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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 10 |

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Midmill School**

This is for **ALL FAMILIES** in the Midmill School Zone who wish to move to Midmill School, either in January 2017 or August 2017.

Enrolment for either January 2017 or August 2017 - Admission Forms ought to have been with the Authority by Friday, 11 December 2015; should you have missed this date I am sure there will be a process in place for late/ on-going applications. For further information please contact 01467 628442.

**Midmill School Parent Meeting**

The next meeting for parents will take place on Wednesday, 3 February 2016 at 6.30 pm here in Kintore Primary School.

**Midmill School Logo**

All pupils are being given the opportunity to put forward their designs for the school logo; the Closing Date for this is 6 January 2016.

**Midmill School Colours**

This is to be done through an on-line survey; we will pass the details to you as soon as we have them.

Any queries on any of the above can be answered by contacting the Learning Estates Team at Gordon House on 01467 628442 or emailing rezoning@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

**P1 / Pre-School Enrolment**

It would appear that P1 Admissions for the rest for the Authority will take place in early January. Should you live in the Midmill School zone and have a P1 child starting school in August 2016 and you wish them to attend Kintore Primary School you will have to complete an out-of-zone placing request at this time.

**P1 Christmas Celebration and P2 Nativities / Church Service**

Thank you very much for coming along to our various performances and supporting our Charities – the Rooftop Garden at ARI and Charlie’s House. So far these events have raised £894.27 and we will have a final collection at our Christmas Church Service on Tuesday, 22 December 2015.

Please note, we all attend the Church Service and as such have no staff to supervise any non-attenders. If this is problematic for you please contact the school, otherwise we return around 10.15 am. Please note we only just squeeze in to the Church, therefore, **cannot** welcome parents to the congregation.

**Donations**

Christmas is certainly a time for giving and we would like to thank the following:-

* ****Sainsbury’s Store, Kintore for their kind gift of satsumas for our parties as well festive headgear for prizes.
* Specsavers Inverurie who donated fifty pupil hi-vis vests for our outdoor activities.

A big Thank You to both.

**Flora Vouchers**

This project is almost at an end – the collection box remains in the entrance foyer.

**Artie’s Christmas Sing-A-Long**

This will take place on Friday, 18 December 2015 at 1.45 pm. We are delighted that a few of Session 2 Nursery can make it and wish to remind parents of Session 2 children that they are welcome to stay for the duration of the performance and can have a tea/coffee in the café area.



**Snow Tasks**

In the event of closure, we have prepared “packs” of work which we will place on the school website.

**Attendance**

In the week before and after our October holiday our absence rate increased five-fold (at least!). It is recognised that sometimes changes such as flight times may cause enforced school absences but in most cases this is not the case. I also acknowledge that for many of you taking your child out of school is not an easy decision, however, when it comes to authorising absences I do have to follow strict guidelines.

Authorisation has to be done via a letter to the school office and not by notes to class teachers. Should your work rota mean you have no other option then a covering letter from an employer may lead to authorisation (a bit “Bah Humbug” for this time of year).

**Village Christmas Post**

As part of their community involvement the Parent Council will have a number of yellow post boxes around the village. The cost will be 25 pence per card. Please put the correct money in a bag along with your cards into any of the yellow boxes. ***(Please do not put your child’s class cards in the yellow boxes.)*** Addresses should be within the village. The final collection will be Wednesday, 16 December 2015 at 1.00 pm.

**Staffing**

Mr Robert Ross (Music Specialist) - Robert has now been appointed to Peterhead Academy taking up his new post in January. We wish him every future success.

**Events**

Thursday, 17 December 2015 - P2 & P3 Christmas Parties

Friday, 18 December 2015 - Artie’s Christmas Sing-A-Long [Nursery + P1 Pupils]

Monday, 21 December 2015 - P1 Christmas Party

Tuesday, 22 December 2015 - Church Service

 Nursery Parties

**Holidays for 2015/2016 Session**

Wednesday, 23 December 2015 – Tuesday, 5 January 2016 (Inclusive) - Christmas Holidays

Friday, 12 February 2016 - Holiday

Monday, 15 February 2016 - Holiday

Tuesday, 16 February 2016 - In-Service Day

Wednesday, 17 February 2016 - In-Service Day

Monday, 4 April 2016 - Friday, 15 April 2016 (Inclusive) - Easter Break

Monday, 2 May 2016 - May Day Holiday

Monday, 6 June 2016 - Local Holiday

Friday, 1 July 2016 - Last Day of School before Summer Break

Monday, 10 October 2016 – Friday, 21 October 2016 (Inclusive) - October Holidays

Monday, 14 November 2016 - In-Service Day

Tuesday, 15 November 2016 - In-Service Day

Thursday, 22 December 2016 – Wednesday, 4 January 2017 (Inclusive) - Christmas Holidays

May I take this opportunity to wish you “Glad Tidings of the Season” and Best Wishes for 2016.

School will resume on Wednesday, 6 January 2016 at 9.00 am.



**WILMA WALKER** 16 December 2015

Head Teacher ***TYPED BY S STRACHAN***

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