

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new session at Kintore Primary School. As usual, holiday time seems to fly by quickly but we are sure all the children had both an eventful and restful time. The children have returned looking very smart in school colours and seem eager to learn.

We would like to welcome several new teachers to our school staff - Miss Lindsay Cameron (P2S), Miss Agata Tryba (P3S) and Miss Katy Henderson (P4K). We are also very fortunate to be welcoming several new PSAs to the team - Mrs Donna Heron, Mrs Emer Curry, Mrs Lisa Weeden and Mrs Sarah McGee.

Being Prepared!

We thought you may find it useful to be reminded of:

- **Gym Kits** - May pupils failed to bring these last year; kits should be in class all week. All classes have 'spare' gym kits which can be used by the 'forgetful'!
- **Book Bags** - To protect reading books we would ask that they be kept separate from packed lunches etc; book bags may be purchased from the office, but any waterproof bag would suffice.
- **Water Bottles** - Filled bottles should be brought to school daily; please do not fill with juice.
- **Jackets** - Please ensure your child has a jacket each day; lessons will often take place out of doors.
- **Lost Property** - Please name everything and as the year progresses check that it hasn't worn off. The school is open most evenings and all lost property is stored in the café area - feel free to claim!
- **Healthy Snack** - We are continuing with our 'Golden Carrot' award scheme and appreciate

- your support in ensuring children have a healthy snack.

Playground – Arrival and Dismissal

Please note that the playground is for pupils only and as the P1 children settle in parents should start to keep to the outside of the playground ensuring the entrances are clear for pupils to enter. Please note the following:-

- P1 and P2 pupils will line up in the quad.
- Younger pre-school children should not enter or play in the playground.
- To ensure all pupils go home immediately on dismissal we ask that all pupils do not access the Adventure Playground. Similarly this area should not be used by school or pre-school children prior to 9.00 am.
- Please keep dogs well away from the playground and its entrances.

We appreciate that all of the above sounds restrictive but we do want to ensure children can enter the playground freely and that all have left school safely.

Bike Friendly School

Please note that we are a Bike Friendly School and we encourage children to take their bikes to school. However, they should only cycle to school alone if they have sat their Bikeability Test or are accompanied by an adult. There are adequate bike racks for children to leave their bikes and we do advise that they are locked. We also ask that pavements remain safe for pedestrians especially at the beginning and end of the day.

Late Arrivals

Please note that **ALL** Late Arrivals should report to the school office. Any child who is arriving late at school for whatever reason (e.g. slept in, been to an appointment) **MUST** sign in at School Reception.

Annual Calendar

We hope to produce our annual calendar soon which should help with your planning. Please note major holiday periods are always on the Aberdeenshire Council website.

School Meals

The cost of a school lunch is £2.30. If you misplaced your ipayimpact login details, please contact the school office.

School Transport

We assume pupils will use their entitled transport routinely at the end of the day. Any change to the routine should be made in writing. However, a phone call to the office would be appreciated as pupils often forget to hand in notes. The drivers often work to a tight schedule, leaving us very little time to telephone etc.

Pupil Absences

Should your child be ill please inform us by leaving a message on the telephone answer machine. If you can indicate the length of the absence you do not need to phone in daily. We are now obliged to follow-up any unreported absence to ensure pupil safety - this we will do by phone or text.

NB If your child is absent for sickness or diarrhoea then they must be kept off for 48 hours from their last "episode". This rule also stands if your child has been sent home from school due to sickness or diarrhoea.

School Office

Whilst we are always happy to help out, the office staff constantly find themselves running errands such as returning forgotten homework, gym kits, packed lunch boxes, water bottles, play snack etc. to pupils. As pupils move around the school it can take some time to track them down and then the class is disrupted.

We can easily organise a school meal, which can be paid at a later date, and pupils should be able to accept responsibility for forgotten homework.

However, we accept we are here to help!

Football Training

Monday	P1	6.00 - 7.00 pm
	P7	7.00 - 8.00 pm
Tuesday	P4	6.00 - 7.00 pm
Wednesday	P2	6.00 - 7.00 pm
	P5	7.00 - 8.00 pm
Thursday	P6	6.00 - 7.00 pm
Friday	P3	6.00 - 7.00 pm

All of these sessions will be held on the Astro for September to October.

General Information for all Children attending

Football Training

Football boots should not be worn on the Astroturf - trainers are recommended. Shin guards should also be worn. Parents should check that there is a Coach at the session and not just drop off and drive away. All children attending football for Session 2018-2019 should complete the attached permission slip (one per child) which should be given to the Coach.

Head Lice

Now and again these little darlings make their way into school and find their way onto the cleanest of heads. Things can be kept under control if:-

- Pupils do not attend school until their hair has been treated.
- Buy the most up-to-date treatment; lice build up resistance meaning treatment has to change

regularly. The pharmacist will advise and most treatments are free.

- Check the whole family's hair regularly following treatment as re-infestation can occur. Re-treat with something different if necessary.
- Treating hair that is free from lice is not advisable.
- Using a fine comb and brushing in a range of directions helps as does applying conditioner (makes the hair slippery).

School Book Bags / Gym Bags

School Book Bags and Gym Bags are available from the school office. Prices as noted below:-

Book Bags = £4.50

Gym Bags = £3.50

Spree Books

These should now be home/on their way home with the children and are due back in the office by Wednesday, 12 September 2018. Please return any Spree Books/money for Spree Books to the school **as soon as possible** otherwise the school will be charged for any outstanding books.

Child Flu Vaccine

You will have received information and permission forms for the above. Please note that all consent forms should be with the School Office by Friday 14 September; after this date we are unable to accept any other addition.

Basketball

Basketball resumes again on Thursday 6 September from 3 - 4.30 pm for P 4 - P7 pupils. Please complete the attached slip should your child wish to attend.

Early Years Coffee Get Together

On Wednesday 5 September, Kintore School Nursery are hosting a get together for all parents/carers of pre-

school children, 0-5 years old. The 'get together' will take place in the Nursery at 9.30 am or 2.00 pm.

Parent/Adult Helpers

As you know we are indebted to the many parent helpers who assist us in a wide range of activities. We need various types of support, some on a weekly basis and some when the need arises. Please fill in the attached slip if you wish to be considered as a parent helper.

Netball Helpers Needed!

With Mrs Morrison and Mrs Forsyth both going off on maternity leave soon it would be great if we could keep the school netball club going in their absence. If you would be interested in helping to run the sessions, or support in some way, then please contact Lynsey Coutts, Active Schools Coordinator on lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk to discuss further. Let's keep the success of Kintore Netball going strong!

Active Schools - volunteers wanted!

The start of a new school year is a great time for children to get involved in the wide variety of sport and physical activity opportunities available throughout the network. To further the experiences and opportunities available to children in schools, we are looking for any interested and keen parents/members of the community to help offer, deliver and support some school sports and activity programmes. No experiences is required, all we ask is that you are enthusiastic and motivated! If you have a hobby you would be keen to share within your child's school, or you are simply interested in volunteering and getting involved, then please contact Lynsey, the Active Schools Coordinator for Kemnay Network on lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

School Photographs - 20/21 September

The Tempest photographer will be in School on the above dates to take both family and individual photographs. Children are normally photographed in

school uniform. Should they wish to change into an alternative outfit (no football strips) we have no problem, providing they are able to make the change themselves. We cannot guarantee actual times when photographs will take place.

PLEASE NOTE:-

Family Photographs - if all children are in School (Nursery - P7) we will work our way through these depending on Nursery sessions etc. **We will only take family photographs when requested to do so.** Please return the attached slip.

Family Photographs - children not yet in School/Nursery If you request this type of group you will be allocated a broad time slot. Please be prepared to wait - infants don't always smile on cue! Again please return the attached slip.

Individual Photographs - as we work a proof system it is much easier to take photographs of all children. If you really don't want this please let us know in writing.

Community News

Tom's Forest Quarry

Schools in the local area have been contacted by Bardon Aggregates about concerns for children's safety. It appears that some have been seen playing in the quarry. Please ensure your children are aware of the dangers and keep well away.

Adult Language Café

A café for all non-native English speakers to practice and improve their English Language in an informal setting will be held on the 2nd Friday of the month (14 Sep, 12 Oct, 9 Nov and 14 Dec). It will be held in Kintore Library at 10.15 am until 11.45 am. New conversation topics every month along with tea, coffee and fine pieces.

'Improve your Skills'

A course for adults/ parents looking to improve their reading and writing skills. They will also be able to work towards a SQA qualification and level 2, 3, or 4. The course is for 12 weeks starting on Thursday 20 September at 10 to 12 noon. Held at the Kemnay Community Learning office. For further information contact Caithleen Bell on 01467 539853 or email: Caithleen.bell@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Kintore Summer Festival

The Kintore Summer festival are looking for new committee members. The event is great for the whole community however it requires your support to organize it. If you feel you could be part of the Committee or would like further information regarding what is involved, please get in touch with Kirsten Morrison at kintoresummerfestival@yahoo.co.uk

Forthcoming Events

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| Monday 3 September | - P7 trip to Inverclyde |
| | - P1 pupils attend full day |
| | - Parent Council Meeting |
| Friday 7 September | - Nursery Colour Day |
| Monday 10 September | - Scottish Maths Week |
| Thursday 20 September | - Tempest Photographer |
| Friday 21 September | - Tempest Photographer |

Holidays for 2018/2019 Session

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| Monday 15 October to Friday 26 2018 | - School Holidays |
| Monday 24 December to Friday 4 January 2019 | - Christmas Holidays |


 Tracey Michie
 5 September 2018


 Hayley Williams



Parent/Guardian 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

Parent Name

Home Phone Number

Mobile Phone Number

Email Address

My child will be collected from Basketball

My child will walk home from Basketball

Pupil Medical Pupil Information _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



X ~~~~~

School Photographs - Thursday 20 September and Friday 21 September 2018

Please detail any **family** requirements below (Individual Photographs will be taken automatically - unless you advise us otherwise)

****NB We will only take family photographs when requested to do so ie by completing the slip below****

Name	Class	Nursery Session 1 or 2	Pre-Nursery

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Parent Helpers

I am able to help by (please tick).

Working in classrooms	
Running after school club/lunchtime club	
Being a parent helper on school trips	

Days Times

in (subject)

Name Telephone Number