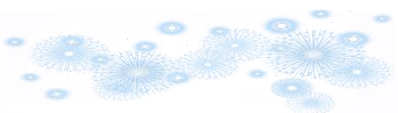


Dear Parents/Carers,

January is over, finally!! Please continue to have your child take a (named) warm, waterproof jacket to school and to have spare socks/tights in case they get wet feet. Our collection of lost property grows constantly, if things are named they can be returned easily. If your child has lost a jacket or sweatshirt you are welcome to come in and try to find it.



UPDATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 3 February – P7 parents meeting at Forres Academy 5.30pm

Wednesday 4 February – Parent Council meeting 7pm

STEM event – 9 to 11 February

Thursday 12 February – In Service day, school closed to pupils

Friday 13, Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 February – mid-term break

Tuesday 24 February - Dental Inspections P1 + P7

Friday 27 February – P5 class assembly 10am

Wednesday 4 March – AFG Family Quiz, 6pm – 7pm

Wednesday 11 March – Parent appointments 5pm – 7pm

Thursday 12 March – Parent appointments 3.30pm - 5pm

Friday 13 March – P7 Class assembly 10am

Friday 20 March – P1 Class assembly 10am

Friday 27 March – P2 Class assembly 10am

Friday 27 March – last day of term

ALLERGY AWARENESS

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

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

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE

Moray Council would like to see school attendance reach 95%. Currently we are sitting at 94.27%. If you are struggling to get your child to school or have a concern about repeated illness

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING



Punctuality Matters

- Excellent punctuality
- No learning time is lost
- A child who is 5 minutes late to school every day will miss 3 days of school over the course of an academic year
- A child who is 10 minutes late to school every day will miss 6.5 days of school over the course of an academic year
- A child who is 15 minutes late to school every day will miss 10 days of school over the course of an academic year
- A child who is 20 minutes late to school every day will miss 13.5 days of school over the course of an academic year



please contact us to find out how we can support you and your child.

MORAY FIRTH CREDIT UNION

The Credit Union is available in school for savings every Thursday. If your child is interested in beginning to save please contact the school for information on opening an account.

MANNERS AND EXPECTATIONS

Since our return a couple of weeks ago we have been focussing on good manners – please and thank you especially. Please support us in this by reminding your child the importance of saying please and thank you.

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

The AFG have pre-loved school uniform available on a rail at the main door. Please come along and take things when you need them.

For other help with finances contact - [Income Maximisation - Moray Council](#)

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.

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.

SEVERE WEATHER AND SCHOOL CLOSURE REMINDER

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



1. Look out for a message on Dojo
2. Listen to Moray Firth Radio which has regularly updated information – 97.4FM
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.



I think everyone is looking forward to the mid-term holiday in two weeks' time. Before that we have our STEM event to look forward to which is always lots of fun.

Sara Neil
Head Teacher