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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 5 |

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Transition Arrangements – Midmill School**

As you are aware a Public Meeting to discuss the above was held this week. I thought it best to inform you of the Authority’s arrangements particularly to alert you to change of times etc. The plan is still to open Midmill in January 2017.

* The new catchment areas will be implemented for admissions 2016-2017.
* Admissions for Midmill will commence in November 2015 and close December 2015.
* Admissions for **Nursery** will be as the whole Authority – January 2016.

There are further milestones in the transition calendar and to help you with this I have placed a copy of the Powerpoint presentation on the school’s website.

To clarify further:-

* All P1 pupils from the Midmill zoned area will form a separate class within Kintore School in August 2016.
* If your child currently attends Kintore School and you wish to move to Midmill as you are in zone you should complete an admissions form for each child.
* You will be asked to indicate on the admissions form if you want your child to transfer in January 2017 or wait until August 2017.
* All Midmill admissions will be processed by staff in Gordon House, not by Kintore School Office.
* Anyone not in the Midmill zone but wishing to move to Midmill will have to complete an “out-of-zone” placing request. These will be dealt with at a later date.
* If you are in Midmill zone and wish your child/children to remain in Kintore Primary School you must also complete an out-of-zone application; we have been assured that these applications will be granted.

Once actual numbers are known the Authority should be able to plot class formation etc.

I am assured that it will all fall into place but it will have to happen one step at a time.

**Individual/Sibling Photographs**

These should all have made their way home by now. Please return any orders to the school by Wednesday, 28 October 2015.

**Class Photographs**

As you may be aware normally towards the end of each session we have class photographs taken for Nursery, P1, P3, P5 and P7. As this will be our final year as the only village school we discussed options of different types of photographs with the PTA. As a result we have opted for full year group photographs.

**New Menu**

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

**Tubs 4 Tablets**

We have registered for the above campaign organised by Flora and Tesco. We will soon have a collection box for tokens from Flora Original, Buttery and Light 500g tubs. Your support will be appreciated.

**Shoebox Appeal for Romania**

P6B are to take part in the Shoebox Appeal for Romania on behalf of NESSR. The shoeboxes can be for any age from babies to senior citizens and will be delivered at the end of November. Shoeboxes can be decorated in any way but please do not wrap/seal them as each box has to be checked. Parents/Guardians must request the boxes so complete the slip ASAP. A leaflet with instructions will be attached to each box. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Active Schools**

Active Schools are running two Netball Fun 5z Sessions as noted below:-

**Netaball Fun 5z – Leadership Workshop** – Tuesday, 27 October 2015 – 4.15 pm – 6.15 pm at Westhill Academy Games Hall. For those who deliver Netball in a School or in the Community.

**Netball Fun 5z – Umpiring Course** – Tuesday, 24 November 2015 – 4.15 pm – 6.15 pm – Kemnay Academy Games Hall. This course is for Coaches or Volunteers in a School or in the Community.

For more details please contact Kerry Massie on 07909875461 or email Kerry on [kerry.massie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:kerry.massie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

**Term 2**

This promises to be a busy term. On our return we have the Author Stuart Reid who will be holding Creative Writing Workshops for senior classes and Alan’s Road Safety Magic Show for P1-P3 classes. All good learning opportunities with a bit of problem-solving around accommodation!

**Holidays for 2015/2016 Session**

Monday, 12 October 2015 – Friday, 23 October 2015 (Inclusive) - October Holidays

Monday, 16 November 2015 - In-Service Day

Tuesday, 17 November 2015 - In-Service Day

Wednesday, 23 December 2015 – Tuesday, 5 January 2016 (Inclusive) - Christmas Holidays

Friday, 12 February 2016 - Holiday

Monday, 15 February 2016 - Holiday

Tuesday, 16 February 2016 - In-Service Day

Wednesday, 17 February 2016 - In-Service Day

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

**WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY HOLIDAY**

**LET’S HOPE THE WEATHER IS KIND!**

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**Community News**

**Kintore Library – Exploring Archaeology Through Diet: How did the Picts Survive?**

Go along to the Kintore Library on Wednesday, 14 October 2015 at 7.00 pm and enjoy an informal and lively discussion led by Dr Kate Britton. Admission is £3.00 which includes refreshments.

**Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Event – Creature Comforts**

This is an event being held at Gauchhill on Friday, 16 October 2015 – 10.30 am – 12 Noon. There will be a talk on hibernation and how we can help the animals in the woodland.You will also be able to make bird cake! Please wear warm clothing. All welcome – children must be accompanied. Meet and park on Birch Wood Road, Kintore. Booking essential. For more information please contact the Garioch Ranger on 01467 681470 or [garioch.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:garioch.ranger@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).

**Kintore Fireworks**

Kintore Community Council Fireworks Display will be held on Friday, 6 November 2015 in the field beside the school.

**Garioch Community Kitchen**

For those who want to have fun learning to cook! Monday, 19 October 2015 – P1-P3 from 10.00 am to 11.45 am and P4-P7 from 1.30 pm – 3.15 pm. Cost is £10 per person and includes all recipes. For more information please contact [gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone Sarah on 07729297892.

**Kintore Church Christmas Story Advent Calendar**

The Read Advent Calendar is a great way to share the Christmas Story with friends and family. The calendar comes with a free 32 page Christmas Story Activity Booklet illustrated by Sophie Allsopp. Behind each of the 24 windows there is a Fairtrade chocolate and a line of the Christmas Story. The calendars can be ordered through Kintore Church before the end of October, bought at Tesco’s from mid-October or ordered online from [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk).

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**Bulletin No 5 Parent Comments**