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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that the start of 2025 has been positive and that you have all had a lovely Christmas and holiday filled with lots of fun family time together.

As a school, last term was incredibly busy with a wide range of different activities such as the choir singing at MFR's Festive in Forres concert, our annual Christmas Performances and supporting the Forres Local Market with our banners to name a few of our events. I would like to thank our whole staff team for all of their hard work last term and ensuring that everyone took part in a wide range of different festive activities across the month.

After the busyness and festive activities of December, the start of the new term in January always seems so much quieter. However, this is when all classes will be refocusing academic learning and prioritising all of our literacy and numeracy curriculum, skills and learning. The end of term will culminate in our Term 3 Reports and Parents' Evening Appointments for you to discuss your child's progress over the year so far.

Absences and Illnesses

Unfortunately, we are only too aware that there have been lots of illnesses and bugs on the go over the holidays. At this time of year there are unfortunately lots of bugs on the go, and we are seeing an increase in pupil absence. If children have been sick, there needs to be **48 hours clear from their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea** before they are back in school for learning or any after school events. This is to ensure that any sickness / diarrhoea bugs are not passed on to anyone else in school, as we all know how quickly this can spread.



If your child is going to be absent from school, for any reason, please can you inform the school office either by telephone, email or on the parent portal. At the end of last term, we have had several instances when we were unable to locate children, and they were classed as missing in education. When we have had no update from the

parents / carers or have to follow our policy, which is in our handbook on the school website and involves contacting the Police to locate the missing child. We hope that we do not have to contact the Police for any children missing in education and ask all parents / carers to contact us if their child is absent from school, thank you.

August 2025 – New Primary 1 Tour: Wednesday 8th January



In January, enrolment for Primary 1 pupils in August 2025 opens. We are looking forward to welcoming prospective Primary 1 parents

for our School Tour and information session on Wednesday 8th January at 3.15pm. More information about enrolment, with the dates for enrolment being updated soon, can be found on the Moray Council website: http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_52987.htm!

Primary 1 Registration – August 2025



onwards)

Enrolment for P1 in August 2025 (please note this will only open from Monday January 13th

School enrolment for pupils starting P1 in August 2025 will take place exclusively online, except in absolutely exceptional circumstances. The registration window this year will take place from Monday 13th– 24th January 2025.

If your child is five years old on or before 20th August 2025 or if they turn five between 20th August 2024 and 28th February 2026, they are eligible to start school in August 2025.

Please complete our online registration form, and select your local catchment school - even if you wish your child to attend another school, in which case you will also be directed to complete the placing request section of the form.

More information can be found here: http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_52987.htm!

The whole registration process, including placing requests, should now be completed online. You'll need to have scanned copies of your child's birth certificate and proof of address to upload and submit online, a clear photograph of these documents will also suffice.



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Burns Celebration / Touch of Tartan

On 24th January we will be celebrating Robert Burns' birthday with our annual Burns Celebration of ceilidh dancing, poetry reading and singing during our assembly. All of the children will be invited to wear a touch of tartan on this day with their school uniform. If children would like to wear tartan trousers, shirts, skirts or dresses this would be lovely, however it is not a normal dress down day, thank you.



DIARY DATES

2025

JANUARY

6th – 8.45am School reopens to all children and staff

8th – August 2025 / New Primary 1 Tour

24th – Burns Celebration and Touch of Tartan

31st – Primary 5/6P Class assembly

FEBRUARY

7th – Primary 3/4P Class assembly

11th - February Disco

13th – In Service Day

14th – School holiday

17th – School Holiday

18th – School holiday

19th – 8.45am School reopens to all children and staff





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