

Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The media is full of stories about the increases in the cost of living and I have no doubt that many of you are already feeling the impact of this. We are keen to ensure that everyone is accessing the school offer available to them so we can do all we can to relieve some pressure.

- **Breakfast Club** - Our Breakfast Club is open every day and all cereals and bagels are served to the children free of charge. School opens at 8:30am and breakfast is served to the children in the school hall. Miss Honey and a member of our catering team are there every morning to ensure everyone gets plenty of fuel for the school day.
- **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Universal Infant School Meals** - all the children in the infants are entitled to a free school meal each day. Each day there are at least three different meal options available. Despite meals being provided free of charge, we still have a number of infant children who have a packed lunch from home.
- For families eligible for free school meals in Key Stage 2, we encourage all families to take up the free meal offer, particularly over the winter months when everyone will experience increased energy costs. If parents and carers need any support in ordering meals or concerns about dietary requirements, please speak to the school office where the admin team will be happy to help.

Second hand uniform

We encourage parents to use a Swap Shop to replace any uniform that may be required. Please ensure any uniform is clearly labelled so that it can be reunited with your child if it becomes misplaced.

SCHOOL WEAR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

SWAP

THE NEW LIFE FAMILY CENTRE
1 Brunswick Street, DE23 8TP

To donate or purchase school uniforms
Please contact
Lorraine on 07359 042516
Email: lorrainesteeledeer@yahoo.com

Please find below some other updates in relation to home and school communication and curriculum events.

Email Communication

Thank you to everyone for returning their pupil information sheets to ensure we have the correct contact details for all our children. We now have email addresses for all our families. As such, we will be moving away from sending out paper copies of letters and instead we will be emailing our letters straight out to parents. All letters will also be available on our website www.grampian.anthemtrust.uk We plan to move to the email system after October half term.

Celebrating Our Diversity – Grampian Day of Languages

Monday 26th September marked European Day of Languages, however this year we celebrated with an extra-special-Grampian twist. Each class chose to become an expert in one of the native languages spoken by children who attend Grampian. Within their chosen language, each class learnt to say some

simple greetings, numbers and songs. The children also learnt where the language was spoken, about the culture and traditional food eaten.



Reception - Lithuanian
Year 1 - French
Year 2 - Spanish
Year 3 - Chinese
Year 4 - Kurdish
Year 5 - Punjabi
Year 6 - Russian



Key Dates:

Friday 21st October - Achievement Assembly

Class teachers will be making their first nominations for our achievement awards of the term. They will have been looking and listening carefully to identify who has stood out for putting our school values – Commitment, Aspiration & Nurture - into action during this first half term. Our lucky winners will be presented with a certificate in assembly and receive a hot chocolate treat during playtime. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for this assembly. We send out text message invites if your child is due to receive an award.

Friday 21st October - Show Racism the Red Card

We are inviting the children to come to school wearing something red as we remind our whole school community that racism has no place in our school or in our community.

Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October - Half Term (school closed)

Monday 31st October - GPA Pumpkin Festival

When we return to school after the half term, we will hold our annual pumpkin festival. The children are invited to bring to school a carved pumpkin that they can share with the whole school community. To mark the festival, the children are welcome to wear something orange and theme their outfit to compliment their pumpkin design. Our catering team will also be offering a themed menu to join in with the pumpkin fun. The menu will be a fun Halloween theme. To ensure the catering team can provide the meal your child has chosen, please order the day before via the School Money App (Eduspot). The full menu can be found on the school website www.grampian.anthemtrust.uk and via the School Money App. If you usually pay for a school meal, the price will remain the same at £2.25 per meal.

Wednesday 3rd Nov - Thursday 4th Nov - Parents' Evening

Next week, we will be sending out letters inviting parents and carers to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. This will be an opportunity for grown-ups to ask any questions and hear how their child has settled into the new academic year. Class teachers will also share your child's next steps in their learning.

Monday 14th November - Friday 18th November - Anti-Bullying Week

To launch anti-bullying week, we are asking all the children to come to school in odd socks. Throughout the week, our assemblies will all take an anti-bullying theme.

Friday 18th November - Children in Need

In order to raise money for this important charity, the whole school is invited to make a £1 donation and come to school wearing spots or pyjamas. In addition, we will be holding a cake sale at the end of school. Any cake donations would be warmly welcome and all proceeds go directly to Children in Need.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Murfin