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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school year draws to a close, I wanted to extend a thank you for all your support this academic year. It has been wonderful to have the school events back in our annual calendar – seeing the school field and hall full of parents and carers celebrating your children’s achievements.

To all the children and families who are leaving us this week, we wish you all the very best in your new schools and next chapters. We have loved having you all as part of our school community.

For the many children and families who will be returning in September, I am including some important updates and reminders that you may find useful ahead of the holiday.

### **Breakfast Club**

Families that have been with us for some time, and prior to the pandemic, will be aware that we used to offer Breakfast Club. We are pleased to confirm that Breakfast will be returning in the new academic year.

Families are welcome to come along from 8:30am. Breakfast items will be free of charge for pupils who attend our school. Parents, carers and other children are able to purchase breakfast items at a nominal charge.

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 must be accompanied by parents and carers at Breakfast Club. When the children have finished their breakfast, parents and carers are asked to take the children to their classrooms to start their school day. Pupils from Year 4 may attend Breakfast Club unaccompanied and when they have finished their breakfast, they will be sent to the KS2 playground to go to their classroom.

Breakfast Club will commence from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 8.30am. In order to ensure we can start the school day promptly at 9am, we will shut the door to Breakfast Club at 8:50am.

### **Start of the school day**

We will open the side gates at 8:45am to allow parents, carers and pupils onto the KS1 and KS2 playground. For the first week back, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, teachers will be on the playground from 8:45am to greet parents and children. From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, the children will then be invited to come straight into school at 8:45am. We will continue to have staff available at the classroom doors and out on duty should there be any important messages that need to be handed over.

### **Attendance and punctuality**

The official start to the school day is 9am and this is when the register is marked. It is vitally important that all children are in their classroom at this time. The timetable is incredibly busy and we teach some really important aspects at the start of the day when the children are most alert, specifically phonics which is so important for the children’s ability to read.

### **PE and Swimming Kits**



As previously shared, each child will need to bring in a PE kit that remains in school. We will send these kits home each half term so that they can be washed and returned ready for the new term. Children will no longer come to school in their PE kit and therefore they should be in full uniform each day – red jumper/cardigan, white polo shirts, grey/black trousers or skirts.

The current Year 4 and Year 5 (next year's Year 5 and Year 6) will continue going swimming in the Autumn term. Swimming will start again on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. At Christmas, Year 5 (next year's Year 6) will stop swimming and the current Year 3 (next year's Year 4) will start swimming in the Spring term.

### Key Dates for the calendar

#### INSET Days (school closed to pupils)

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- [Pupils return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022](#)
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

#### Enrichment Days in the Autumn Term

During the Autumn term we will be marking the following events within our school calendar. We will send out further information in the new school year.

- 26th September – Grampian Day of Languages
- W/C 17th October – Harvest Festival
- Friday 21st October – Show Racism The Red Card
- Friday 11th November – Remembrance Day
- 14th – 18th November – Anti-Bullying Week
- 18th November – Children in Need

#### Year 3 (Miss Jones' class) & Year 4 (Mr Higgins' Class) Residential to Pine Lake

We are thrilled to share that we have booked a one night residential for Year 3 and Year 4 next year. Our current Year 6 pupils had a fabulous time when they visited this term (see our Facebook page to see the fun they had).

We will send out more details in the new school year but the dates for the residential are Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The total cost of the trip will be £57.50. Early next year, we will set up a payment plan for those children who would like to take part.

I wish everyone an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September. Those moving on to new schools – I send you my very best wishes for the future.

Kind regards,

Mrs Murfin  
Headteacher