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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 3 |

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Parent/Pupil/Teacher Interviews**

As intimated earlier the first of our shared discussions will take place on Thursday, 29 September 2016, approximately 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm and from 3.30 pm on Tuesday, 4 October 2016.

We will soon be tackling the schedule of appointment times; if you have a preference for a particular evening please let the Office know, in writing, as soon as possible - by Wednesday, 21 September 2016 would be ideal.

**Nursery Care Commission Report**

Towards the end of last session we were visited by the Care Commission who graded our activities as ‘Very Good’ and even gave us an ‘Excellent’. The report is available online at <http://www.careinspectorate.com> and enter Kintore Nursery in the ‘Find a Care Service’ search box. We will also place hard copies in the school and nursery entrances.

The criteria for these inspections constantly change making direct comparisons with any previous inspection invalid and this was the first of the new quality themed inspection.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our nursery team for their hard work and determination to do the very best for our children.

**Annual Data Check Forms**

We will be sending home Annual Data Check Forms for each pupils within the next week. It is very important that we have up to date information for each child and I would therefore be grateful if you could take a moment to check over the form and update it as necessary before returning it to the school as soon as possible, but no later than Thursday, 6 October, 2016. Please keep an eye out for the form coming home in your child’s schoolbag over the next week.

**Playground – Arrival and Dismissal**

A gentle reminder that parents should not be in the playground area at drop off and pickup times, other than the P1 & P2 parents who will be called forward by the class teachers. It would be appreciated if all dogs were kept well away from the area at pickup and drop off times as there are children who are not comfortable in the presence of dogs.

I appreciate that these points may sound restrictive but we do want to ensure children can enter the playground freely and that all have left school safely.

**Extra-curricular Sessions - Rhythm and Song Sessions**

Ms. Thomson will run a series of sessions for pupils in P1-3 from 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm, starting Tuesday, 1 November 2016 and finishing on Tuesday, 6 December 2016. The sessions will hope to develop rhythm and motor skills through action songs.

Places will naturally be limited and you will be informed of their allocation prior to the starting date.

**P6/7 Coding Club**

This will take place on Thursdays, from 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm, beginning Thursday, 3 November 2016 and will run until Thursday, 8 December 2016.

As we hope to enter the Games Con competition at RGU in Term 4 it is hoped that any pupil putting themselves forward for this will commit to attend during Terms 3 and 4.

This group will be taken by Miss Stewart and Miss Farquharson. Please apply using the slip below.

**Brass Instrument Selection Procedure**

Pupils in P6-7 were recently given a demonstration from the Brass Instructor. All the children received a letter and tear-off slip to complete and return to the school by Wednesday, 21 September 2016 if they wanted to take part in the selection procedure to receive weekly tuition. If you still wish to register please do so online at [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/MTIF](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/MTIF)

**Pupil Achievement**

Congratulations go out to Lauren Tough, P7B on being successful in earning herself a place on the British Ice-Skating Team for the third year in a row. Lauren is a very committed young girl who makes regular trips around the country to train and compete. Well Done Lauren.

**PTA Support**

A big thank you to our PTA who put a substantial sum towards our outdoor table tennis table; we have since bought the bats & balls and the pupils are keen to start.

The PTA also made a good contribution towards our nursery file units which are now in the entrance hall providing parents with easy access to their child’s profile.

A big thank you to the PTA; fund-raising definitely benefits us all.

**Staffing**

Miss Cree finishes with us on Friday, 23 September 2016, we would like to wish Susan and John every good luck as they await the birth of their baby.

Mrs Cordiner returns back to us from maternity leave on Tuesday, 27 September for one day a week only. She will cover Miss Young’s day out of class.

Mrs East will commence her maternity leave at the end of term. Fortunately Mrs Booth is returning from her maternity leave after the October holiday and will share the teaching of P3S with Mrs Lewis. We wish Mrs East a safe and happy confinement.

A bit like revolving doors!

**Community News – Messy Church Sessions**

Messy Church in Kintore launched on Sunday, 18 September 2016 in the Church/Church Hall. Sessions are held monthly and are free of charge. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. There are lots of fun activities, games, crafts and celebrations for all ages. The next two sessions will be held on Sunday, 16 October 2016 and Sunday, 20 November 2016 from 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm, with supper being served around 5.00 pm. No need to book a place.

**Diary Events**

Tuesday, 20 September 2016 - PTA Meeting. All welcome. Nursery – P7

Wednesday, 21 September 2016 - Sheena Blackhall will present ‘The Gruffalo’ in Scots to P1 and

Nursery Pupils

Thursday, 29 September 2016 - Parent/Pupil Evening

Tuesday, 4 October 2016 - Parent/Pupil Twilight

**Holidays for 2016/2017 Session**

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

Monday, 13 February 2017 - Holiday

Tuesday, 14 February 2017 - In-Service Day

Wednesday, 15 February 2017 - In-Service Day

Monday, 3 April 2017 - Monday, 17 April 2017 (Inclusive) - Easter Break

Friday, 14 April 2017 - Good Friday (No School)

Monday, 1 May 2017 - May Day Holiday

Monday, 5 June 2017 - Local Holiday

Friday, 30 June 2017 - Last Day of School before Summer Break



**WILMA WALKER** 19 September 2016

Head Teacher **Typed by K LOW**

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**Bulletin No 3 Parent Comments**

**Rhythm and Song Sessions – Tuesdays - 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm**

I would like my child to attend Rhythm and Song Sessions

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