



# Grampian Primary Academy

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Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Euro Fever**

Like many of our families, we were thrilled to see England football team go through to the semi-finals. We wanted to mark the achievement and the UEFA Euro 2020.

In order to do so this week, we will be holding a KS1 and KS2 football tournament which all children will be invited to take part in. On Friday the finals will take place – the winning team from each class will take on the winning team from their phase, for example Year 1 vs Year 2.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July, we are inviting the whole school to come dressed in a football kit or the colours of the national team they have been supporting in the Euro 2020. The children are welcome to wear face paint or any other accessory that links to their football-themed day.

We will be sending messages of support to the England team so be sure to keep a close eye on our social media platforms.

## **PE Kits**

One of the things that has worked really well this year is the children arriving at school in their PE kit on their PE day. As I previously mentioned, this will be something that continues to happen next year. Now that the supermarkets are starting to stock a greater range of school uniform, please remember to add a black plain tracksuit to your uniform shopping list. It is really important that this is not branded and therefore the tracksuits stocked in the supermarkets are ideal (and relatively cheap).

For the remainder of this year, we understand if the children have outgrown their original PE tracksuit and parents and carers are waiting to purchase new ones for September. However, we kindly ask that they come to school in their school jumper and dark tracksuit bottoms/leggings/trousers for the purpose of PE. It is really important that this is not a branded tracksuit, in a variety of colours – what the children wear to school should closely align to our uniform policy and communication to parents.

We are still unsure what will happen with regards to swimming next year so we advise that parents and carers do not buy any swimwear specifically for school swimming at this time. Please be assured that we will get the children back to the pool as quickly as possible and we are in communication with a few different possible providers.

## **End of Term**

From Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, we will start to issue the children's end of year reports.

Our end of term achievement awards will be presented on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Six children from each class will be chosen by their teacher for their superb application of our school values.

Although we are waiting for the official communication from the DfE, we hope that we will be able to invite parents and carers to join us for an outdoor assembly. I recognise that some may be worried about gathering in large groups after such a lengthy period of lockdown and restrictions therefore we plan to hold these assemblies by phase, to limit the number of spectators.

If the DfE allow us to permit groups larger than 30 onto the school site, I hope that we can hold outdoor assemblies at the following times:



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- 9:45am – Nursery and Reception
- 10:45am – Year 1 & Year 2
- 1:30pm – Year 3 & Year 4
- 2:15pm – Year 5 & Year 6

The final day for all pupils is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July school is closed for staff INSET.

## **Preparing for September**

Pupils return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

With the Prime Ministers announcement earlier this week, we hope that we will be able to go back to our traditional morning drop-off in September. The school gates will open at 8:45am and parents and children will be able to make their way to the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Teachers, and other non-contact staff, will be out on duty so we will be able to direct everyone to the correct place as we recognise that this will be a new routine for some and those who are more familiar with it may be unsure which entry and exit point the children will use.

At 8.55am, the whistle will be blown and classes will be asked to line up on the playground with their class teachers. Class teachers will then lead the children into school and get them settled for the school day. At the end of the day the school gates will be opened at 3:20pm and the children will be dismissed to parents and carers. Those classrooms with a fire exit that open onto the playground will exit school via these doors to allow us to dismiss in a calm and orderly fashion.

When we have received the updated guidance from the DfE and Anthem, I will be able to confirm some further details about the new academic year ahead.

Your Sincerely,

Mrs. Murfin  
Headteacher