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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 5 |

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all enjoyed the Autumn break; for those of us who stayed at home the weather was at least bright meaning we all could get out and about.

However, Winter is just around the corner and now is a good time to remind children to bring their waterproof jackets daily and for parents to ensure all clothing is named. We have had a number of occasions where children with similar jackets have evidently taken the wrong jacket home and we would appreciate a prompt return in the event of any such mistake.

**Gardening Success**

The Rotary Club were encouraging local schools to use their school grounds to grow and nurture plants. This involved a number of classes, but in particular classes working both this session and last with Miss Glass. The canteen ladies cooked our kale, potatoes, carrots etc and the children had the opportunity to taste these one day last term. We also put together a scrapbook of events. For our effort we were given a gold award.

Thanks also go to the parents who helped out over the summer.

**I-Bike**

As you are aware we are part of the I-Bike project and have staff volunteers as Cycling Champions and our Junior Road Safety Officers have also picked up the role of ‘I-Bike Crew’. We have a number of events planned as follows:

Be Safe- Be Seen Assembly – this will take place on the afternoon of Friday, 4 November.

Free Travel Breakfast – To encourage cycling and other healthy methods of travel to school, we are planning to hold some Travel Breakfasts. Children who cycle, scoot or walk to school on these dates can come for a breakfast. Accompanying parents or guardians will be given a breakfast too.

If you would like to attend please complete and return the attached slip by Monday, 7 November 2016. If you have children in more than one stage please pick only one of the dates to attend. If we are over-subscribed we will take names out of the hat as our maximum capacity is 150 people. Your family will be issued with a “Breakfast Voucher” to attend. Please ensure you take it with you on the day. The breakfasts will take place in the school hall from

8.20am – 8.50am. You must arrive by 8.40am to allow time for your breakfast!

**Tempest Photographs**

You will have received your child’s photograph. We would be grateful if you could please complete all necessary information on the front of the envelopes and have all orders with the School Office no later than 3:00pm on Monday, 7 November 2016. We are very grateful to those parent helpers who assisted with the organisation of this.

**Christmas Cards**

Many thanks for your orders which arrived this week. There were just one or two mistakes, which given the vast amount of orders is pretty good going. The funds raised by this will go towards events such as visiting theatre groups etc.

**School Calendars**

These have now been distributed and spares will always be available in the reception area. We have already had to make small changes but Class Teachers will warn you of these well in advance.

One important date not in our Annual Calendar is the children’s Christmas Lunch. It will take place on Thursday,

15 December 2016. Please note that there will be a limited menu that day.

**Christmas Clear Out**

That time of year is coming again and no doubt some people will be clearing out toys etc. beforehand. We would love it if you could help with any of the following donations for our children:

Playmobil, Littlest Pet Shop and Sylvanian Families as well as play figures such as Fireman Sam, Thomas the Tank Engines and Scooby Doo. Cars, lorries etc are also much appreciated.

**Christmas Fair**

All children from Nursery to P7 will be busy creating crafts and goodies to sell at the Fair. It is some time since we had a Christmas Fair but once again all proceeds are used to enhance learning opportunities for all. Should you wish to help out on the day, the PTA would be delighted to hear from you.

**Extra Curricular:**

There are a number of after-school activities, details of which can be found below:

Basketball – P4-P7

Coaching will run on Thursdays from 3 November – 8 December 2016. Mr Gibb has had occasion to discuss pupil behavior during the coaching sessions – it is difficult to coach and watch out for misbehavior. We also ask, that in the interests of safety, water bottles are left outside the hall.

Football - P1-P7

***October – March - session have moved indoors to the Large Hall***

Monday P5 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Tuesday P2 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Tuesday P6 7.00 – 8.00 pm

Wednesday P3 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Wednesday P7 7.00 – 8.00 pm

Thursday P4 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Friday P1   6.00 – 7.00 pm

Coding Club – P6 & P7

This will take place on Thursdays, 3.10pm – 4.10pm.

Rhythm & Song – P1-P3

This is open to children in P1-P3 and takes place on Tuesdays from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. There are still a few spaces available – please complete and return the attached slip if interested.

Netball

This will continue to take place on a Monday from 3.00pm - 4.00pm. These sessions are currently full and there is a waiting list.

Cross Country – P5-P7

Cross Country continues to take place on a Thursday from 3.00-4.00pm. At the moment the class is full and there is a waiting list.

**Young Photographer – Rotary Club Competition**

Our local club are hoping to have some entries for the above on the theme of ‘Reflections’. Further information can be obtained by contacting Kenny Thomson on 01467 632668.

**Pupil Success**

Congratulations to Sam Barclay and Archie Glennie whose photographs were winners in the Summer Reading Challenge – well done both!

**Events for November**

Week beginning Monday, 31 October 2016 - P2 Cafes

Monday, 14 November 2016 - In-Service Day – School closed to pupils

Tuesday, 15 November 2016 - In-Service Day – School closed to pupils

Wednesday, 16 November – Friday, 18 November - Nursery Cafes

Saturday, 19 November 2016 - Christmas Fair (am)

Week beginning Monday, 21 November 2016 - P2/3 and P3 Cafes

Monday, 29 November 2016 - Flu Vaccines commence

**Community News**

**After School OWLS club – Bennachie**

This outdoor club takes place on Tuesday evenings 4:00pm – 5:30pm throughout October toDecember. To book a place please contact:

[info@owls-learn.co.uk](mailto:info@owls-learn.co.uk)

Tel: 07747 306979

[www.owls-learn.co.uk](http://www.owls-learn.co.uk)

**Library**

Kintore Library would appreciate any donation of magazines suitable for older children, particularly specialist magazines such as wildlife, cookery, cycling, cars etc. These can be dropped off at the library or put into the Book Return box in the foyer.

The library also keeps a stock of green food waste bags which are free for collection anytime.



**WILMA WALKER**  2 November 2016

Head Teacher **Typed by K LOW**

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**Bulletin No 5 Parent Comments**

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

I would like my child to attend Rhythm and Song Sessions

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

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

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

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

My child will be collected from the sessions

My child will walk home from the sessions

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

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

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(Please tick ONE date only)

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Wednesday, 23 November (P5, P6 & P7)

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