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| KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 9 |

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Midmill School**

As you are aware a meeting to set up a steering group for the above was held on Wednesday, 25 November 2015.

Following this, please note:-

* All children will be given the opportunity to design a logo – designs have to be in two colours and with the school for 6 January 2016, the start of the new term. Electronic submissions can also be made to rezoning@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.
* At a later date we will be provided with a link for parents and pupils to decide on school colours.
* The next meeting date is likely to be in late January.

As mentioned we will put any information we receive on the Kintore School Website under the tab entitled “The Future”. Please also note the following:-

* Enrolment for either January 2017 or August 2017 will continue until 11 January 2016.
* In the school foyer we have placed a notice board with catchment details including Post Codes.
* In addition, members of Kintore Parent Council have fed back information on the Kintore Mum’s Facebook Page.
* We have yet to receive details of Nursery Enrolment and will let you know once we do!

This is for **ALL FAMILIES** in the Midmill Zone who wish to move to Midmill, either in January 2017 or August 2017.

Admission Forms and further information will be available from 23 November 2015 to 11 December 2015 and can be obtained from:-

* Kintore School Office (Monday – Friday - 8.30 am – 3.30 pm)
* Kintore Library
* Gordon House, Inverurie
* Email rezoning@aberdeenshire.gov.uk
* Telephone 01467 628442 for a Form to be sent to you
* Electronic Version of Form - <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/admission-to-new-hillside-and-midmill-schools>

As the school is open most evenings we will also leave a few copies in the entrance foyer. Please note the school will be a pick-up and collection point only as the processing of the Admission Forms will take place centrally. A map of the Admission Zone is available in the foyer.

**PLEASE NOTE A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH CHILD**

**For any information/advice call 01467 628442**

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| **IF YOU ARE ZONED FOR MIDMILL BUT WISH TO REMAIN IN KINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL YOU JUST HAVE TO SIT TIGHT AT THE MOMENT AND DETAILS WILL BE ISSUED LATER.** |

**P1 Christmas Celebration – Wednesday, 9 December 2015 – 9.15 am and**

**P2 Nativities – Thursday, 10 December 2015**

We notice that some families have not yet requested tickets to the above performances. Please submit your forms IMMEDIATELY as any remaining tickets will be distributed on Friday to those who have requested additional tickets.

**Refreshing the School’s Values and Aims**

Many thanks to those of you who contributed to the above. Pupil representatives met on Friday to decide which words best described what we were hoping to achieve. The next step from this is to consider our rationale for the Curriculum.

**School Hall – Evening Lets**

We hope to have our Christmas Tree up in the hall by Wednesday, 2 December 2015; other decorations will follow. This means that hall activities may have to be curtailed. I am happy to have lets continue where possible; for example, football can continue using indoor footballs and if activities are limited to ground work.

Wednesday, 2 December 2015 Tree Arrives and in place until Christmas Holidays.

Tuesday, 8 December 2015 Tree & Staging and Floor Seating in place. **No** Evening Lets in Main Hall.

Wednesday, 9 December 2015 Tree & Staging and Floor Seating in place. **No** Evening Lets in Main Hall.

If school football etc wishes to continue with these restrictions please let the pupils, school and janitor know.

**Small Hall** – activities can continue as normal as we have no evening performances.



**Church Service**

Class Teachers will possibly be in touch should a parent helper for their class be required for our Church Service. Space is very limited but we do want to continue doing this as a school for as long as we can.

**Change to Menu - Week Beginning 7 December 2015**

Tuesday Menu will be:-



Spaghetti Bolognaise with Garlic Bread

Panini Filled with Cheddar Cheese & Ham with Seasonal Vegetable & Fruit Bites

Garden Peas

Homemade Lemon Drizzle Muffin Served with a Milkshake

***Friday will be Christmas Lunch only.***

**ALEC Caravan Parent/Guardian Session - Monday, 14 December 2015**

Our school will shortly be receiving a visit from the ALEC (Aberdeenshire Life Education Centres) mobile classroom.

ALEC is part of Coram Life Education, a charity providing a unique health education programme which teaches children about the wonder of their bodies, how to take care of themselves and how drugs can affect them. The nine different programmes are age appropriate, matching the physical/emotional development of the children. The specially equipped classroom provides an unforgettable experience for the children and will complement our school’s health and wellbeing programme.

Parents/Carers are invited to visit the mobile classroom to find out more about what your child will be doing. This special session for parents/carers will be held on Monday, 14 December 2015 at the following times:-



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| **Time** | **Programme** |
| 9.00 am – 9.45 am | Parent/Carer Session |
| 10.00 am – 10.45 am | Parent/Carer Session |
| 2.15 pm – 3.00 pm | Parent/Carer Session |

Please complete the slip to advise which session you would like to attend.

# North East Scotland Support for Romania – Shoebox Appeal

# We collected 155 filled shoeboxes for the above Charity – thank you to all those who donated. The shoeboxes will go out to Romania in early December and will be distributed to the various villages, schools and organisations.

**Jim Reid Christmas Card**

Congratulations to Fraser Rennie (P7K) whose card design for the above was chosen winner and will be replicated as the company’s Christmas Card. The company also contributed to our School Fund – so many thanks.

**SFA Early Touches Football Course – Training Workshop**

# This workshop is aimed at teachers, parents or volunteers who are coaching football for primary aged children. This can be coaches who run weekly ‘come and play’ sessions or coaches involved with a school or club team. The course will involve demonstrations of various drills and practices suitable for young players and discussions on relevant topics specific to your own coaching sessions. The Workshop is FREE for those who are actively involved with football volunteering. The workshop will take place on – Saturday, 16 January 2016 at Meldrum Academy – 10.00 am – 4.00pm.

If you would like to attend this workshop, please contact Kerry Massie, Active Schools Co-ordinator on 07909875461 or kerry.massie@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

**Kemnay Christmas Family Fun Runs – Bogbeth Park – Saturday, 19 December 2015**

Active Schools Aberdeenshire and Kemnay JogScotland are planning a Christmas Fun Run and hope you would like to take part. There will be 3 events, so everyone in the family can participate:-

* 10.00 am: P1-3 Fun Run: around Bogeth Park (approximately 600 metres)
* 10.20 am: P4-7 Fun Run: around Bogbeth Park & Leschangie Woods (approximately 1 mile)
* 10.45 am: 14 – 99 years: Bogbeth Park & Leschangie Woods (approximately 5k)

There is a £5 charge to enter the 5k, payable on the day. The other events are free of charge. Christmas Fancy Dress is being encouraged and for the 5k there will be Santa Suits available for anyone who wishes to wear one!

To register for the children’s races please visit:- [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/request/leisure-sport-and-culture/active-schools-online-form-garioch-holiday-programme/](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/request/leisure-sport-and-culture/active-schools-online-form-garioch-holiday-programme/) - to register for the 5k (or if you have any enquiries) please email:- kemnayfunrun@gmail.com. To enter any of the races you must register by Monday, 14 December 2015. Further details of the event will be sent out upon registration. Volunteers to help on the day are required (no experience is necessary). Hot drinks and snacks will be provided! Please email kemnayfunrun@gmail.com if you would be interested or contact Kerry Massie (Active Schools Co-ordinator, Kemnay Network) on 07909875461.

**Staffing**

**P1C** We would like to welcome Mrs Louise Stewart who will be teaching P1C – we wish her well in her work with the children.

**Mrs Lynn Saunders** Never one to stay still, Mrs Saunders has decided to seek full-time employment and has been appointed to the Huntly Cluster. We will certainly miss Lynn’s expertise and insight and our best wishes (and regrets) go with her.

**Events**

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

Wednesday, 2 December 2015 - Nursery Outing

Thursday, 3 December 2015 - Nursery Outing

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

Wednesday, 9 December 2015 - P1 Christmas Celebration

Thursday, 10 December 2015 - P2 Nativities

Nursery Christmas Celebration – S1 (PM)

Friday, 11 December 2015 - Nursery Christmas Celebration – S2 (AM)

 P6 & P7 Christmas Parties

Monday, 14 December 2015 - P4 & P5 Christmas Parties

Thursday, 17 December 2015 - P2 & P3 Christmas Parties

Monday, 21 December 2015 - P1 Christmas Party

Tuesday, 22 December 2015 - Church Service

 Nursery Parties

**Holidays for 2015/2016 Session**

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

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**

**Only Girls Allowed**

The next get-together will be on Sunday, 6 December 2015 - 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm in Kintore Church Hall. This session will be Christmas Card Making. There may also be time to make some decorative crackers.  All materials will be provided. To help with preparations of materials, it would be useful to know who will be attending. Please email rachelannes@hotmail.co.uk or contact 07711296680 for more information. ‘Only Girls Allowed’ is aimed at all girls and ladies aged from around 7 – 100.  Refreshments and chat provided too!



**WILMA WALKER** 2 December 2015

Head Teacher ***TYPED BY S STRACHAN***

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**ALEC Caravan Parent/Guardian Session - Monday, 14 December 2015**

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

Session 1 – 9.00 am – 9.45 pm *Spaces Required ……………*

Session 2 – 10.00 am – 10.45 pm *Spaces Required ……………*

Session 3 - 2.15 pm – 3.00 pm *Spaces Required ……………*

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

***[FOR PASSING HOME OF INFORMATION ONLY]***

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