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Dear Parents and Carers

The children have all settled into the routines of the new school year really well and all the new pupils, Primary 1 and others, have fitted in really well. The school values of Happy, Achieving, Respectful and Everyone together (as well as safe) are being demonstrated throughout the school.

A few things have come to our attention over the first few weeks which I would like to highlight.

Firstly, we have already begun to accumulate a lost property pile of jumpers, could you please ensure that your child's name is on all items of clothing that they bring to school.

Just as a gentle reminder, could you please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. If they have their ears pierced, they need surgical tape and all hair longer than chin length needs to be tied back. Also please do not let your child bring aerosol deodorant into school as it can bring on asthma in others but a solid or roll on one is fine.

As last year, we are not sending homework home with your child but I have enclosed a list of activities that you can do at home to support your child.

If there is a change to how your child is going home at the end of the day, e.g. by bus, collected by certain adult, walking home we need confirmation from yourself of the change, we can not take your child's word of the change.

I have been asked to put out an appeal for football coaches, especially for the P4/5 age group. Mrs Buchan is trying to get football back up and running at Fyvie, especially on the back of all the fantastic results during the gala session.

To help with football, and any other volunteering in the school could you please let Karen know if you hold a current PVG for the school, she is trying to compile a list.

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up our new library, the children are looking forward to getting back into it.

Thank you for all your support last year and we all look forward to a successful year ahead. I have attached an updated Dates for your diary for your information.

Glenna Hendry

Dates for your Calendar 2023-24

21st August: In service Day
22 nd August: First day of school
23 rd August: Primary 1s start
28 th August: P1 parent lunch at 12noon
4 th September: P1 full day
18 th September: Photos-Individual/Family
6 th October: P5/6 Assembly
12 th September: P1 Literacy and Numeracy Evening (time tbc)
29 th September: McMillan Coffee Morning- details to follow

16th October - 30th October Holiday

30 th October: Term 2 Starts
15 th November: Parents' Evening
16th & 17th November: In-Service
24 th November: P2/3/4 Assembly
25 th November: Christmas Fayre
15 th December: Christmas Carol Cafe
W/B 18 th December: Christmas Parties/ Panto in school
21 st December: Provisional Church service

22nd December – 5th January 2024 Holiday

8 th January: Term 3 Starts
8 th February: Café
9th February- 12th February: Holiday
13th & 14th February: In-Service
23 rd February: P6/7 Assembly
8 th March: Provisional date for reports
12 th & 13 th March: Parents' Evening
15 th March: Fair Trade Café
28 th March: Easter Assembly

29th March – 12th April: Easter Holiday

15 th March: Term 4 Starts
26 th March: P4/5 Assembly
3 rd May: Café
6th May: Holiday
31 st May: P1/2 Assembly
3rd June: Holiday
14 th June: Provisional Sports' Day
21 st June: reserve Sports' Day/ Café
3 rd July: Leavers' Assembly and Award Assembly

5th July: Last Day of School

Homework Ideas (Early Years)

- Help set the table for tea, counting forks, knives etc, Can start to look at multiplication, how many groups?
- Help prepare tea/bake, discuss amounts when weighing and measuring. Trying to help read a recipe.
- Bedtime story, pointing out familiar sounds and words.
- Going for the shopping, looking for items, discussing how much things cost.
- Playing 'eye spy'
- Playing board games, taking turns/sharing. Completing jigsaws.
- Whilst travelling to and from clubs etc discuss road signs, speed limits, shop signs, house numbers etc
- Using a clock for getting up, teatime, bedtime. Discussing how long things take.
- Helping tidy their bedroom, in the garden, walking the dog.
- Go to the park, pack a picnic
- Make up a puppet show for friends/relatives
- Nature walk, take your magnifying glass, collect items to make a picture with

