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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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| | Bethany.heyese@Aberdeenshire.gov.uk | Wednesday - Friday |

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:

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| 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

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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 wearing 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 |
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| 21/08/2023 | Inservice | | | | |
| 28/08/2023 | | | | | |
| 04/09/2023 | | | | | |
| 11/09/2023 | | | | | |
| 18/09/2023 | | | | | |

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| 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 | | | | | |

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| 29/04/202 4 | | | | | |
| 06/05/202 4 | Holiday | | | | |
| 13/05/202 4 | | | | | |
| 20/05/202 4 | Health Week | | Sports Day | | |
| 27/05/202 4 | | | | | |
| 03/06/202 4 | | | | Curriculum showcase | Reports Out |
| 10/06/202 4 | Holiday | | | | |
| 17/06/202 4 | | | | | |
| 24/06/202 4 | | | | | |
| 01/07/202 4 | | Leavers Assembly | | | |

Yours sincerely

I.Clarke
Head teacher