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Communication

We would like to you remind you of the importance of regular attendance at school and how to contact us should your child be ill or absent. It is also important that children are at school on time. Children who do not regularly attend school rarely achieve their full potential. Not only do they miss learning, but it also becomes increasingly difficult for them to catch up. We understand that children can miss school for many reasons, but it is important for us all to ensure that children attend regularly to raise attainment. We would encourage you to contact the school in the first instance by telephone 01309 672367 where you can leave a message outwith school office hours or use the pin number detailed above.

In-service

School will be closed to pupils on Monday and Tuesday next week for staff In Service days. Staff will be taking part in training at Forres Academy and Applegrove Primary to take forward key areas from the School Action Plan.

Parental Involvement

Parents' Evening was very well attended. Thank you for your support. This term your child will receive a Continuous Progress Report which will inform you of your child's strengths, next steps and the level that they're working within.

Shared Learning

Thank you to all the parents who have attended our Shared Learning sessions which have been met with a positive response. If you haven't already been invited you will be receiving an invitation to join your class soon. We look forward to seeing you there.

World of Work (WoW)

As part of Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) all Applegrove pupils take part in mixed age group activities to develop their skills for learning, skills for work and skills for life.

P1 to P3 groups are: Construction, Caring for the Environment, People Who Help Us/Jobs in our Community, Healthy Living, Enterprise and Speech and Drama.

P4 to P7 groups are: World of Food & Drink/Tourism, World of Engineering, World of Health & Social Care, World of Information Technology/Creative Industries, World of Early Education & Child Care and World of Business/Enterprise.

Many of you will have experience linked to these areas and we would be delighted if you were able to come and speak to the children about your work or to demonstrate some of the skills involved in these different industries. If you are unsure about how you could help, but would like to get involved please contact Arlene Hunter via the school office to discuss ideas further.

School Travel Plan

The Junior Road Safety Officers met recently with Janet MacDonald, Sustainable and Active Travel Officer for Moray Council. Working together with her, the committee are going to work on creating a new School Travel Plan which will highlight the positive things we do as a school to promote safe and active travel as well as identifying new initiatives and priorities. In order to do this we need to involve the wider school community as our School Travel Plan may well impact upon other developments taking place in Forres to improve walking and cycling. If you can spare some time and would like to become involved or wish to find out more please contact Mrs McRitchie via the school office.

Diary Dates

In-service days – 12th and 13th November **School closed for pupils**

School Photographer – 27th November

Kilts for Kids Day (wear tartan) – 30th November

Christmas Fair – 8th December

P5 and P6 Christmas Party – 14th December

P3 and P4 Christmas – 17th December

P7 Christmas Party – 17th December 5.30pm

Nativity – 18th December

Christmas Lunch – 19th December

Church Service – 20th December

P1 and P2 Christmas Party – 20th December

Last day of term – 21st December