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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 9 |

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all enjoyed the festive season with friends and family. The children have returned to school full of excitement and stories to tell.

Best wishes to you all for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017.

**P1 Admissions**

Enrolment for Primary 1 (Session 2017-2018) is currently ongoing. Forms can be downloaded from the Authority website or collected from the School Office (8.30 am – 3.30 pm). To complete the enrolment process, we require evidence of residence and your child’s birth certificate.

We would appreciate the return of all admission forms by Monday, 16 February 2017.

If you are in the Midmill catchment area but have children already in Kintore and wish to continue with us, a very brief placing request form has to be completed.

Any pre-school child whose parents wish them to delay entry to Primary 1, should contact the school office to meet with Mrs Michie or Mrs Walker.

**Pre-School Applications – August 2017**

Please note, that despite some recent information on social media, there are plenty of pre-school places available in Kintore. The admission procedures are the same for all, whether a school or partner provider. On receiving the application, places are allocated according to a set of prioritised criteria 1 – 10. It is not a case of first past the post. Final allocations are made at a meeting attended by all pre-school providers.

A full copy of the policy and application form can be downloaded from <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/early-learning-and-childcare-information/>

Paper copies are available in the school foyer and on our website under the Information (Enrolment) tab.

Enrolment will take place from **Monday, 23 January 2017 and returned by Friday, 3 February 2017.**

Again all paperwork can be collected from the School Office, open 8.30 am – 3.30 pm (should this be difficult please contact the school to make alternative arrangements). On returning the forms, proof of residence and your child’s birth certificate will be required to be seen.

Children remaining in our setting will have to complete a new application but are ranked as Priority Four which is higher than any other four year old. Please discuss this with the nursery staff.

**School Closures**

The school may close/partly close as a result of eg bad weather/power cut etc. Please always check the School Information Line for updates on 0870 054 4999 School Pin Number 02 20 40. The Aberdeenshire Council Website is also updated regularly. We do try and send a text to the main contact advising if there is a school closure etc so please always keep the School Office updated with mobile number changes.

Each family will receive a small booklet outlining safety procedures and contact details which will hopefully be useful.

**Updating Information with the School Office**

It is important that any changes to addresses/telephone numbers/mobile numbers are passed to the office thus ensuring we can contact you promptly. Also when we send text messages regarding Bulletins etc these will be sent to the main contact’s mobile number. Please always remember to update the office as soon as you have any changes – this includes Emergency Contact Details.

**Absences**

Just a reminder that if your child is off school for any reason you must call the School Office before 9.30 am to advise. If your child is off for more than one day, then you must phone each day – unless you advise in your first call the expected duration of absence eg 2 days. Please also note that if your child is off with sickness or diarrhoea then they must stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

**Parent/Pupil Learning Conversations**

We had earmarked two evenings this month for the above but due to staff changes and the positive feedback on the ‘Scoping Jotters’, we have rescheduled the feedback on pupil progress as follows:

 Week beg 20 February – Pupil work home

 Week beg 27 March - Pupil Progress Reports issued

 Week beg 24 April - Parent/Pupil Learning Conversations

 Week beg 15 May - Possible Open Afternoon (TBC)

**Extra Curricular**

**Football** – This continues as last term. Please find slip attached for any children who have not attended before. This needs to be completed and handed in to the coach. Shin guards should be worn. Parents should check that there is a coach at the session and not just drop off and drive away.

***January - March***

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

These sessions will be held indoors.

**Basketball** – This continues for P4 – P7 on Thursdays, 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm, starting Thursday, 12 January 2017. There are still spaces available. Please complete slip below and hand to coach on the day.

**All Girls Bike Club Primary 6 and 7**

Details of this were issued last term but there are still places available on Thursdays 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm for those children who have their Level 2 Bikeability. The forms will still be with the last bulletin on the website or pupils could speak to Mrs Paterson or Mr Clark. The first session takes place on Thursday, 19 January 2017.

**Choral Group Primaries 5, 6 and 7**

This will take place on Wednesdays 3.00 pm – 4.00pm beginning on Wednesday, 18 January 2017. The group sang beautifully at our Christmas service – well done. Please complete the attached slip to be returned to Ms Ratcliffe.

**Cross Country P5, P6 and P7**

This will continue to take place on a Thursday 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm but due to staff commitments will not begin until February. There are currently no spaces available but names could be added to the waiting list by completing and returning the attached slip.

Details regarding starting date will be issued later.

**Netball P4, P5, P6 and P7**

This takes place on Mondays 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm but there are currently no more spaces available.

**Book Club for Primary 1 and 2**

Ms Stewart (P1) will run a story/poetry club on Wednesdays between 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm for pupils in P1 and P2. Please return the attached slip noting your interest. Ms Stewart will be in touch once places are allocated regarding starting date etc.

**Coding Club**

Coding club will continue on Thursdays next term, on the following dates:

26th January

2nd February

9th February

2nd March

9th March

16th March

At the moment the club is full but any senior pupil wishing to attend should speak to either Miss Stewart or Miss Farquharson.

**Community News**

Primary 7 pupils in conjunction with the Library are willing to help any members of the community on their tablets and laptops. These sessions would be suitable for beginners and those wishing to enhance their skills.  Sessions need to be booked through the library on 634393 and take place on Friday 13, 20, 27 January and Friday, 3 February from 2.00 pm – 2.45pm.

**Bookbug’s Library Challenge**

Currently running until Saturday, April 2017 all children under 5 years can have their own collectors card and receive stamps for borrowing books or taking part in Bookbug session.

**Fit’s fur supper**

Places are still available on the above course beginning Friday, 13 January 2017, 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm. Please contact Karen Smith (Aberdeenshire Council) on 07793 325876 or email karen.smith3@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

**School Events**

Tuesday, 17 January 2017 - Theatre Group visit – ‘Sleeping Beauty’

Tuesday, 17 January – Thursday, 19 January 2017 - P6 Jazz sessions with Richard Michael

Wednesday, 18 January 2017 - P2S and P2K to the woods

Thursday 19 January 2017 - RSPB visiting the nursery

 P2P and P2/3 to the woods

**Holidays for 2016/2017 Session**

Friday, 10 February 2017 - Occasional Holiday

Monday, 13 February 2017 - Holiday

Tuesday, 14 February 2017 - In-Service Day

Wednesday, 15 February 2017 - In-Service Day

Monday, 3 April 2017 - Monday, 17 April 2017 (Inclusive) - Easter Break

Monday, 1 May 2017 - May Day Holiday

Monday, 5 June 2017 - Local Holiday

Friday, 30 June 2017 - Last Day of School before Summer Break



**WILMA WALKER 12** January 2017 ***TYPED BY M Meyer***

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**Bulletin No 9 Parent Comments**

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***\*\*\*PLEASE TAKE THIS SLIP ALONG TO THE FIRST TRAINING SESSION AND HAND TO THE COACH\*\*\****

**Football Training**

I hereby give permission for my child to attend football training. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my child travelling to and from coaching.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Basketball Training**

I hereby give permission for my child to attend Basketball Training. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my child travelling to and from coaching.

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

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

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

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

My child will be collected from Basketball

My child will walk home from Basketball

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

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

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**Book Club P1 and P2**

I am interested in my child attending Book Club.

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

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

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

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

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

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