Kintore Primary School

Bulletin No. 14 – Session 2017-2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Visiting Teacher**

Ms Sonja Mockl-Stoll, a visiting teacher from Zurich has been spending time with teachers and classes observing learning and teaching, in particular the language of learning.

**Communication**

Between 9 – 11 May, our systems and some hardware items are being rebuilt and refreshed. There may be a slight break in communications on the morning of Wednesday 9 May. However, we do still have our landline (634380).

**Nursery Hours**

It has now been confirmed that we will be providing parents with the option of funded pre-school places of up to 1140 hours per academic session. This can be provided in a number of ways and there will be consultation with parents as to what would best suit.

If all goes to plan regarding the premises, staff appointments etc. we would hope to have this in place in August.

As plans develop we will keep you informed.

**P7 Photographs**

The Evening Express will be here next Friday to take photographs of each P7 class. Please ensure pupils are in sweatshirts/school colours and if possible no bright or multi-coloured trainers.

**School Garden**

This needs some maintenance before we can begin working with the children to plant up etc. A group of staff have decided to tackle this on the morning of Satruday 12 May. If you have the time you would be

most welcome. There’s a lot of cutting back, staking etc. to be done and as most of our tools are for little hands you may need to ‘bring your own.’

**Nursery/P7 Transition**

We are now into our transition programmes, most of which will continue into the new session.

The nursery children moving into Primary One are joining the school in the playground at breaks and in the classroom for stories etc. Staff from the Nursery and P1 are also having joint days out at Pitscurrie.

In addition we will be hosting ‘Little Learners’ workshops and facilitating other workshops with the Health Visitors.

The P7 pupils are having a morning with Kinellar and Midmill pupils as well as individual pupils having additional visits.

**Phones**

We ask that children do not bring mobile phones to school unless for a specific purpose. Any child who needs to do so should give their phone to their class teacher for safe keeping.

**Term Calendar**

We have had to move some events slightly to fit everything in this term so whilst trying to stick to the blue calendar there are a few changes and additionalities.

**Well-Being Festival**

Please come along to the Open Event on the afternoon of Friday 18 May. We have extended the time just a little to go on after the school day and whilst children are very welcome, it will get very busy and you may not be able to chat to all the stall holders.

**Early Years Parent Get-together**

We plan to have two of these before the end of term – Thursday 24 May and Wednesday 20 June, both morning and afternoon. This is open to all parents of young children 0-5. More details to follow.

**Ultimate Adventure**

P6 pupils will visit the above exhibition in Inverurie Gospel hall on Tuesday 29 May.

**Pupil Progress**

We do not intend to have an Open Afternoon this term. Instead scoping jotters will be sent home in June. This will include the transition jotters currently in use in P7 which will go with the pupils into S1.

**Sports Day – Friday 8 June**

This will take place from around 9.15 to 11.00am in the park. During the afternoon we are planning active sports events for all.

**Summer Reading Challenge**

This will run between 28 June and 25 August.

**Cricket Scotland**

The Inverurie All Stars Cricket Programme will be run for eight weeks starting on 15 May for children aged 5 – 8. Cricket is also available for older children and adults. To register and find out more contact Ron Flemming on 07788 944475 or log on to [www.allstarcricket.co.uk](http://www.allstarcricket.co.uk)

**National Youth Choir of Scotland**

NYCoS Aberdeen Choir is part of the National Youth Choir of Scotland and is currently looking for P3 and P4 pupils who are interested. Contact Lorna Rudden on 0141 2872831 or email lorna.rudden@nycos.co.uk for more information. There are also a few flyers available in the foyer.

**Forthcoming Events**

Friday 11 May - P2/3 Assembly

Tuesday 11 May - PTA Meeting (Evening)

Friday 18 May - Wellbeing Festival

Saturday 19 May - Football Tournament

Monday 21 May - Parent Council Meeting

 (Evening)

Friday 25 May - P1K Assembly

Monday 28 May - Theatre Group Visit – Oliver Twist

Tuesday 29 May - P7 transition event in Kintore School

Wednesday 30 May - Nursery Parent

 Induction

Thursday 31 May - Samba drumming workshops

**Holidays for 2017/2018 Session**

Monday 7 May 2018 - May Day Holiday

Monday 4 June 2018 - Occasional Day

Friday 6 July 2018 - Last Day of School

Tuesday 21 August 2018 - Start of session 2018 – 2019



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4 May 2018

**Parent/Guardian Comments**