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Dear Parents

I hope you all had a great summer and you are looking forward to the term ahead. It was great to welcome back all our returning pupils and to see all our new P1 pupils looking so smart and eager to come to school. All the children have settled well into school life and we hope this will continue. If you have any queries about anything then please don't hesitate to contact the class teacher or myself. Our details are listed here:

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P5-7 Teachers	sarah.hutton@aberdeenshire.gov.uk	Monday and Tuesday
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End of Term Celebrations

Again I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work last Session and preparing a wonderful Leavers' Assembly. We all wish last years' P7s all the best. A big congratulations to our Prize winners:

Literacy	Emma
Numeracy	Struan
Expressive Arts	Niamh
Friendship	Iona
Kirkland Bequest	Mason
Norma White Eco	Eli
Rosebowl	Layla McRae

PE/School Uniform

This Session the teachers would like to continue with the children coming to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE days. The PE days are:

P2-4 Monday and Friday
P5-7 Wednesday and Friday

Can I also remind parents of the Aberdeenshire policy in regard to PE kits and especially football tops –

'*PE Kit consists of – T shirt which tucks into shorts, standard length shorts, socks, gym shoes (preferably with Velcro or elastic fastening for younger pupils) all kept in a gym bag. With regard to safety, the wearing of jewellery (which we actively discourage) is not permitted during PE lessons. If your child (boy or girl) has pierced ears, please ensure they can remove and replace earrings by themselves. Any child wearing earrings that*

cannot do this will be asked to put surgical tape over them for PE lessons. (Parents should provide a named roll of surgical tape for this purpose.)
The school requests that football team tops and designer garments are kept for home use as these can provoke conflict amongst the pupils. '

School Uniform
Last Session a number of pupils were beginning to choose to wander away from school uniform and wear their own clothes. May I remind you of our school uniform dress code as it is stated in the handbook:

'School uniform for this school consists of royal blue sweatshirts with the school motif of an oyster catcher, white polo-shirt, dark school skirt or trousers, dark school shoes (children should not wear high heeled shoes as these cause safety concerns). We appreciate your cooperation in support of this. As a school associated with Mearns Academy, we also use their tie. These items are available through My Clothing.com where in the search bar you will find Luthermuir School. The waring of named "brand" clothes and footwear is discouraged.
Please consider the changeable nature of weather conditions and provide your child with appropriate outer wear and footwear to suit.'

Thank you for supporting us and encouraging your child to dress appropriately for school.

School Developments
This year our improvement priorities will be:

- Learning and teaching pedagogies in Literacy and RME
- A focus on moderation and quality assurance
- Assessment and feedback
- Parental Inclusion
- Leadership in all areas
- Review of Anti-Bullying and Homework policies
- Increase Pupil Voice
- Greater depth of tracking and using data to raise attainment

Yearly Calendar
Although it is very difficult to timetable everything over the year to a precise day, please find attached a calendar with things that may happen during those weeks indicated. Please be aware that things may crop up that we add into our calendar and things may have to be omitted depending on other outside pressures, but this calendar is to give you a general idea of when things will happen. I hope you find it useful.

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21/08/2023	Inservice				
28/08/2023					
04/09/2023					
11/09/2023					
18/09/2023					

25/09/2023					Coffee Morning
02/10/2023					Harvest Festival
09/10/2023					
16/10/2023	Holidays				
23/10/2023					
30/10/2023					
06/11/2023					
13/11/2023				Inservice	Inservice
20/11/2023					
27/11/2023					
04/12/2023		Parents Night	Parents Night		
11/12/2023		Christmas Show	Panto Visit		
18/12/2023		Christmas Party			
25/12/2023	Holidays				
01/01/2024					
08/01/2024					
15/01/2024					
22/01/2024					
29/01/2024					
05/02/2024					Holiday
12/02/2024	Holiday	Inservice	Inservice		
19/02/2024					
26/02/2024					
04/03/2024				World book day	
11/03/2024					
18/03/2024					
25/03/2024					
01/04/2024	Holiday				
08/04/2024					
15/04/2024					
22/04/2024					

29/04/2024					
06/05/2024	Holiday				
13/05/2024					
20/05/2024	Health Week		Sports Day		
27/05/2024					
03/06/2024				Curriculum showcase	Reports Out
10/06/2024	Holiday				
17/06/2024					
24/06/2024					
01/07/2024		Leavers Assembly			

Yours sincerely

I.Clarke
Head teacher