

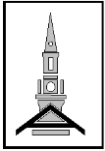
## Anderson's Primary School Newsletter

January 2024

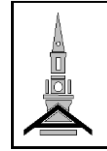
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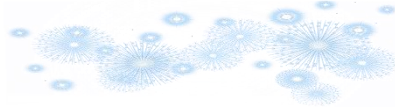


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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and a very warm welcome back to school. As we are experiencing cold and wet weather please can you make sure your child comes to school with a warm jacket, hat, gloves and scarves too. Spare socks and shoes are also useful, just in case!



### **GOOD NEWS**

Mrs Johnson welcomed her new baby boy, Jacob, at the beginning of December. He is gorgeous and everyone at Anderson's wishes the family well.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

15 to 19 January – P7 Ski Week

Friday 19 January – P6 Assembly

Tuesday 30 January – dental inspections

Friday 2 February – P3/4 Assembly

**Friday 9, Monday 12 and Tuesday 13**

**February 2024 – mid term break**

Friday 23 February – P2 Assembly

### **LATE ARRIVALS/ABSENCE**

We all know how hectic mornings can be and the ever changing sets of traffic lights in and around the town don't help. There are many children arriving late for school each day and whilst one or two late arrivals for a child don't have too much of an impact on their learning, arriving after 9.15am for a number of days can be detrimental as teaching input will have started and the beginning of lessons are being missed.

If your child is absent please let the school office know as soon as possible – email, call or use ParentsPortal. Should we fail to hear from you by 10am we will follow Moray Council procedures and call Police Scotland to carry out a safe and well check.

### **ALLERGY AWARENESS**

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

### **P1 ENROLMENT FOR AUGUST 2024**

You must register your child with your LOCAL CATCHMENT SCHOOL between **Monday 15** and **Friday 26 January 2024** if:

- **Your child is five years old on or before the 14 August 2024; or**
- **Your child's fifth birthday falls between 14 August 2024 and 28 February 2025.**

The whole registration process, including placing requests, should now be completed online. You'll just need to have scanned copies of your child's birth certificate and proof of address to upload and submit online. Registration will be available to complete from 15 January at

[www.moray.gov.uk/registration](http://www.moray.gov.uk/registration)

More information about schools can be found [http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\\_standard/p\\_age\\_47236.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/p_age_47236.html)

Choosing a School:-

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/11/10093528/0](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/11/10093528/0)

If you have friends and/or neighbours who have children of preschool age due to start school in August please pass this information on. NO advert has been placed by Moray Council in the Northern Scot this year with Facebook and Twitter being used as the platform for advertising instead.

Please contact us if you need any help or advice.

### **BUS BAY**

Please do not use the bus bay as a parking spot. It should be kept clear so the school bus can arrive and depart safely. Car parking is available behind the Community Centre, Grant Park and on Leys Road.

### **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.

### **SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES**

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](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/> For support from the organisation a referral must be made through school or another agency. If you would like their help please contact me through the school office.

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.

Period products are available in school for those who need them; these are located 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](#)

### **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>
  - Schools

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



Finally, we are planning a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week around the February mid-term break. The children all enjoyed this last session so look out for photos and information from classes about what is going on in school.

Sara Neil  
Head Teacher