

Dear Parents,

WEEKLY LETTER 2 - CANTEEN WEEK 2

WELCOME BACK



It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school and to see all the happy faces. The children are refreshed from their holidays, ready for their classroom learning to begin. We are sure everyone will settle in very well as we make a start to our learning plans for this year. We really do thank parents for supporting the school uniform policy – the children look so smart in their shirts, ties and polo shirts, and this creates an excellent learning environment for all 😊.

VISION AND VALUES

Our vision at Cluny Primary School is to provide a welcoming, stimulating and nurturing environment where we celebrate health, happiness and an ambition for learning. Our shared values are respect, responsibility and resilience.



Please help us to reinforce these values with your children at home. We are continuing to work hard with the children on the importance of excellent conduct.

BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING



We are continuing to work towards being a 'Relational School' and have made significant progress in this area over the last year. Children may be now coming home and talking about 'restorative conversations' and finding 'future focused solutions'. A relational

school is where at the very heart of its work, is a belief in positive relationships and the importance of this to successful learning. This is a strong ethos which is being promoted by the Scottish Government. To encourage success in learning, each class will award Gold, Silver and Bronze star learners, along with a Charter or Conduct Champion.

We are still operating our Staged Intervention for Positive Relationships and Conduct. Children who continue to cause low level disruption in the playground and classroom will be asked to



change their behaviour, and should there not be an actioned change, the class teacher will be in touch with parents. If this behaviour continues, we move to Stage 2, where the child is asked to reflect in a more formal and structured manner involving restorative conversations with parents and class teachers. Any instance of bullying (the unjustified, prolonged display of verbal or physical behaviour on the part of one individual or group towards another) will be automatically recorded as a Stage 3 incident and reported to the authority.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

At this point in the session, we ask all parents to double check that all items of children's clothing is named, including painting aprons, gym kit and packed lunches. Lost property is located at the labelled cupboards in the reception area and items will be kept for a maximum of 2 weeks. We have also asked the children to remember to purchase their dinner tickets before school or at break time. Dinner tickets are now £2.30 per day. As I mentioned last session, children require an indoor and an outdoor gym kit (outdoor sports shoes, jogging trousers and jumper). Children should not wear ear-rings on PE days and should have kit in school at all times.



Although it is lovely that children may wish to bring in cakes throughout the year to share with their class, particularly to celebrate birthdays, unfortunately we now ask families not to request this. There are a growing number of children with various food allergies and we are bound by the rules of health and safety.

LATE ATTENDANCE

We do hope that all children will arrive on time for the beginning of the school day as it is very important that everyone is present for the start of lessons. However, if your child is late, they must enter through the main office door. As is usual practice, parents should enter through the main reception door and wait in this 'waiting area'. For security reasons, no parents or visitors will be able to pass through the double doors unless accompanied by a member of staff.



HOLIDAYS

Please remember that Moray Council has requested that family holidays should not be taken during school time. Any children who are absent for periods of time due to holidays miss essential learning sessions and as per guidance, this will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Teaching work cannot be sent home prior to holidays. I require a letter requesting permission for absence from all parents intending to organise holidays during term time.



NEW PRIMARY 1 CHILDREN

Our new Primary 1 children have had a lovely start to school. This week we are in full time from 8.55 – 3.10pm, so no long lies!☺. Often the younger children find it really difficult to remember what they are doing for lunch, so please keep reminding them about the arrangements. We will keep you up to date shortly with a Come Back to School Afternoon later in the term and this will help you to know what your child is learning and how best you can support them ☺.



ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL – KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!



Please do remember that the official entrances to our school are only through the two playground gates (old police station and big playground). The lane used by traffic entering the school car park is not an official school entrance and is a dangerous route for pedestrians to use. Please use the designated entrance points to ensure everyone's safety. Thank you for ensuring the children enter the school through the correct points. Please also remember not to part on the zig zag lines.



Parents are asked NOT to park in the school car park – this is still very cramped with portacabins and makes access for disabled parking also difficult. Please park in the areas around the school instead. Thank you.

SMARTIE TUBES AND FRIENDS OF CLUNY

Thank you to everyone who has already returned a Smartie Tube ☺ . Please remember to write your child's name on the tube and return as soon as possible. Thank you.



PARENT APPOINTMENTS



If at any point throughout the term you wish to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

This year we will be issuing a Term 1 Initial Report, with Parent Nights/Learner Meetings in November and March, along with End of Year reports in June. We also plan to have a range of Parent Open Evenings and Sharing Learning Sessions throughout the year. Information will be available through the Weekly Letters and School Website.



DIARY DATES

Holiday dates can be found on our school website. The last day of term, this term, is Friday 11th October and we begin again on Monday 28th October. We have two additional inservices this term of Monday 16th September and Tuesday 17th September. Inservices next term are Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th November, with our last day of the winter term being on Friday 20th December (school restarts on Monday 6th January 2020).

Yours sincerely,

Miss CJ Wood

Head Teacher