

Dear Parent/Carer,

The weather is starting to turn so please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof jacket to take to school with their name in it. When we return after the October break it will be getting darker in the afternoon so please make sure that bikes have working lights and that your child is wearing something reflective if they are cycling.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9.10.26 – last day of term
 26.10.26 – school re-opens
 28.10.26 – Fancy Dress Disco
 P1-P3 = 5.30pm – 6.30pm
 P4 – P7 = 6.45pm – 7.45pm
 6.11.26 – P6/7 Assembly 9.50am
 9.11.26 - In Service – school closed
 10.11.26 – In Service – school closed
 3.12.26 – Christmas Fair
 4.12.26 – P4 Assembly 9.50am
 15.12.26 – P3 Nativity – 11am /2pm
 21.12.26 – Church service 10.30am
 22.12.26 – last day of term
 6.1.27 – school re-opens

NUT FREE SCHOOL

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

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.

VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

We welcome help in school from volunteers, family members and from the community. The AFG also looks for help to put on events. All volunteers need a PVG certificate, if you don't have one please contact the school office to get the information needed.

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.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE

Moray Council would like to see an overall school attendance rate of 95%. We currently have an overall attendance rate of 95% however for some families lateness and attendance are not at

this level. If you are struggling to get your child to school or have a concern about repeated illness please contact us to find out how we can support you and your child.

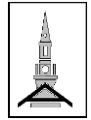
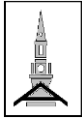
LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING



Punctuality Matters

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





CAR PARKING

Our nearest car parks are – Community Centre, Leys Road, Town Hall 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.

ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISING GROUP EVENTS

The fancy dress disco takes place on

Wednesday 28 October

P1 – P3: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

P4 – P7: 6.45pm – 7.45pm

Volunteers are required for this event to go ahead. Please see Dojo and email for further information. Entry is £1. Children are asked to take water bottles with them and leave at home any additions to costumes which might cause accidents.

The Christmas Fayre will be held on **Thursday 3 December**. Various stalls and refreshments will be available. Volunteers and donations welcome; look out for the flyer with more details.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones should not be taken to school. Smart watches must not allow messaging or calling and children must not use them in school for these purposes. 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. Vaping and smoking are not permitted on school grounds during the school day.

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.

CENTENARY YEAR

The Open Morning saw over 200 visitors come along to look around. There were lots of fantastic stories shared about friends and teachers.

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.

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 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. A post will also be made on X @theMorayCouncil



Finally, this part of the term has flown in, after the holiday there will be lots going on with class assemblies and we will hurtle towards Christmas and the associated activities in school.

Sara Neil
Head Teacher