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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 7 |

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Midmill School Parent Meeting**

There will be a Parent Workshop on Wednesday, 25 November 2015 in Kintore Primary School at 4.00 pm regarding the new Midmill School and the possibility of setting up of a steering group to look at school colours, badge etc. It is likely that this group will provide the way forward for future appointments etc.

We would appreciate parents letting us know by phone or email if they wish to attend so we can arrange appropriate accommodation. The group will be led by Maxine Booth, an Officer with the Authority.

**In-Service Days**

Over the two In-Service Days we will be working on a number of national priorities as well as our own planned improvements. These will include:-

* Developing Numeracy
* 1 + 2 Languages
* Restorative Practices
* Philosophy for Children
* Early Phonics

**Dyslexia Evening**

As well as our own Parent Curricular Evening this week there is an opportunity for parents to meet with Neil Mackay, one of the foremost thinkers on Dyslexia, on Monday, 16 November 2015 at Westhill Community Church, Old Skene Road, Westhill. Neil ran a workshop in Kintore School two years ago and many of you may recall how informative he can be.

**Standards and Quality Report 2014-2015: Improvement Plan 2015-2016**

You will have received a copy of our Standards and Quality Report at the end of last term. Our proposed Improvement Plan is currently on our website. Comments or suggestions always welcome.

**Pupil Success**

Congratulations to Khala-Marie Fermin whose entry to the Scottish Book Trust’s Competition is to be published in an e-book during Book Week Scotland (23-29 November 2015). Khala’s writing can be viewed at:- <http://scottishbooktrust.com/writing/journeys/schools/my-journey>.

**Christmas Lunch**

This will take place on Friday, 11 December 2015 – Turkey and Jelly with Ice-cream. Please note that on this day, no other choices are available apart from special provision diets. The usual dinner ticket will cover the cost of the meal.

**Christmas Parties**

Dates for particular year groups are on the Annual Calendar. All primary school parties take place in the afternoon. Many children like to change their clothes for their party and senior pupils may do so after lunch. Younger children can go home to change. Please note, games are played at parties so footwear should be sensible.

**Easy Fundraising**

Many thanks to those of you who support us with this. We have recently received a cheque for £28.01 – every little helps! This is a very easy way to raise funds whilst ordering goods over the internet. Visit the website for more details - [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). This now also includes the GROUPON vouchers.

**PTA**

Please note all parents are members of the PTA and as such are welcome to meetings which normally start at 7.00 pm. Support is always welcome.

The PTA had an amazing response to their request for help at the last disco, so if you were not chosen you might be lucky next time!

**Staffing**

Miss Lauren Cunningham will take up a post with Aberdeen City at the end of this month. We wish Lauren every future success.

**Claire Watt** – We would like to welcome Claire to our staff as a Visiting Specialist in Music. Claire will be with us on a Tuesday and Friday and has also offered to cover Miss Minto’s absence on a Thursday.

**Mrs Kelly Scott** – Due to family circumstances Mrs Scott has regretfully resigned from her PSA post. We hope to advertise this post as soon as possible.

We also have a number of new family additions among staff:-

**Emma Cordiner** – a welcome sister for Charlotte.

**Ollie Booth** – born 22 October 2015 – a brother for Millie.

**Isla Christie** – a wee “sparkler” born 5 November 2015.

**Early Warning**

I am aware that many of you need prior notice of events to book time off work etc. You have these dates in your Annual Calendar and, if all goes to plan, the timing of each event is as follows:-

**Wednesday, 9 December 2015**

P1 Christmas Celebration at 9.15 am followed by a classroom visit and refreshments.

**Thursday, 10 December 2015**

P2 Nativities. In past years, children have watched their audience disappear between each performance. To avoid this we will perform as follows:-

**P2A & P2B - 9.15 am P2C & P2D - 10.00 am**

There will be a short break. Parents can select which half they wish to see, or even better, stay for the whole show!

Please note – the children are often distracted from their performance by noise etc and as this is a lengthy show younger children may find it difficult to remain still.

**Nursery Concerts**

Thursday, 10 December 2015 Session 1 at 2.00 pm

Friday, 11 December 2015 Session 2 at 9.30 am

**Events**

W/B Monday, 23 November 2015 - P4 Cafes throughout the week

 Pupil Flu Vaccine Administered

Monday, 23 November 2015 - Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday, 25 November 2015 - Midmill Parent Meeting at 4.00 pm

Thursday, 26 November 2015 - Cluster Technology Event – P7

Monday, 30 November 2015 - St Andrew’s Day Celebration (Nursery)

Wednesday, 2 December 2015 - Nursery Outing

Thursday, 3 December 2015 - Nursery Outing

Tuesday, 1 December 2015 - PTA Meeting – All Parents Welcome

Saturday, 5 December 2015 - Village Christmas Lights Switch-on

**Holidays for 2015/2016 Session**

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

**Community News**

**Kintore Library - Zombie Science:  Brain of the Dead**

As part of Book Week Scotland there will be a spoof tutorial on the science behind the zombie brain at Kintore Library on Monday, 23 November 2015 at 7.00 pm. This is a free family event for accompanied P6/7 children to adults, however, tickets are limited. Please visit or call the library on 01467 634393 or email kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk to book.

**Garioch Community Kitchen**

After School Cooking Classes will commence on Thursday, 19 November 2015 until Thursday, 10 December 2015 for P4-P7 children – 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm. £40 per person for the 4 week block – includes all food and recipes. To book a space please contact Sarah at gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk or Telephone 07729297892.

**Supporting Children in Learning for Life (SCILL)**

The next SCILL Inverurie Area Support Session will be on Wednesday, 18 November 2015 from 9.30 am - 11.30 am at the FlyCup Cafe, Unit 2, Burghmuir Circle, Inverurie AB51 4FS.  Any parents of children with additional support needs are welcome in the coffee shop. The National Autistic Society One Stop Shop will be on hand to answer questions and give advice.



**WILMA WALKER** 12 November 2015

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