Kintore Primary School

Bulletin No. 17 – Session 2017-2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This will hopefully be our last bulletin (not much time for another) and should serve to inform you of any changes and last minute news.

**Class Arrangements**

Classes for session 2018 – 2019 have been organised as

follows:

P1K – Miss Susan Cree / Mrs Debbie Cooper

P1P – Mrs Hannah Armstrong

P1S – Mrs Laura Russell

P1/2 – Mrs Susan Wilson

P2K – Mrs Amy Forsyth

P2S – Miss Lindsay Cameron

P3K – Miss Linda Glass

P3S – Miss Agata Tryba

P3/4 – Mrs Gemma Morrison

P4K – Mrs Katy Henderson

P4P – Miss Karen Harris

P4S – Mrs Jennifer Flett

P5K – Miss Mhairi Leat

P5P – Miss Georgina Ritchie

P5S – Mrs Leanne Dymond

P6K – Ms Shonaid Macdonald

P6P – Mrs Louise Foster / Mrs Rachel Strand

P6S – Mrs Catriona McIntosh

P6/7 – Mrs Lyndsey Paterson

P7K – Miss Ailie Corbett

P7S – Miss Nicola Seivwright

**Lunch Arrangements August 2018**

As our numbers change we have decided to change our

lunch times as follows:

* 12.15 pm – 1.00 pm – P1, P2, P6, P7
* 12.35 pm – 1.20 pm – P3, P4, P5

This also allows each composite class to have lunch together. This will be reviewed.

**Garden Volunteers**

Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to

help us out over the summer. There are still a few

vacant weeks; we would be delighted to hear from you if

you can help us out in any way.

It is not much but one perk is that the produce is often

delicious. Help yourself – weed and feed!

**Lost Property**

We have gone through all the lost property and given any named items to their rightful owner. However, there still remains a considerable amount of clothing, shoes and other misplaced items. Please feel free to pop into the school and reclaim what is yours. The school can be accessed every evening, Monday to Friday and on Saturday mornings.

**Scottish Mathematical Council**

Once again our senior pupils took part in the Problem Solving Challenge set by the above body. Students have to persevere to succeed in this and the following were successful.

Gold award – Joshua Watson

Silver award – Sophie Wilson

 Alex Beagrie

 Teun van der Holt

 Haydn McCall

 Ciaran Bell

 Brigid Meyer

Bronze award – Amy Eason

 Harry Blackhall

 Jane Curry

Well done all!

**All Girls Duathlon**

Mrs Paterson and the Girls Cycle Group competed against a similar group from Kellands School in a duathlon where they ran, cycled and ran again along a specified course. I didn’t think anyone realised what a competitive bunch they were! First place went to Isla McConnachie, closely followed by the rest of the Kintore

cycle team. Many thanks to Phil from Sustrans who made it all possible.

**House Points**

We’ve tallied and totaled and our winning houses this session are:

**House Points - Don**

**Sports Day - Don**

**Sports Day Motivators - Ciara Hendry**

 **- Hannah Wright**

Many thanks to the many pupils who supported and contributed to our events – the House Captains and Vice Captains, the JRSO team, the Class, Eco and Rights Respecting School Representatives.

**Pupil Success**

We have had a considerable number of children sharing their sporting successes and charity endeavours over the session.

We would just like to wish Christopher Wyness good luck as he travels to Nottingham for the NDP finals (double trampoline).

Also a big well done to Fraser Chalmers who cycled the North Deeside Railway raising £400 for Third World Sanitation Projects.

**Staffing**

We have a number of new staff joining us in August:

**Pupil Support Assistants**

We would like to welcome Mrs Emer Curry, Mrs Donna Heron, Ms Sarah McGee and Ms Lisa Weeden.

**Class Teachers**

* Ms Lindsay Cameron joining us from Highland.
* Mrs Katy Henderson – a probationer teacher
* Ms Agata Tryba – our second probationer teacher.

We say goodbye to a number of staff –

Mr Matthew Gray and Mrs Mel Binfiled both beginning their Post Graduate Year at Aberdeen University.

Mrs Binu Paul – taking up a secondary science position Aberdeen City.

Ms Claire Thomson – moving to Perth High School.

Mr Gordon Gray – taking up a teaching post in Egypt.

Ms Helen O’Reilly and Mrs Donna Snowie. These ladies were with us on a temporary contract.

Our three current probationers,

Mr Steven Munro will take up a teaching post at Balmedie, Mr Richard Davidson will move to Meldrum Primary and Miss Jessica Airlie to Fishermoss Primary.

We would like to thank all for their hard work and commitment to Kintore Primary School.

**Early Years Staff**

Congratulations to Mrs Lorraine Grant who was appointed to the post of Senior Practitioner in our nursery. This is the first step of many towards increasing nursery hours.

**School Management Team**

As a result of Mrs Michie and Mrs Williams moving into the Acting Head Teacher post, Mrs Stephanie Bain will move into an Acting Depute role in August. Mrs Bain’s substantive post as Principal Teacher (Cluster) will be advertised in August.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your good wishes on my retirement. The thought of not

returning in August does not seem real just now but like the new Primary 1’s we welcomed last week and the P7’s who showed us they were ready for change and the future there’s lots to look forward to.

I have loved every minute of my teaching career. It took me a long time to decide that teaching was what I wanted to do and I am so glad I took the opportunity when it arose.

Thanks to all of you and the community of Kintore.

Carpe Diem.

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**Community News**

**Aberdeenshire Council Ranger Service**

Once again there is a varied programme offered by the above. A copy of their programme is on the website or visit [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/ranger-service](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/leisure-sport-and-culture/ranger-service).

**Kintore Library Summer Holiday Programme**

There will be various activities available at the Kintore Library including Knit and Stich, Bookbug Rhymetime Sessions, Crafts and activities as well as the popular Summer reading challenge. Please contact the Library or see the school website for more details.

**Boys Brigade**

Enrolment for the above is on Friday 24 August 2018 7 pm – 8 pm and it will begin again on 31 August 2018.

Contact David Ritchie at kintore\_anchor@emails.boys-brigade.org.uk for Anchor Boys (age 5 – 8) or kintore\_junior@emails.boys-brigade.org.uk for Junior Boys (age 8 – 11).

**Kintore Parish Church Holiday Club**

This takes place on 13 – 15 August from 10 am – 12 am for P 1 – P6 pupils. Contact Neil Meyer for more details 01467 632219.

**Holidays for 2017/2018 Session**

Friday 6 July 2018 - Last Day of School

Tuesday 21 August 2018 - Start of session 2018 – 2019

Monday 15 October to - School Holidays

Friday 26 2018

Monday 24 December to - Christmas Holidays

Friday 4 January 2019



WILMA WALKER

6 July 2018

**Parent/Guardian Comments**