



Dear Parents/Carers,

Spring is almost here! There's lots happening in school over the next few weeks so please check the diary dates below.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 4 March – AFG Family Quiz
5.45pm – 7pm
Thursday 5 March – World Book Day
Saturday 7 March – Cross Country at Grant Park
Wednesday 11 March – Parent Appointments
5pm start
Thursday 12 February – Parent Appointments
3.30pm start
Friday 13 March – P7 Class assembly 10am
Wednesday 18 March – Parent Council Meeting 7pm-8pm
Friday 20 March – P1 Class assembly 10am
Thursday 26 March – P5, P5/6 and P6 – The Rainforest Opera 2.30pm Forres Town Hall
Friday 27 March – P2 Class assembly 10am
Friday March 27– School closes for holiday
Monday 13 April – School re-opens
Friday 24 April – AFG Meeting 2pm
Monday 4 May – School closed holiday

PE KITS

Every class has two PE lessons each week and children are expected to get changed in to their kit – shorts, t-shirt and non-marking gym shoes/trainers. An outdoor PE kit of a t-shirt, joggers or leggings and a sweatshirt is also required. There are many children who do not have PE kit in school which can mean they are unable to take part in PE lessons. PE kits can be left in school and taken home when necessary. If your child does not have a kit for PE in school please organise one for them.

ALLERGY AWARENESS

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

BUS BAY

Do not use the bus bay as a pick up point at the end of the day. It is solely for the school bus and should be kept clear so it can arrive and depart safely. Car parking is available behind the Community Centre, Town Hall, Grant Park and on Leys Road.

ABSENCE AND ATTENDANCE

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.

Moray Council would like to see school attendance reach 95%. Our current attendance is 94.08%. If your child is struggling to come to school or they have had a number of illnesses and you are looking for some support, please let either myself or Mr Lunan know. The School Nursing Service can offer help and advice to families with children who are struggling with anxiety or have lots of illness.



TRAVEL TRACKER

In February, Anderson's was in 4th place in Moray for active travel to school and in Scotland we were in 11th place. Active travel to school includes park and stride as long as the walk is at least 5 minutes from the car. Park and stride cannot be used if being dropped off at school or from the car park behind school.

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

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](#)

CAN YOU HELP US?

We are happy to support volunteering opportunities in school. Please contact myself or Mr Lunan 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 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. Look for a message on Dojo
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.

Hopefully, the next newsletter won't have to include this information!



The days are getting longer and there seems to be more sun than rain at the moment. Let's hope this fine weather continues. There are only four weeks left of the term until the Easter holiday, this school year is flying by!

Sara Neil
Head Teacher