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## **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

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### **Cluny's November Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas Kracker. It has certainly been feeling more festive around here since then! Our school choir were amazing, the pupils were a credit to the school community. Thank you to Miss Barber, Miss Henderson and Mrs Rumbles for giving up their lunch break to co-ordinate this. They will also be performing at Tesco this year.

#### **Staffing**

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Grant this week as she leaves us to take up her new Head Teacher post with Aberdeenshire Council. We would like to thank Mrs Grant for the positive contributions she has made to our Nurture provision, our Rights Respecting Schools Award, our Support for Learning provision and for her work with the Early Years. We are going to miss her and we wish her well.

Interviews are still ongoing for her position and I will inform you as soon as this post has been filled. In the meantime, Mrs Cunningham will be working extra days on a Monday and a Wednesday.

#### **Start of the School Day**

We have noticed a big increase in the amount of pupils arriving late each day. I appreciate that mornings can be hectic and sometimes there are genuine reasons for pupils to be late. The amount of pupils currently arriving late is having an impact on our admin staff and is disrupting vital classroom learning time. I urge you to try and get your child to school on time every day. I will be making contact with families that are regularly late to see what support we can offer. Please make use of our free breakfast club if this will help your morning routine. Forms can be collected from the office.

#### **Friends of Cluny (FOC) Coffee Morning**

This will now take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February. FOC currently have a Chocolate Hamper Raffle running just now. Please see the Friends of Cluny Facebook page to be in with your chance of winning. The winner will be drawn on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to FOC for all they continue to do for the school. We currently have several members keen to get the Parent Council up and running again. If this interests you, please make contact with FOC or email the school.

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### **Christmas Jumpers**

Like last year, we are operating a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop. Please donate any Christmas jumpers, dresses or tops that you no longer need. Anyone is welcome to pick these up at the entrance of the school towards the end of November/beginning of December. This not only reduces costs at this time of year but it is also better for our planet! Pupils can wear something festive on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December to mark our Christmas dinner within the canteen. We are also asking that pupils wear something festive on 20<sup>th</sup> December for our Christmas Carol Concert.

### **Christmas Carol Concert**

We will be putting on three performances again this year to allow the opportunity for two people from each family to attend. Please return these slips as soon as they are issued as we will be working on a first come, first served basis.

### **Dates for your Diary**

- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas lunch (Christmas jumpers optional)
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carol Concert (please wear something festive)
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – Festive Fun Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Last day of term 2
- 8<sup>th</sup> January – First day of term 3

### **Other School News**

- We raised £279.77 for Children in Need. Well done to the pupils of P6C and the staff who supported this. Thank you for your generous donations.
- Article of the month – Article (Right Number) 24: Everyone has the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food.
- Maths website of the month - <https://eng.mathgames.com/>. Please explore this with your child and enjoy some fun home learning.
- Our lost property pile continues to grow. **Please label your child's clothes and belongings to allow us to return items quicker.**

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

Kindest regards,



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