly – Friday 15 December
Christmas church service – Tuesday 19
December
School Christmas lunch – Wednesday 20
December
Last day of term – Friday 22 December
School re-opens Monday 8 January 2024

IN SERVICE DAYS

School is closed to pupils on Monday 13 and
Tuesday 14 November for staff training.
Across Moray, school staff will be working on
moderation. In school we will be developing
our use of tracking wellbeing and furthering
our school moderation.

ALLERGY AWARENESS

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

ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISING GROUP

EVENTS

The fancy dress disco takes place on Thursday
2 November.

P1 – P3: 5.45pm – 6.45pm

P4 – P7: 7pm – 8pm

Volunteers always welcome! Please see Dojo
and email for further information.

On Friday 24 November we will have a dress
down day for the very popular Chocolate
Chances stall. On this day pupils do not have
to wear school uniform (no football strips
though) if they want to as long as they bring
in a bar of chocolate for the stall. Please make
sure the chocolate is still in date, thank you.

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 1
December. Various stalls and refreshments
will be available. Volunteers and donations
welcome; look out for the flyer coming soon.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The re-arranged date is Tuesday 5 December.
The company have told us orders returned will
be in school before we close for Christmas.

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.

MORAY SCHOOL BANK

Moray School Bank can supply winter clothing and school uniform to those families who are finding the rising cost of living difficult. This charity supports a number of families locally and they are always happy to help. All applications are made in complete confidence. Please contact either me or Mr Lunan if you would like their support.

CATERING SURVEY

The latest catering survey is open until 24 November –

Parent / Carer survey for both Primary and Secondary schools -

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FNPND2>

PARENTZONE SCOTLAND

[Parentzone Scotland](http://parentzone.scotland.nhs.uk) is a unique website for parents and carers in Scotland, from early years to beyond school. The website provides up-to-date information about learning in Scotland, and practical advice and ideas to support children's learning at home in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and science. Information is also available on Parentzone Scotland regarding additional support needs, how parents can get involved in their child's school and education.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

We are in the process of getting these organised, if you would like to help support these please contact the school office.

CHRISTMAS DATES

Further information with times will be sent out before the end of November. This will include dates for class/year group parties, confirmed times for the P3 Nativity performances and for our church service at St Leonard's.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please make sure the school office has up to date contact details should we need to call you.

SEVERE WEATHER AND POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURE

If severe weather is expected and there is a chance that the school may have to close, please endeavour to undertake one of these three options:



1. Listen to Moray Firth Radio which has regularly updated information – 97.4FM.
2. Use the Schools Information Telephone Line:
Dial 0870 054 9999. Then dial in the school's PIN ~ 031100. Please be aware that calls to this number will be charged a 2p per minute service charge plus your call provider's access charge.
 - This will take you to the Anderson's mailbox where you will enter a menu system.
 - Dial 1 – to hear information about severe weather affecting the school day.
3. Use Moray Council's website
 - <https://secure.moray.gov.uk/mcalerts/portal/servicestatus.aspx> and go to Schools

BBC Radio Scotland and Moray Firth Radio will pick up the closure notice. A post will also be made on Twitter @the MorayCouncil.



This is going to be a busy term and planning for Christmas events and activities has been underway since before the October break. All our P3 pupils will be taking part in the Nativity and all classes will be involved in the church service and we are looking forward to having you with us in church once again.

Sara Neil
Head Teacher