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Cluny's January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that 2025 is a great year for everyone. We discussed some of our new year's resolutions at assembly this week and the pupils were keen to share some of yours also. It's a great time to set new goals, I hope you are still on track. We discussed the impact that a small shift in our attitudes can have, we can choose to be helpful, kind, positive and hardworking for example. We will be celebrating these things within school as the year progresses as they tie in well with our school values; ambitious, honest, positive respectful and resilient.

School Improvement Plan

Improving learners' experience is very important to us. We took some time during our previous staff meeting to review improvements that we have made so far this academic year and we are pleased to share the following developments:

- We have new reading assessments in use
- A new spelling programme has been purchased and will be introduced this term
- Our IDL (inter-disciplinary learning) bundles have been reviewed and we are introducing whole school bundles this term for direct topic work
- Pupil focus groups have shared their learning experiences with us and views on the school day, this will help us to plan changes and further improvements
- Reading for enjoyment has been promoted and we are working towards the Reading Schools Accreditation
- All teaching staff are using the Northern Alliance Numeracy and Mathematics progression to ensure consistency throughout the school
- We have purchased a new Numeracy and Mathematics resource, White Rose, to enhance our lessons
- The Parent Council has been re-established
- We are working on building and promoting the sharing of learning
- Digital ambassadors have been identified and they are helping to share the learning

We still need to work on the following developments:

- Use of VCOP (vocabulary, connectives, openers, punctuation) displays and lessons throughout the school to up level writing
- Promote daily mental maths sessions to improve speed and accuracy
- Review homework policy and activities
- Review transition activities
- Strengthen parental engagement and partnership working

Values: Ambition, Honesty, Positivity, Resilience and Respect

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Spelling

As mentioned above, we have recently invested in a new spelling programme, North Lanarkshire Active Spelling. This approach encourages children to be active in their spelling through the use of a range of strategies and activities that the teacher will introduce and support. The words within this programme are more relevant to our learners today. Please see the email that has gone out for further details. Homework will continue. As staff explore this new resource, we appreciate your support.

Dates for your Diary

- 13th February – In-service Day, school closed to all pupils
- 14th & 17th February – Mid-term break, school closed to all staff and pupils
- 4th – 6th March – Child Smile in school
- 13th March – Scottish Opera for P6 and P7
- 28th March – Last day of term 3

Staffing

Recruitment is still underway to fill the 0.4FTE DHT post. Miss Kim Karam continues to undertake this role on an acting capacity. We will be welcoming a student into the school next week. He will be working in P7W with Mrs Wilson.

Other School News

- Article of the month – Article (Right Number) 18: Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child.
- Maths website of the month - www.topmarks.co.uk. They have lots of interactive games to explore. Please visit this with your child and enjoy some fun home learning.
- **Please be vigilant and check your child's head for head lice.**

As always, if there is anything you wish to discuss further, please call or email.

Kindest regards,



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