# Anderson's Primary School Newsletter August and September 2025



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Dear Parents/Carer,

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.



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

29.8.25 - P7 Author visit @ Pilmuir

5.9.25 - AFG Meeting 2pm

10.9.25 - Meet the Teacher 6pm/6.30pm

10.9.25 – Ski Trip meeting 7pm

19.9.25 - Settling in Reports

22.9.25 - Parent Council meeting 7pm

8.10.25 - Art Exhibition 3.20pm - 4.20pm

9.10.25 - Art Exhibition 6pm - 7pm

10.10.25 - last day of term

27.10.25 - school re-opens

7.11.25 - P5/6 Assembly 9.50am

10.11.25 - In Service - school closed

11.11.25 - In Service - school closed

28.11.25 - P4 Assembly 9.50am

9.12.25 – P3 Nativity – 11am /2pm

12.12.25 - Reports out

16.12.25 - Church service 10.30am

19.12.25 – last day of term

5.1.26 - school re-opens

# **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

We are a 'nut free' school. Please check snacks and packed lunches do not contain any nutbased products e.g Nutella, pesto, satay etc

# **CLASS DOJO**

If you have to pass on information to your child's class teacher - absence, appointment, Wider Achievement, personal/family news or to arrange a meeting then please call or email the school office. Teachers use Dojo to post class stories, class information, appeals for help for outdoor learning and upload pictures to pupil portfolios. Please note that any message you send via Dojo might not be read or responded to until the next day.

### **CLASSES**

Class teachers are as follows -

P1 - Mrs Clark/Mrs Thomson (Rm 3)

P1/2 – Mrs Tulloch (Rm 2)

P2 – Mrs Donegan (Rm 1)

P3 – Mr Charles-McKeating (Room 6)

P3/4 – Miss Mackenzie/Mrs Johnson (Room 4)

P4 – Mrs Nelmes (Room9)

P5 - Mrs McLeman/Mrs Edwards (Room 8)

P5/6 – Mr Rutherford (Room 5)

P6 – Mrs Caldwell (Room 13)

P7 – Mr Hopkirk (Room 7)

## **CAR PARKING**

Our nearest car parks are — Community Centre, Leys Road and Grant Park. The bus bay **IS NOT** for dropping off or collecting it is for our school bus. The bus driver cannot allow children to leave or get on the bus until it is safely parked in the bay.

# **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.

# **MOBILE PHONES**

Mobile phones should not be taken to school. Smart watches must not allow messaging or calling. Children who do take a device to school MUST hand it in at the start of the day and it will be returned before they go home.

### **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 LUNCHES**

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/file147 882.pdf

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

# **COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

Parents of P1 children may be eligible for a Best Start Grant. Details can be found on <a href="https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/">https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/</a>

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/p
age 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 - <a href="https://www.morayschoolbank.org/">https://www.morayschoolbank.org/</a>

Pre-loved school uniform is available in school for a small donation to the Parent Council. A small stock is available at the front door, this is topped up when items are available. There are also shoes available. We also welcome donations of dressing up outfits and Christmas jumpers.

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 - <u>Income</u> Maximisation - Moray Council

### 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, everyone here at Anderson's is looking forward to working together with you over this coming school year. Please get in touch if you think there is anything we can help you with.

Sara Neil Head Teacher



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