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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 4 |

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Head Lice**

Despite common opinion we do not spend our summer cultivating these little monsters but following the school holidays there always seems to be outbreaks of these. With this in mind it would help if a few simple guidelines were followed:

* Inform the school once you detect these; we then put out a letter advising parents in that particular class to be vigilant over the next few weeks.
* Your child should return to school once she/he has been treated. Check with the chemist for the most up to date and current effective treatment.
* Do not treat children if not infested. Adults should be checked as well – they are normally the primary source.
* Continue to check over the next few weeks.
* Brush hair in a variety of directions and if long please tie it back. Apparently use of conditioner can make the hair strands slippy and difficult for the pests to hang on to.

Together we can beat this!

**Pupil Safety**

Whilst it is good to see children cycling or scooting to school we have had one or two minor incidents on the large paved area in front of the school entrance. Pupils in P6 and P7 who have completed their Bikeability are aware that pavements are for pedestrians and know to push their bikes in that area. Please ensure that our younger cyclists/scooters who are accompanied by adults do the same.

We are at the moment exploring funding for scooter racks and covers for our bike racks.

**Bikeability**

The P6 pupils will be undergoing assessment in this; many thanks to the parent volunteers who have made this possible.

**Senior Choir**

Miss Ratcliffe is currently running a senior choir on Wednesdays after school (this may change to Tuesdays next term, to accommodate staff development sessions). Choir starts at 3.00 pm and lasts for an hour and was initially open to boys and girls in P6 and P7. There are a few spaces left therefore if any pupils in P6 and P7 would like to join, please complete the attached slip and return to the school office as soon as possible. Thereafter we will open up any remaining spaces to interested P5 pupils.

**Cross Country**

Miss Young will commence Cross Country for classes P5 – P7 on 3 November on Thursday’s from 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm and will run through until 15 December. Those interested in taking part should complete and return the attached slip as soon as possible.

**The Marriage of Figaro Children’s Unwrap**

Later in the session we have the Scottish Opera working with one year group. We were also given the opportunity to visit HMT Aberdeen to take part in the above.

The PTA have offered to help out with the cost of transport so on Friday, 28 October pupils in P5, 6 and 7 will have an early lunch before heading into Aberdeen. We should return for 3.00 pm. All pupils will receive an acknowledgement slip for this, and given this takes place in the first week, we need the slips returned promptly.

**National Youth Choir of Scotland Boys Choir**

The Choir is for boys aged 10 – 16 years; the closing date for applications is 14 October, 2016 and the auditions are to be held in November. Applications can be made online at NYCoS.co.uk

**School Photographs – Thursday, 27 October 2016 and Friday, 28 October 2016**

The Tempest photographer will be in school on the above dates to take both family and individual photographs. Children are normally photographed in school uniform. Should they wish to change into an alternative outfit (no football strips) we have no problem with that, providing they are able to make the change themselves. We cannot guarantee actual times when photographs will take place.

Thanks again to the PTA who help us organise this.

**PLEASE NOTE:-**

**Family Photographs – if all children are in school (Nursery – P7)** we will work our way through these depending on Nursery sessions etc. **We will only take family photographs when requested to do so.** Please return the attached slip.

**Family photographs – children not yet in school/nursery.** If you request this type of group you will be allocated a broad time slot. Please be prepared to wait – infants don’t always smile on cue! Again please return the attached slip.

**Individual Photographs** – as we work a proof system it is much easier to take photographs of all children. If you really don’t want this please let us know in writing.

**Staffing**

Congratulations go out to Laura Stewart and her partner Jonny on the birth of their baby boy, all are doing well.

Congratulations too to Mr Clark who is now the proud daddy of baby Matilda.

Mrs McIntosh will commence her maternity leave at the beginning of November.

Mrs Emslie finishes her post as admin support assistant on Friday, 11 November to take up her new post as Administrator at Midmill Primary. I would like to thank Suzanne for all her efforts in ensuring that the office ran smoothly over the years she has been with us.

Mrs Foy is also due to leave the school office team at the end of October to take up her new post as Administrator at Logie Coldstone Primary, which is a position closer to home for her. Although Angela has not been with us for long she will be greatly missed and has been a valued part of the office team whilst she has been with us.

These posts will be advertised soon.

Welcome back to Mrs Cordiner who returned back with us on Tuesday, 27 September, from maternity leave. Anna will be in post for one day a week only. She will cover Miss Young’s day out of class.

**Blue Calendars**

These will be distributed at the start of next term. Many thanks to the Parent Council for funding this useful aid.

**New Menus**

You will find a copy of the Autumn/Winter Menu in the depths of your child’s school bag by the end of this week. A few copies are available in the foyer and also available on the Aberdeenshire Council website.

**Lost Property**

There is a large amount of lost property held in the school, including quite a number of pairs of glasses. If you think your child may have lost anything please call into the school to have a look. We are also on the look out for a Super-Dry jacket (black with blue trim). Many children have similar jackets, please check that they have their own.

**Holiday Events**

Active school events have been placed on the school website or can be accessed directly by contacting lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or by calling 07909 875461.

**Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service**

The above group are running a number of events including one at Gauchhill Woods on Friday, 14 October. Booking is essential and the Rangers can be contacted on 01467 681470 or garioch.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

 **“Me Too” Magazine**

We have been given five copies of this magazine aimed at families/children with Additional Support Needs. If you would like a copy please collect it from the school foyer area.

**Events for the Start of Term 2**

Thursday, 27 October 2016 - Individual or Family Photographs (Nursery – P7)

Friday, 28 October 2016 - Individual or Family Photographs (Nursery – P7)

Friday, 28 October 2016 - Scottish Opera Event

Monday, 31 October 2016 - Nursery Hallowe’en Party

Tuesday, 1 November to Thursday, 3 November - P2 Cafes

Monday, 14 November 2016 - In-Service Day

Tuesday, 15 November 2016 - In-Service Day

**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

Friday, 10 February 2017 - Occasional Holiday

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

Wishing you all a fun filled holiday; hopefully the weather will stay fine.



**WILMA WALKER**  4 October 2016

Head Teacher **Typed by K LOW**

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**Bulletin No 4 Parent Comments**

**Senior Choir**

I would like my child to attend the Senior Choir on Wednesdays from 3.00 pm:

Pupil Name:…………………………………………………………

Class:……………………………………………………

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

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**Cross Country (P5-P7) – Thursdays – 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm**

I would like my child to attend Cross Country.

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

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

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

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

My child will be collected from Cross Country

My child will walk home from Cross Country

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

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

\**Please note that priority will be given to those who attended Cross Country last year.*

Forms to be returned to Miss Young

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**School Photographs - Thursday, 27 October 2016 and Friday, 28 October 2016**

Please detail any **family** requirements below (Individual Photographs will be taken automatically – unless you advise us otherwise)

**NB We will only take family photographs when requested to do so ie by completing the slip below**

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| **Name** | **Class** | **Nursery Session 1 or 2** | **Pre-Nursery** |
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Signature of parent……………………………………………………………………………………………………Date………………………………………