Kintore Primary School

Bulletin No. 2 – Session 2018-2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Staffing**

Congratulations to Mrs Lyndsey Paterson who we recently appointed as the Acting Principal Teacher. Mrs Anna Cordiner will teach P6/7 on a Thursday to allow Lyndsey to carry out this cluster role.

**Bikeability**

In order to carry out training we do need as many volunteers as possible for this to go ahead and would appreciate your support. The training schedule is as follows:

Monday, 17 September 2018 Bicycle Check

Thursday, 20 September 2018 1.20pm – 2.45pm

Monday 24September 2018 1.20pm – 2.45pm

Thursday 27 September 2018 1.20pm – 2.45pm

Friday 28 September 2018 1.20pm – 2.45pm

Monday, 1 October 2018 1.20pm – 2.45pm

Thursday, 4 October 2018 1.20pm – 2.45pm

Friday, 5 October 2018 1.20pm – 2.45pm

Monday, 8 October 2018 1.20pm – 2.45pm

Thursday, 11 October 2018 1.20pm – 2.45pm

Friday, 12 October 2018 Assessment

Parents do not have to have participated in the training to help out. The staff will keep you right.

**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 onNursery 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.

**School Fundraiser – Christmas Cards**

Children will shortly begin work on their cards and the time schedule is as follows:

* Card designs and order forms sent home by Friday 28 September
* Card designs to be returned to school by Friday 5 October at the latest
* School to forward designs to the printer on Thursday 12 October

As per last year you will be asked to order on-line the number of cards and gift tag packs you require. Details of how to do this will be on each art work form. Should this be difficult for you we can certainly help – please do not hesitate to ask.

**Parent Evenings**

Our parent/pupil/teacher learning conversations will take place as follows:

* Tuesday 2 October 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm
* Thursday 4 October 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

We will soon be allocating family times so please let us know, in writing, of any preference you may have as soon as possible. Support staff will attend some interviews alongside the class teacher but will be unable to attend

all.

**Nursery Parent Interviews**

These are often held during the day with some options available should an evening interview suit you best. Please check the Nursery information boards for sign-up opportunities.

**Bike Stands**

Over the next few weeks whilst Bikeability is going on space will be limited around the bike stands. Younger children with smaller bikes might find a space beside the Nursery. Please do not attach bikes to trees or other fences around the school.

**Community News**

**Garioch Amateur Swimming Club**

Garioch Amateur Swimming Club (home club of Olympic Athlete and Commonwealth Gold Medallist Hannah Miley) has vacancies for new members in their Swimming Development Sessions in the 6 – 11 year old range.

Trails will be held on Saturday 29 September 2018 at 3.30 pm at Inverurie Swimming Centre.

Applicants should be confident in the water without flotation aids and be able to perform at least:

* 1 length (25m) each of front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke for 7-8 year olds
* 2 lengths (50m) for 9-10 year olds
* 4 lengths (100m) for 11 year olds.
* Applicants should have completed Level 5 swimming lessons or equivalent.

**SCILL – Supporting Children in Learning for Life**

On 1 October Gillian Archibald, advanced Dietician, will be talking about strategies for coping with fussy eaters and reducing the stress of eating.

The parent support session will take place at 9.30 am till 11.30 am in Activity Room 1, Hill of

Banchory Community Education, Firbrae, Banchory, AB31 5ZT.

If you have any particular areas that you would like Gillian to cover, please email admin@scill-aberdeenshire.org.uk by 25 September.

Gillian’s talk will be followed by a monthly support session for anyone who would like to share their experience of caring for children with additional support needs. SCILL Library will be available to browse and borrow. Refreshments will be provided.

**Exploring the Microscopic Ocean**

**A workshop for 8-12 year olds, Wednesday 17 October 2018, 10.30am-12 noon**

Join microscope expert Dee Lawlor to explore the ocean and find out how real scientists make incredible discoveries. Using our microscopes we will discover how the tiniest organisms make big impacts.

This fun and hands-on October holiday workshop takes place at Aberdeen Maritime Museum. £5+booking fee per child.

There are 3 free creative sessions to get involved in featuring Halloween crafts and games, museum object handling and wind and rain themed activities. Suitable for all primary aged children.

For full details and tickets please visit: www.aagm.co.uk/whatson.

**Forthcoming Events**

Tuesday 18 September - PTA Meeting (Evening)

Thursday 20 September - Tempest Photographer

Friday 21 September - Tempest Photographer

 - P6P Assembly

Tuesday 25 September - P7S Café

Wednesday 26 September - P7K Café

Thursday 27 September - P6/7 Café

Friday 28 September - P6S Assembly

 - PTA Quiz Night

**OCTOBER**

Monday 29 October - Term 2 begins

Wednesday 31 October - Nursery Halloween

**NOVEMBER**

Friday 2 November - Assembly-Rev Neil

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Tuesday 6 November - PTA Meeting (Evening)

Wednesday 7 November - Nursery Parent Coffee

 (am & pm)

Friday 9 November - P6/7 Assembly

 - PTA Disco

Monday 12 November - In-Service

Tuesday 13 November - In-Services

Friday 16 November - P4P Assembly

Monday 19 November - Parent Council Meeting

 (Evening)

 - Flu Immunisation begins

Tuesday 20 November - Nursery Cafes (am &pm)

Wednesday 21 November - Nursery Cafes (am &pm)

 - P2-7 Curricular Evening

Friday 23 November - P4S Assembly

 - P1 Book Event

Tuesday 27 November - P3K Cafe (am)

 - PTA Meeting (Evening)

Wednesday 28 November - P3S Café (am)

Friday 30 November - P4K Assembly

 - St Andrew’s Day Ceilidh

 (nursery)

**DECEMBER**

Tuesday 4 December - P5K Café (am)

Wednesday 5 December - P5P Café (am)

 - Early Years Parent

 Coffee (am & pm)

 - Nursery Open Night

Thursday 6 December - P5S Café (am)

Thursday 13 December - P2 Nativities (am)

Thursday 13 December - Nursery Christmas Event

 (Session 1)

Friday 14 December - Nursery Christmas Event

 (Session 2)

 - P1 Christmas Singalong (pm)

Monday 17 December - P6 & P7 Christmas Party

Tuesday 18 December - P5 Christmas Party

Wednesday 19 December - P3 & P4 Christmas Party

Thursday 20 December - P1 & P2 Christmas Party

Friday 21 December - Church Services

 - Nursery Parties

 - End of Term 2

**Holidays for 2018/2019 Session**

Monday 15 October to - School Holidays

Friday 26 October 2018

Monday 24 December to - Christmas Holidays

Friday 4 January 2019



Tracey Michie Hayley Williams

14 September 2018

**Parent/Guardian Comments**

**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\*\***

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| **Name** | **Class** | **Nursery Session 1 or 2** | **Pre-Nursery** |
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