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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 7 |



Dear Parents/Guardians

**School Christmas Post**

Rather than have children trying to deliver their own cards, we will set up a red post box in the café area and classes will work together to sort, stamp and deliver the mail. It will help if, on the envelope we have more than just a first name – the family name and class are also helpful. If your child is writing a card for staff, it is useful if they include their full name and/or class. We hope to start this on Monday, 5 December.

**Village Christmas Post**

The Parent Council will once again deliver Christmas post throughout the village. The yellow boxes will be available at the usual locations in the village from next week with a final uplift on Monday, 19 December. The cost per card will be 25p and any money raised goes back into the community.

**Consultation on Early Learning & Childcare**

Aberdeenshire are currently running a survey to find out from parents and carers the type of Early Learning and Childcare that best meets the needs of both child and parent.

As you will be aware the allocation is to rise to 1140 hours per year.

We would be grateful if you could take the time to respond to a short survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AberdeenshireELC>

Feel free to pass this to any other new parent.

**Bookbug and Read, Write, Count Packs**

Please visit our Twitter page, Kintore School@SchKintore, and view some of the amazing work pupils have been doing to respond to these packs. We are delighted to say that the author of one of the books, Nick Sharratt added a very encouraging response to the P1 posts.

**I-Bike Breakfasts**

The final breakfast was held last week; many thanks to those who came along to show their support.

Funding has been sourced to provide all the P7 pupils with bicycle lights.

**Children’s Services Plan (2017-2020)**

The authority are keen to seek responses from parents/carers on the above plan. The consultation, which will be open for responses until Wednesday, 7 December, provides an explanation of the Children’s Services Plan as well as the opportunity to share your views. Please follow the link below:-

<https://aberdeenshire.dialogue-app.com/childrens-services-plan>

In the Spring there will be an opportunity to respond to the draft plan.

**Christmas Fair**

Many thanks to all who helped make this event such a success. The PTA and wider body of parents put in a great deal of work – well done to all. We are grateful to the PTA for all the extras their fundraising provides eg. buses to HMT; nursery party extras, etc.

**Jim Reid Christmas Card Competition**

Congratulations to Darcy Skea whose very fetching card won the above competition and to Katie Henderson, Findlay Emslie, Alex Beagrie and Hayley Angus who were runners up.

**Bags to School**

You will have received a bag and information sheet on this fundraiser. Bags can be left outside the school on the morning of Tuesday, 6 December. Please note any tied/sealed bag will suffice.

**Tempest Photographs**

These have now been delivered and distributed; many thanks to the parent helpers who saw to this for us.

**ALEC Caravan**

As intimated earlier, lessons will begin on Monday, 5 December; due to staff shortages only classes P2 – P7 will attend. The focus of the lessons are as follows –

 P2 – My wonderful body

 P3 – Feelings

 P4 – It’s Great to be Me

 P5 – bCyberwise

 P6 – Friends

 P7 – Decisions

The presenter will run a parent/carer session on Tuesday, 13 December 9.00 – 9.40 am. This will either take place in the school or caravan depending on numbers.

Please return the attached slip to the school by Monday, 12 December.

**Nursery Enrolment**

The Nursery will be open on Tuesday, 6 December from 7.00 – 8.00 pm to give parents new to the nursery setting the opportunity to drop in, look around the setting and talk to staff before Nursery Enrolment starts the week beginning 23 January 2017.

Application forms are available from the School Office on Enrolment Week for children with birth dates between 1 March, 2013 and 28 February 2015 for those parents wishing their child to attend Kintore School Nursery. Application forms can also be downloaded from Aberdeenshire Council at [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/early-learning-and-childcare-information/](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/early-learning-and-childcare-information/) . Any child returning to the Nursery for a second year in August 2017 must also complete an application form.

**Primary 1 Enrolment**

The registration period for the new 2017 Primary 1 admissions will be from Monday, 9 January until Monday, 16 January 2017 and will take place in the school café area for children who will reach their 5th birthday by 28 February 2018.

**Staffing**

* We would like to welcome Mrs Michelle Meyer to the post of Admin Support Assistant in the school office.
* Mrs East gave birth to a son, Ben, at the weekend. Mother and baby both doing well.

**Diary Events**

Thursday, 1 December 2016 - Nursery January Intake Visits

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

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**Community News**

**Kintore Library**

The library will be holding a demonstration of 3D printing on Tuesday, 6 December from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm. This is free of charge and it may be possible for you to experience this for yourself.



**WILMA WALKER**  25 November 2016

Head Teacher **Typed by K LOW**

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**ALEC Caravan**

I would like to attend the Parent/Carer Session in the ALEC Caravan.

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

Parent/Carer Name ………………………………………………………………... Telephone Number ……………………..