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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome all our pupils to Cluny Primary School this session as Acting Head Teacher. It is a huge privilege to work alongside such a happy, motivated and passionate staff team.

We hope all the children have enjoyed their first experiences in their new classes. We will continue to be on-hand to support throughout the year. Please help us by ensuring all children's clothing/bottles/bags are clearly marked/labelled with their names as we have had a lot of lost and found items over the last few months. On the Friday of Week 2, an online Class Newsletter will go out showing you what will be covered in your child's class this term and what Rights your child will be focused on in their Class Charter.



There are a few important messages/reminders which I need to pass on - thank you for taking the time to read these.

P1/New Pupils – Parents/Carers

From Monday 25 August parents and carers of all children will kindly be asked to remain at the gates and let their children walk into the school grounds independently or with a staff member (available from 8.55am, or 8.35am if in Breakfast Club). P1s will start the school day at 9am from Monday 25 August also.

Breakfast Club

Our wonderful (and delicious!) Breakfast Club is available from 8.35am. It is free to all pupils and can be attended after a short form is completed regarding allergies etc. The forms can be collected from the office. Children attending Breakfast Club should come in through the infant playground door.

Health:

MMR/Illness

We have been asked to remind parents/carers that a bad case of measles can be very dangerous. We have **attached** an information leaflet from NHS. Please be mindful and keep your child(ren) off school if you think they are displaying any symptoms. If children are sick or have a fever they must be kept off school for a full 48 hours after their last bout of illness.

Lice

Head lice continue to be a possibility in all primary schools. Please remain vigilant and treat any lice or nits as soon as you can to help us to stop them from spreading.

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Snacks

We are a health conscious school and we have guidelines given to us. Please encourage children to make healthy choices for snack – ideally this might be (i) a drink (no energy drinks, no fizzy or caffeinated) such as a juice box or water bottle, (ii) a piece of fruit and **either** (iii) a small sweet (i.e. like a Penguin or fudge) or a yoghurt or a packet of popcorn or crisps (individual size). Please ensure your children can, for the most part, access their snacks themselves without needing adult support. Family-size packs, lollypops which may damage teeth and inappropriate drinks will be taken to the office and parents called to discuss. Children cannot share food or drink items due to allergies/intolerances. Lunch boxes should contain some healthy/nutritious choices and bottles for use in class should only contain still water (a small amount of added cordial is allowed). There is no chewing gum allowed in the school (for litter and safety reasons). We would appreciate if you can help us to reduce our single use plastics/waste.

Football

We will be reviewing our break time football guidance with the pupils in assembly on Monday afternoon. Footballs are provided by the school and students should not bring their own footballs to school.

Nails/Jewellery/Make-up

We understand that in the world of social media etc. we have some very style-conscious pupils. It is important that children enjoy their time in primary school to the fullest and are safely able to join in with all activities – from basketball to painting, planting and gluing. Children's nails should be kept short and, if polished or painted, the children should still be prepared to participate in all class activities.

We encourage all jewellery to be kept at home as we cannot guarantee it will be safe in school. It should certainly be removed for PE/sports and we ask that primary children do not wear make-up to school please.

PE Timetable and Information about PE Kit

P.E. Timetable 2025/26

	9.10-9.55am	9.55-10.40am	11-12noon	1.30-2.20pm	2.20-3.10pm
Monday	P6/7V	P3M	P1A		
Tuesday	P7W hall P2BL canteen	P2/3SL	P5Y	P1W	P6C
Wednesday	P1A	P4HB	P4/5A	P3M	P5/6S
Thursday	P6/7V	P2/3SL	P2BL	P1W	P5Y
Friday	P6C	P4/5A	P5/6S	P4HB	P7W

The timetable above shows you which days your children have PE. Children will be active everyday outside at break times and staff may also take children out in addition for daily mile etc. Flat, comfortable shoes should be worn to school.

Please can children wear school uniform on the days they do not have PE. This comprises of dark trousers or skirt/shorts (knee length), a plain white, black, grey, navy or House coloured (green, yellow, red or blue) t-shirt or polo shirt (with or without a logo) and/or sweatshirt. Shoes should be mostly black or navy if possible. PE clothes - similar colours to those mentioned - can be worn on PE days. No football team strips or inappropriate logos/slogans should be worn. Layers are helpful as the weather can change and the school can be quite warm at times.

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Safety

Please ensure all P1-3s walk home with an adult. Please be careful when walking near the school for pick up and drop off.

Phone Usage

A reminder that the new Moray Council policy means that children should not have mobile phones on in primary schools and that adults should not use phones in the public/child school areas. This applies to all pupils and adults, unless they have permission from the Senior Leadership Team for health/safety reasons.

School Contacts

Sometimes we change our mobile number and address/email contact. Does the school have your up-to-date information? If not, please update us. If you work in a school and are no longer allowed to check your mobile regularly, please inform us of the best school number to contact you.

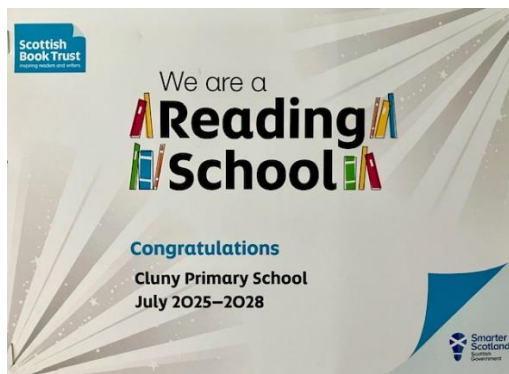
Friends of Cluny – Fundraiser

There is a FOC coffee morning on Saturday 6 Sept 9.30 – 11.30am at the North Church, Buckie. Please add this to your calendar – we look forward to seeing you there.

With best wishes,

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