

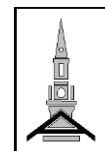
Anderson's Primary School Newsletter
April and May 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now in the final term of this school year. At the moment though, the weather doesn't seem to have realised it. Please make sure your child has a jacket with them, just in case. There are lots of things planned for this term. Look at the 'dates for your diary' section so you don't miss out what's happening in April and May.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 25 April - P5 Class assembly 10am

Friday 3 May – P3 Class assembly – 10am

Monday 6 May – Holiday, school closed

Tuesday 7 May – P7 sponsored walk

Monday 13 to Wednesday 15 May –

Developing the Young Workforce event

Thursday 16 May and Friday 17 May – school closed to pupils – In Service days

Tuesday 21 May – AFG meeting 3.30pm

Wednesday 22 May – new P1 parent meeting 6pm

Thursday 23 May – School Sports (time tbc)

Tuesday 28 May – Class photographs

Friday 31 May – P1T Class assembly 10am

ALLERGY AWARENESS

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

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.

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. Please do not use Dojo for this as these messages may not be seen by teachers until later in the day.

MOBILE PHONES

We are increasingly dealing with situations in school as a result of mobile phone usage out of school. Social media messages and videos have a serious impact on children's mental health and whilst we recognise the need for mobiles for safety, the sharing of images, videos and messages which are offensive and abusive are concerning. Please look at your child's devices and talk to them about the seriousness of sharing content which is abusive/offensive. Download the Safer Schools app for further support and guidance.

SAFER SCHOOLS APP

The Safer Schools Scotland App is a digital safeguarding, communication and training toolkit. It has been designed by safeguarding professionals to help make the entire school community safer online. The online contextual safeguarding information is tailored to specific roles providing access to contemporary, credible and relevant content. Download from your relevant store by searching 'Safer Schools Scotland' or by clicking the links below.

- For Apple users: [App Store](#)
- For Android users: [Google Play Store](#)

To create an account, click **create an account** and input your full name, email, and password you wish to use. You'll also be asked to confirm your password. Once you're ready, click **'Register'** and this will create your account,

To log in –

1. Select your school from the dropdown menu and click **'continue'**.
2. Enter the four digit entry code provided from the table below for your unique role.
3. Alternatively, you can scan the QR entry code for your role (table below) by tapping the 'Scan QR code' button on the app login screen, which will automatically log you in.

User Role	Login Code	QR Code
Primary Pupils P5-P7	0088	Download
Parents and Carers Primary	7679	Download

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Free period products are available in school; they are stored in the accessible toilet and can be collected from there.

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.



This is going to be a busy term and I really hope the weather improves. Hopefully the next newsletter won't need to include the severe weather information!

Sara Neil
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