

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to what is likely to be a very busy term in the lead up to that special event in December. The children have returned refreshed and full of energy.

### Annual Calendar

You should have your copy of this and spare copies will be available in the foyer.

### Twitter

Lots of our parents have commented on how good it is to see some of the learning activities and events that their child has been involved in via the School Twitter. Twitter: @SchKintore

### Flu Vaccine

This will take place the week beginning 19 November for those children who are having the vaccine.

### Netball

Netball resumed on Wednesday 7 November after school. All pupils involved are aware of details.

### Adverse Weather / Emergency Closure

A small leaflet outlining procedures and providing all the necessary contact numbers will be issued to each family shortly.

### Staffing Update

Congratulations to the following staff on their early arrivals!

Mrs Forsyth (P2) welcomed baby Archie Mitchell Forsyth on Monday 5 November.

Mrs Morrison (P3/4) welcomed baby Andrew George Morrison, also on Monday 5 November.

Mrs Bain (Acting DHT) welcomed baby Fraser James Bain on Friday 9 November. All are doing well!

As you can imagine, with three teachers away on maternity leave staffing is somewhat of a challenge. Miss Ritchie (P5) also left us on 2 November to pursue a career change. We welcomed Mrs Lynette Ebersold to the team and she is teaching Mrs Morrison's P3/4 class. Unfortunately we have not been able to secure replacements as yet for the other classes. In the meantime Miss Kennelly, DHT, is teaching Miss Ritchie's P5 class. Mrs Michie, Acting Head Teacher and Mrs Robertson, a Permanent Supply Teacher from the Authority, are teaching Mrs Forsyth's P2 class.

The Senior Leadership Team is therefore under quite some pressure and we would ask that you bear with us if you need to contact us. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

On a positive note, Mrs Vicky Geddes will join our Additional Support for Learning Team as a full time teacher from 26 November.

### Christmas Events

#### Kintore Christmas Tree Switch on

This will take place outside the Town House at 4.30 pm on Saturday 1 December.

#### School Christmas Post

A red box will be set up in the café area for internal post. The children work together to sort and deliver this to the various classes. It does help to identify the recipient if we have more than just the first name. (The surname is ideal or even the class will help narrow down which 'Callum' or 'Ellie' it is!)

The post will run from Monday 3 December until Thursday 20 December.

#### P2 Nativity

This will take place on Thursday 13 December. Our numbers need not be so limited as they have been in the

past but we would ask that you complete the ticket request at the end of this bulletin. We have allocated 3 per family initially, with the option to request more.

There will be no ticket fee but we will have a collection for our chosen charities this year which are British Heart Foundation and Kayleigh's Wee Stars.

There will be an opportunity for parents to have coffee after the performance.

Please put your ticket request in a sealed envelope and return via your child's class teacher. Spare copies will be available in the school foyer. Additional tickets will be distributed on Friday 7 December.

**Pre-school concerts - Thursday 13 December /  
Friday 14 December**

Full details of the concerts and ticket slips will be available from Early Years Staff.

Session 1 - Thursday 1.30 pm

Session 2 - Friday 9.30 am

After the entertainment, teas and coffees will be served. We estimate that each performance will last around 30 minutes. There will be a collection for our school charities.

**P1 Christmas Sing-a-long: Friday 14 December**

This will begin at 1.45 pm and will be followed by a cup of tea and festive fare for the adults. Parents can initially have 3 tickets with the option to apply for more. Please indicate your ticket option on the attached slip and return it in a sealed envelope to the class teacher. Any additional tickets will be allocated on Friday 7 December.

**Concerts and Little Folk**

Please note, that whilst we wish to involve all family members, the length of time it takes for these performances can often prove too much for little ones. Whilst tickets are not required for babies, all toddlers are required, under Health and Safety, to have their own allocated seat.

**School Christmas Lunch**

This will take place on Wednesday 12 December. Please note choice will be limited to Christmas Dinner or Vegetarian on that day but those with special diets will still be catered for.

**Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 14 December 2018**

We would like to invite the children to participate this year along with the staff. Please do not buy a Christmas jumper if you don't have one. The children could wear Christmas socks, themed headbands, brooches or add some tinsel to their uniform jumper. The children can donate up to a maximum of £1, and all the money will be sent to Save the Children.

**Christmas Parties**

School parties are held in the afternoons. We would prefer if children wore uniform as usual in the morning and changed into their party clothes at lunch time. Please inform the class teacher of any change in lunch time routine, preferably in writing. This is particularly important for little ones.

Parties are planned as follows:

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 - Nursery Christmas Parties

**Church Service**

On the last day of term, P1 - P7 will attend a Christmas Service in Kintore Parish Church. We usually leave straight away and return around 10.30 am.

Should you not wish your child to attend, please contact the school, or, if you wish, bring your child to school around 10.30 am.

### **Kintore Primary Football Tournament**

The PTA will be hosting the Annual Kintore School Football tournament on Saturday 18 May. This takes considerable organisation and the PTA really need your help on the day or with the prior organisation in order to run the event. If you can help in any way, please fill in the attached slip and return to the School office. As usual all funds raised benefit all of the children.

### **Parking with Consideration**

The recent bad weather meant rather than look for a space, or walk a short distance, some inconsiderate parking caused difficulties or even danger for others.

When bringing your car to pick up the children please:

- Keep the turning circle clear of parked cars. It can be dangerous for the buses to turn with parked cars.
- Refrain from parking in the bus and disability bays. You are breaking the law if you do so unless you have a permit.
- Park within the outlined bays - do not take two spaces.
- Please keep your speed down and watch out for children near the crossing areas.

Thank you.

### **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 can we remind you to keep dogs well away from the playground and entrances. We recently had a report of someone nipped on the leg by a dog beside the playground fence.

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. A few parents have let us know how difficult it is and how anxious their children are when trying to get through all the adults crowding around the entrances to the playground or when dogs are there.

### **Community News**

#### **Kintore Library**

Kintore Library will be playing host to the next Philosophy Café of the season on Wednesday 14 November at 7 pm. Dr Dan Wall will bring the topic of 'The Anatomy of Crime Fiction' up for discussion. Admission is £3 and is open to adults and Academy age children.

The Library has taken delivery of a large number of Lego cards and albums, kindly donated by Sainsbury. Just go along to the Library at any time during November to complete your collection or start a new one, there is no need to bring along any cards to swap.

### **A96 Dualling**

Transport Scotland have put leaflets summarising information on the developing plans for the A96 dualling east of Huntly, and the potential route options into the library. There are also feedback forms, which should be returned by 22 November 2018. You can also access information at [www.transport.gov.scot/projects/a96-dualling-inverness-to-aberdeen/a96-east-of-huntly-to-aberdeen](http://www.transport.gov.scot/projects/a96-dualling-inverness-to-aberdeen/a96-east-of-huntly-to-aberdeen)

**Forthcoming Events**

**NOVEMBER**

- 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 (pm)  
 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)  
 Wednesday 12 December - Christmas Lunch  
 Thursday 13 December - P2 Nativities (am)  
 Thursday 13 December - Nursery Christmas Event (Session 1)

- Monday 17 December - P6 & P7 Christmas Party  
 Tuesday 18 December - P5 Christmas Party  
 Friday 14 December - Christmas Jumper Day  
 - Nursery Christmas Event (Session 2)  
 - P1 Christmas Singalong (pm)  
 Wednesday 19 December - P3 & P4 Christmas Party  
 Thursday 20 December - P1 & P2 Christmas Party  
 Friday 21 December - Church Service  
 - Nursery Parties  
 - End of Term 2

**Holidays for 2018/2019 Session**

- Monday 24 December to Friday 4 January 2019 - Christmas Holidays  
 Friday 8 and Monday 11 February - Occasional Holidays  
 Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 February - In Service Days  
 Monday 1 April 2019 to Friday 12 April 2019 - Easter Holidays  
 Friday 19 April 2019 - Good Friday  
 Monday 6 May 2019 - May Day Holiday  
 Monday 3 June 2019 - Occasional Holiday  
 Monday 8 July to Monday 19 August 2019 - Summer Holidays

*Tracey Michie*

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13 November 2018

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**Parent/Guardian Comments**

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*Reach for the Stars*





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**Help PTA with the Kintore Primary Football Tournament 18 May 2019**

I am interested in helping with the Kintore Primary Football Tournament.

Name : .....

Contact Telephone Number: .....

Contact Email: .....

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