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Cluny's June Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in to our last month of the school year. With transition events, school trips and leaving events all going on, it is a very busy time for us. It is hard to believe that for some pupils, this will be their final month with us. Seeing the leavers' hoodies today makes it real and marks the end of their time with us here at Cluny Primary.

Sports Day

Weather permitting, Sports Day will take place during our Health Week on Wednesday 18th June. We have a backup date organised on Wednesday 25th June. Parents are invited to come and watch the races at the High School playing fields at 9.30am. Like last year, the whole school will be going over at the same time. We had positive feedback from parents following last year's event as it meant people had to take less time off of work. There will be a spectator's area visible, please adhere to this. As you will appreciate, it can be a stressful time ensuring the safety of all pupils during this busy event and we are grateful for your support with this. Please keep the finishing line area clear also.

Staffing

Miss Lois Watson will be taking a two year career break in August. As much as we will miss her, we are very excited for her as she embarks on a new adventure in Dubai. She assures us that she will return in 2027. Ms Rachel Vass will be joining our team in August to fill this post.

We are delighted that Mrs Ashley Slater will be returning from her two year career break in August and Ms Louise Laing will also be returning from her maternity leave at the same time.

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to some other staff members at the end of the term; Miss Joanne McDonald, Mr Iain Ewen, Miss Karam and Mrs Gayle Calder. We are very grateful for the contributions they have made to the school community and wish them the very best.

Mrs Morag Clark is retiring at the end of the school year. Mrs Clark has been at Cluny since 2000. With over 40 years teaching experience, Mrs Clark has earned this break. We wish her a restful retirement and look forward to hearing about her travelling adventures.

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Transition

P1 and P7 transition is well underway. Transition has also started within the school with staff sharing information about pupils and work is ongoing to create class lists to meet all learners' needs. We will be having a step up event on Thursday 12th June at 2pm. Pupils will have the opportunity to meet their new class teachers and see who will be in their class. This worked really well last year and alleviated anxieties that can build up over the summer break. We appreciate that this can be an apprehensive time for children and families and I wish to reassure you that our teachers and senior leadership team will give class compositions a lot of thought to best place each child. As always, our focus is on what is best for our learners academically, rather than socially. The pupils will all mix during break and lunch time. I am sure you will understand our position. I appreciate your support and belief in the great staff that we have to get it right for your child.

Summer Fun Day

We are very much looking forward to our Fun Day with Paul T and inflatables on Thursday 26th June to mark the end of the school year. Pupils may wear shorts and shades if they wish. Thank you for Friends of Cluny for organising and providing the funds for this.

New Books

A huge thank you to Jane Murray from the Buckie Community Shop for the books you donated to the school. There was a huge amount, many of them brand new and our staff and pupils are incredibly grateful for these. These books have supplemented our library and class readers. We continue to promote reading for enjoyment throughout the school and at home.

Celebrating Diversity

Following consultation with staff, pupils and parents, we will be having a 'Crazy Hair Day' on Friday 20th June to celebrate diversity within Cluny Primary School. This is an opportunity for pupils to share and celebrate their differences, recognise others' differences and discuss acceptance and inclusion. Pupils can make a donation if they wish on this day and all monies raised will go towards new sports tracksuits and a banner for the school. £100 has already been raised towards this through the P&J Pounds for Primaries Scheme. Thank you to all who contributed towards this.

Parent Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19th June at 7pm. Please come along. This is fantastic opportunity to contribute to improvement priorities, share your views and support the school community. Friends of Cluny will be joining this meeting with the view to align the two groups moving forward. Thank you to Nicole Barrett for being the Parent Council Chair Person this year when no one else was keen to take on this role. As Nicole's child is moving on this year, this position will be vacant.

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School Uniform

A reminder that school uniforms can be ordered using the link below. As well as our PE t-shirts in white or house colours, they have also added a navy/blue tracksuit with our new school logo.

[https://www.leonardhudson.co.uk/parents/uniform/Cluny Primary School AB56 1PX](https://www.leonardhudson.co.uk/parents/uniform/Cluny_Primary_School_AB56_1PX)

We have a calm and positive ethos around the school and firmly believe that school uniform contributes to this, promoting unity and equality. Therefore, pupils are encouraged to wear school uniforms each day. Thank you for your support.

On P.E. days, it is expected that your child wears:

- navy/black trainers
- navy/black joggers, shorts or leggings
- a house colour or white t-shirt
- a navy jumper (school sweaters are ideal for this)

On a normal school day we expect pupils to wear:

- a navy jumper/cardigan
- white shirt/polo shirt
- navy/black trousers/skirt
- tartan pinafores/skirts and summer dresses are optional
- school ties are optional

You may wish to plan your child's uniform for the next academic year so that it is suitable for any day of the week, to avoid confusion and additional costs.

Please note, the Hub in Buckie has a stock of uniforms available for anyone that needs anything. They also accept preloved uniforms that are still in a good enough condition for others to use.

Dates for your Diary

- 9th – 13th June – Bikeability for P4 and P6 pupils
- 10th June – P7 Community Alert Day at Buckie High
- 11th June and 12th June – P7 Buckie High Transition days
- 11th June – P1-3 Thorabella Farm trip
- 12th June – Step Up transition 2-3pm
- 16th-20th June – Health Week
- 18th June – Sports Day
- 19th June – P7 ASG Disco at Fisherman's Hall
- 24th June – P7 Leavers' Assembly
- 25th June – back up Sports Day if needed
- 25th June – P7 Leavers' Party
- 26th June – Summer Fun Day

Lost Property

Our lost property pile continues to grow. Thank you to Nicole, our Parent Council Chair Person, for taking photos to share on Facebook. This has helped a few people to reclaim some items. Please remember that anything not claimed before the summer break will be donated to charity as we do not have space to store these items.

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Other School News

- Article of the month – Article (Right Number) 20: If a child cannot be looked after by their immediate family, the government must give them special protection and assistance
- We now have Sumdog to help build Mathematics and Numeracy fluency and consolidate learning. If you wish to go beyond this, why not check out our Maths website of the month - <https://nrich.maths.org/primary>.
- **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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