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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 6 |

Dear Parents/Guardians

Following the In-Service Days, the children are busy putting together the final touches to their crafts for the Christmas Fair on Saturday, we hope to see you all there.

The Midmill children are currently enjoying their new surroundings. As, at the moment, only nineteen children have transferred, its business as usual for those of us left behind.

**Dog Owners**

Once again we would like to insist that dogs are kept well away from the school playground and nursery entrances. Many of the children are fearful of making their way past dogs and this increases the opportunities for dogs resorting to unpredictable behaviour.

Please continue to keep all entrances clear, including the new lock-block area.

**Emergency/Adverse Weather Closures**

Despite contrary forecasts of what to expect over the winter months it is best to be prepared for all eventualities. We do our best to remain open but we can’t run a school without staff. The Authority normally publish a little flyer but that is still to arrive, so please note the following:

* If you have signed up for alerts via Aberdeenshire Council (most parents have via school meals) you will automatically receive any local alert. This is open to all Aberdeenshire residents. If you have not already signed up for the alerts please follow the instructions below.
* A note will be placed on Aberdeenshire’s website.
* A message will be left on the school emergency telephone line:

**Tel No. 0870 054 499**

**Code: 022040**

It is worth noting that we try to make decisions regarding closures as early as possible but depend on bus/taxi companies making their decisions. No doubt, one of our mums will pop a message on Kintore Mums for us too.

Note: If you have not already signed up for the adverse weather alerts when originally setting up your ipayimpact ‘myaccount’, you can do so by:

* Going to <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/>
* Click on the ‘myAberdeenshire’ button on the top right hand corner of the page
* Click on sign in with mygovscot, myaccount
* Enter your myaccount/ipayimpact username and password
* Under your email subscriptions, click on manage your subscriptions
* Under School Closures, click on Primary Schools
* Tick the box beside Kintore School then scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Save your alerts

**Charities**

Last year we raised an amazing £3000 for our chosen charities – the Roof Garden at ARI and Charlie’s House.

The children have decided that our charities for this session will be The Archie Foundation and Cancer Research.

The money we raise comes from a variety of sources; Christmas celebrations, cafés, class projects and our young entrepreneurs.

**I-Bike Breakfast**

The last of these will be held on Wednesday, 23 November. Many thanks to those of you who have attended so far and particularly to the Bike Champions whose enthusiasm knows no bounds.

**P7 Technology Event**

P7 classes will attend the above event on the morning of Friday, 25 January. Parents have already been informed; please return your acknowledgement slip to the school as soon as possible.

**Book Bug Afternoon**

To celebrate the distribution of Book Bug Packs, the P1 classes will hold a reading activity afternoon on Friday, 25 November in the library and café areas. Further details will be provided by the class teachers.

**Flu Vaccine**

This will begin on Monday, 28 November. Please note only those children whose parents have returned the necessary paperwork will be given the vaccine.

**P6 Jazz Sessions**

Our P6 classes and some of the pupils receiving instrumental tuition will, throughout the session, be working with Richard Michael, a jazz musician and composer, beginning 30 November.

Several sessions will run throughout the year with the possibility of a final performance.

**ALEC Caravan**

The ALEC (Aberdeenshire Lifelong Education Centre) caravan will be with us from the beginning of December.

**Pupil Work Samples**

Continuing with our attempts to keep you informed of your children’s progress, work will be sent home on Friday, 2 December. In the preceding week, all work will be completed, as far as possible in the one jotter giving you, we hope, a better idea of your child’s curriculum.

The only exception to this is P1; their work will follow a week later due to their Book Bug event.

**Nursery Open Evening – Tuesday, 6 December**

Prior to nursery enrolment in January, parents are welcome to pop along to the nursery between 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm to look around and find out about the work of the nursery. Please note this is a change from the date in our calendar.

**P2 Nativities**

Primary 2 and the P2 pupils of P2/3 will perform variations on the Christmas story on Thursday, 8 December at 9.15 am.

Together the performances will last just over an hour and we would ask that parents and guests remain for all three.

Each child will be allocated two tickets with the possibility of additional tickets which will be allocated on Monday, 5 December.

All requests for tickets should be put in an envelope and given to the class teacher. A request slip can be found at the end of the bulletin; spare copies will be available in the school foyer.

**Nursery Concert – Thursday, 8 December/Friday, 9 December**

Full details of the following will come from the nursery staff –

 Session 1 – Thursday at 1.30 pm

 Session 2 – Friday at 9.30 am

We anticipate that the performances will last around 30 minutes. After each performance mince pies, tea and coffee will be available.

**P1 Christmas Sing-a-long**

This will take place on Friday, 9 December at 1.45 pm and will be followed by a cup of cheer and festive fare (aka tea/coffee and mincemeat pies). Due to the smaller number in P1 parents can initially be offered up to three tickets with any additional requests being allocated on Monday, 5 December.

All requests for tickets should be put in an envelope and given to the class teacher. A request slip can be found at the end of the bulletin; spare copies will be available school foyer.

**Christmas Lunch – Wednesday, 14 December**

A traditional Christmas Lunch will be served to the children on the above date. Please note ‘choice’ will be limited on that day but those with special diets will still be catered for.

**Christmas Parties**

School parties are held in the afternoons. We would prefer if children wore school uniform as usual in the morning, and changed into their party clothes at lunchtime. Please inform the class teacher of any change of routine.

Parties are planned as follows:

 Monday, 12 December - P6 and P7

 Thursday, 15 December - P4 and P5

 Friday, 16 December - P2, P2/3, P3

 Monday, 19 December - P1

 Wednesday, 20 December - Nursery Parties

At the party children are provided with juice, shortbread, chocolate and a tangerine.

**Staffing**

Ms Moira Speake – Moira has returned to the secondary sector and we would like to thank her for her efforts in the time she was with us.

Mrs Jackie Smith – Jackie who has been with us for some time will take up a new post at Midmill. I am sure many children have fond memories of their time in the nursery with Jackie. Mrs Smith’s post in the nursery will be advertised soon.

Mrs Louise Fitzpatrick, Pupil Support Assistant, has decided to return to nursing, we will certainly miss Louise and wish her well. This post has gone out to advertisement.

Our office will be complete in terms of staffing when we are joined by Mrs Michelle Meyer at the end of November. Mrs Karin Miah has also joined the team.

School administration is more complex than you would think so please bear with us as we establish procedures etc.

By the end of this term we will have two more teachers on maternity leave – Mrs Cooper P1S and Mrs Arlene Gilleran, ASL teacher. Both posts continue to be advertised.

**Basketball – P4-P7**

Mr Gibb has advised us that the last basketball session of the term will take place on Tuesday, 1 December 2016.

**Diary Events**

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

Wednesday, 23 November 2016 - I-Bike Breakfast

Wednesday, 23 November 2016 - P1 Pupil Visit to the Church

Friday, 25 November 2016 - P7 Technology event at the Academy

Friday, 25 November 2016 - P1 Book Bug Event

Monday, 28 November 2016 - Flu Vaccines begin

Wednesday, 30 November 2016 - St Andrew’s Day Ceilidh (nursery)

Friday, 2 December 2016 - P2-7 Work Samples sent home

Week beginning Monday, 5 December 2016 - P5 Cafés

Tuesday, 6 December 2016 - Nursery Open Evening (intake 2017-18)

Thursday, 8 December 2016 - P2 Nativities (am)

Thursday, 8 December 2016 - Nursery Session 1 Christmas Show (pm)

Friday, 9 December 2016 - Nursery Session 2 Christmas Show (am)

Friday, 9 December 2016 - P1 Sing-a-long (pm)

Monday, 12 December 2016 - Playgroup Nativity (am)

Monday, 12 December 2016 - P6 + P7 Party (pm)

Wednesday, 14 December 2016 - School Meals – Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 16 December 2016 - P4 + P5 Party (pm)

Friday, 16 December 2016 - P2 + P3 Party (pm)

Monday, 19 December 2016 - P1 Party (pm)

Wednesday, 21 December 2016 - Christmas Celebration with Rev. Meyer in Kintore

 Church

Wednesday, 21 December 2016 - Nursery Parties (am & pm)

Wednesday, 21 December 2016 - School Closed – Re-opens Thursday, 5 January 2017



**WILMA WALKER**  18 November 2016

Head Teacher **Typed by K LOW**

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**P1 Christmas Sing-a-long – Friday, 9 December 2016**

I would like 1 / 2 / 3 tickets for the performance ***(PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)***

I would like to be considered for …………….…….. additional tickets

***(please enter number of tickets required – IF AVAILABLE)***

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

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**P2 Nativities – Thursday, 8 December 2016**

I would like 1 / 2 tickets for the performance ***(PLEASE DELETE AS APPROPRIATE)***

I would like to be considered for ……….…. additional tickets

***(please enter number of tickets required – IF AVAILABLE)***

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

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