

# Gordon Primary School

## March Newsletter 2024



Dear Parent/Carer,



### World Book Day

To celebrate our love of reading and joy of books, we are inviting our children to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March or alternatively dress in their pyjamas. Costumes do not have to be expensive and can be imaginative; we hope all our children will manage to join in the fun. We will be having a focus in school on bedtime stories and the importance of sleep.

### Road Safety

Could parents please ensure footpaths around the school are used for access to the school. It is unsafe for parents to drive cars into the school carpark, it is too tight and difficult for parents to turn around. The only vehicles in the car park should be staff cars, cars of children attending complex needs provision, school taxis, those who require disabled parking, deliveries and school minibus/taxi by the nursery.

### Latecomers

If you are running late we will keep playground doors open until 9.10am. If you are later than this, then please bring your children to the back door of the glass corridor. Do not drop off in the school carpark. There should be no need for parental cars to be in the carpark.

Please be aware that lateness disrupts the start of the school day for your own child and the rest of the class. Please try to be on time. It is not okay to be consistently late to school.

### Free bikes for children

The Bikery, Huntly have secured funding to give away free bikes including a helmet, lock and lights to anyone under the age of 18 years old. Please see attached poster for more details.

Should you take up this offer for your child please remind them of safe bicycle riding in and around Huntly. If the bike is brought to school, then please ask your child to lock it when in the bike shed/playground area. Bikes should not be used in the playground or paths within the school grounds to ensure everyone can arrive and leave safely.

### Parking on pavements – now unlawful

We have been informed that parents continue to park in an inappropriate manner when dropping off their children making it unsafe for children to try to cross roads safely. Please do not park on pavements, double yellow lines, school markings and stick to the 20 miles per hour at school times.

It may well be that the police come along to see if parents are being cautious and obeying the law.

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### Breakfast Club

Please ensure there are no parental cars dropping off for breakfast club in the school carpark. Please park elsewhere and ensure your child uses the back door in the glass corridor. **No one** should be crossing the carpark except school staff. Please show a good example and bring your child to the back door for breakfast club.

### Red Nose Day

This will be a 'Dress As You Please' fundraiser for 'Comic Relief' on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Children can come dressed in spots, stripes, yellow or red and bring a small donation on the day.

### Primary 1 – People who help us

Primary 1 had a fantastic visit from PC Joel and PC Alex from Huntly Police Station. We found out lots about what the police do to help us in the community and were allowed in the van to try the sirens, horn and go in the cell! We were also able to try on the uniform that the police wear to keep them safe and seen.

To all those safety conscious parents and to those who arrive in school on time each day. Thankyou very much.

Kind regards

Debbie Ewen, Headteacher.

### Dates for your Diary (more to follow in the New Year)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February –mid-term holiday

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – mid-term holiday

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Inservice day

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Inservice day

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - P1 & P7 Dental Inspections

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – PTA Bunny Drive 3.30-5pm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – P6 & P7 Rugby Festival (please dress appropriately)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Easter Disco

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Dress Up Day in aid of Charlie House

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday  
School closed

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter holidays

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens for Term 4

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