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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 11 |

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas Holiday. The weather wasn’t the best but we fared better than many. The children have returned full of stories about their Christmas gifts and activities and are settling in to their new timetables. Best Wishes to you all for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016.

**Nursery Admissions - Session 2016-2017**

Forms will be available from the office or on-line from Monday, 11 January 2016. Forms should be returned between 18 January 2016 and 29 January 2016. As usual, this can be a little complicated particularly when parents are going through the process for the first time but hopefully what follows will help.

**Children Currently in Nursery**

Forms for children (3 year olds) can be collected from the Nursery and returned to the Nursery. Mrs Grant will keep you right!

**New Entrants**

Forms are available from the office (8.30 am – 3.30 pm) or from the Aberdeenshire Council Website. When you return with your form you will need your child’s Birth Certificate and proof of address ie utility bill/Council Tax bill (dated within the last 3 months).

We have an Open Evening planned for Wednesday, 20 January 2016 between 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm and all are welcome.

***PLEASE NOTE*** – as long as your forms are in, there is no need to fret. Every year there is scaremongering regarding places but we do fit everyone in. It is worth noting that Partner Providers eg the Playgroup do not work to the same calendar.

**P1 Admissions - Session 2016-2017**

Once again forms for the above can be obtained from the school office (8.30 am – 3.30 pm) or from the Aberdeenshire Council Website. Enrolment will begin on Monday, 11 January 2016 and will close at 3.30 pm on Friday, 15 January 2016. When you return with your form you will need your child’s Birth Certificate and proof of address ie utility bill/Council Tax bill (dated within the last 3 months). Most of the details regarding P1 Induction etc are in a letter which you will receive on enrolment.

**Information on Enrolment – School Website**

[www.kintore.aberdeenshire.sch.uk](http://www.kintore.aberdeenshire.sch.uk) under the information tag. We have also added this information to our Twitter page.

**Midmill School Update**

Just in case you missed the recent Press Releases etc the following developments have now taken place.

***Kinellar School*** - At a Public Meeting held on 15 December 2015 at Kinellar School, details for the following options were put forward by Aberdeenshire Council Officers regarding the replacement of Kinellar School:-

1. Continue to negotiate with local land owner for piece of land at the edge of the village. This is likely to be a lengthy process and we have little control over the outcome.
2. Build a new purpose-built school on the existing Kinellar School site. During the construction phase, P1-P7 will be educated at the new Midmill School in Kintore, with nursery provision hopefully remaining within the village.

If permission is granted to proceed with Option 2, there will be further engagement meetings in the New Year.

The proposed timescale for this project would be to move to Midmill in January 2017, with construction of the new build commencing on site immediately and the new school being complete in Summer 2018. The new Midmill School has an appropriate capacity and is designed in such a way that the Kinellar School will be able to retain its identity with Midmill and will be taught separately from the Kintore Midmill pupils.

The Council are committed to supporting After School Club provision and space will be provided at the Midmill site.

If you have any questions or comments please direct these to Maxine Booth, QIM Learning Estates: learningestates@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

**Transfer of Kintore Pupils to Midmill School**

Now that the initial admission period has been concluded for Midmill, we can confirm that we have 15 pupils for enrolment when the school opens in January 2017. Indications show that more pupils will continue to enroll and the school will continue to grow as the new housing progresses within the new school zone. We are still committed to appointing a Head Teacher and all associated staff. The school roll forecasts show that the school shall reach 340 pupils within four years.

At the moment we have not been informed of the admission figures for August 2016.

**Midmill School Public Meeting**

The next Midmill School Workshop will take place here in Kintore Primary School on Wednesday, 3 February, 2016 (6.30 pm – 8.00 pm).

**Parent/Pupil Learning Conversations**

Tuesday, 26 January 2016 - 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm

Thursday, 28 January 2016 - 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Please note we will be allocating appointment times for this in the very near future. Should you have a particular preference please let the school know in writing in the next few days. Again, some Support for Learning interviews will take place alongside the Class Teacher.

**Support for Learning**

We are currently in the process of advertising Mrs Saunders’ post; this has naturally meant that the amount of children receiving additional support has been somewhat reduced. However, all teachers are responsible for meeting children’s needs and work should continue to provide additional support, perhaps through intervention by a PSA or by differentiated class work.

**School Closures**

The school may close/partly close as a result of eg bad weather/power cut etc. Please always check the School Information Line for updates on 0870 054 4999 School Pin Number 02 20 40. The Aberdeenshire Council Website is also updated regularly. We do try and send a Text to the Main Contact advising if there is a school closure etc so please always keep the School Office updated with Mobile Number changes.

**Twitter**

We now have our own “Twitter” account which we hope to use to keep our followers up-to-date with more informal, everyday events. Our hashtag is “@SchKintore”.

The same restrictions will apply to this, as to all other social media eg no individual child named or photographed in an identifiable way. We would be happy, however, to inform parents of football league successes etc.

**Updating Information with the School Office**

It is important that any changes to addresses/telephone numbers/mobile numbers are passed to the office ASAP. We have had incidents whereby no new mobile number was passed to the office and we have had difficulty in contacting parents. Also when we send text messages regarding Bulletins etc these will be sent to the Main Contact’s Mobile Number. Please always remember to update the office as soon as you have any changes – this includes Emergency Contact Details.

**Text Messaging from the School**

Please note that messages by text are sent to the Main Contact for each pupil. The character space is limited so links etc cannot be added to the text messages. Please do not reply to text messages by text – if you have any queries please call the School Office.

**Absences**

Just a reminder that if your child is off school for any reason you must call the school office before 9.30 am to advise. If your child is off for more than one day then you must phone each day – unless you advise in your first call the expected duration of absence eg 2 days. Please also note that if your child is off with sickness or diarrhea then they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

**Basketball P4 – P7 – Thursdays - 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm**

For Term 3 the coaching dates are: 7 / 14 / 21 / 28 January and 4 / 11 / 18 / 25 February and 3 / 10 March 2016. There are still spaces available and if your child wishes to start Basketball Coaching please complete the slip below. They should take the completed form to the first session they attend. Children should be dressed appropriately and are expected to behave at all times.

**Football Training**

***October - March***

Monday P4 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Tuesday P1 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Tuesday P7 7.00 – 8.00 pm

Wednesday P2 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Wednesday P6 7.00 – 8.00 pm

Thursday P3 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Friday P5   6.00 – 7.00 pm

These sessions will be held indoors.

**General Information for all Children attending Football Training**

Football boots should not be worn on the Astroturf – trainers are recommended. Shin guards should also be worn. Parents should check that there is a Coach at the session and not just drop off and drive away. **All** children attending football for Session 2015-2016 should complete the attached Permission Slip (one per child) which should be given to the Coach.

**PTA Meeting**

The next PTA Meeting is Tuesday, 12 January 2016 at 7.00 pm in Kintore Primary School. Please come along and show your support - all are welcome.

**Mrs Lorna Stewart**

Mrs Stewart has been successful in her application to join the staff of Aberdeen University’s School of Education. Lorna will take up her post during mid-term and will be sorely missed by her pupils and colleagues alike.

Her post as Principal Teacher (with Cluster remit) is in process.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A LETTER FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF CLASS P7K PUPILS – UNFORTUNATELY THIS WILL NOT GO OUT UNTIL MONDAY NOW DUE TO THE SCHOOL BEING CLOSED TODAY TO PUPILS – APOLOGIES.***

**PSA Staffing**

We have a new PSA starting with us next week – Mr Panagiotis Niaros - known as Takis. We look forward to Mr Niaros starting with us.

**Holidays for 2015/2016 Session**

Monday, 11 January 2016 - Pre-School and P1 Admissions Begin

Wednesday, 20 January 2016 - Nursery Open Evening

Thursday, 21 January 2016 - Mid-Session Pupil Progress Reports Issued

Friday, 22 January 2016 - PTA Family Ceilidh

Tuesday, 26 January 2016 - Parent/Pupil/Teacher Meetings (Twilight)

Thursday, 28 January 2016 - Parent/Pupil/Teacher Meetings (Evening)

Monday, 1 February 2016 - Start of “Engineering ‘n Us” Project (2 Weeks)

 Parent Council Meeting – 6.30 pm

Wednesday, 3 February 2016 - Midmill Parent Workshop

Friday, 5 February 2016 - PTA Red Disco

Friday, 12 February 2016 + Monday, 15 February 2016 - Mid-Term – No School

Tuesday, 16 February 2016 + Wednesday, 17 February 2016 - In-Service – School Closed to Pupils

Friday, 25 March 2016 - Good Friday (No School)

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



**WILMA WALKER** 8 January 2016 ***TYPED BY S STRACHAN***

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**Bulletin No 11 Parent Comments**

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**Basketball Training**

I hereby give permission for my child to attend Basketball Training. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my child travelling to and from coaching.

Child’s Name………………………………………………………………………………………..Class……………………………………..

Home Phone Number ………………………………………………………………….........

Mobile Phone Number ……………………………………………………………………….

Email Address …………………………………………………………………………………….

My child will be collected from Basketball

My child will walk home from Basketball

Pupil Medical Information …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent/Guardian Signature………………………………………………………………Date………………………………………

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