

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am delighted to write my first Kintore Primary School Bulletin. It is a great privilege to be Head Teacher of a school comprising such welcoming pupils, staff and parents.

I trust you all enjoyed the festive break and are, like me, looking forward to the busy term ahead.

Staffing

Kintore School welcomes Mrs Rona Cameron, who became class teacher for P7K on Monday 7 January 2019.

Miss Susan Cree (P1K) started maternity leave on Monday 21st January. Mrs Tracey Michie (DHT) will cover the vacancy in P1K until the recruitment process is concluded. We wish Miss Cree all the very best and look forward to her visiting the school during her maternity leave.

Mrs Andrea Robertson continues at Kintore School in P2K. Mrs Robertson is now teaching the class full-time.

The recruitment process for all vacancies continues and parents and pupils will be informed in writing of any significant developments.

P1 Enrolment

If your child's fifth birthday is between 1st March 2019 and 29th February 2020, you can register them in January 2019 to start attending school in August 2019. The registration period for school places in session 2019 to 2020 was open from 14th January to 18th January 2019. If you missed it, please try to visit your chosen primary before the end of February. The child's birth certificate and proof of address must be provided.

Parents wishing to delay entry to P1 must first discuss this with the Head Teacher of their zoned primary school.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school for further information.

Pre-School Enrolment - 21st January - 1st February

Application forms are available from the School Office if your child was born between 1st March 2015 and 28th February 2017.

Your child is entitled to funded Early Learning and Childcare.

You can access details from your local Health Centre, Community Centre, Library, Playgroup, Private Nursery or School Nursery.

The application period is from 21st January 2019 to 1st February 2019.

Application forms are available from all primary schools, playgroups and private nurseries or on line at <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/admissions/early-learning-and-childcare/>

Please complete one application form per child and return it to the setting of your first choice.

Mrs Michie (Depute Head Teacher) will be available in the café area at the School Entrance from 9am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings of both enrolment weeks.

Absence

Parents removing their children from school during term time are asked to inform the school of their planned absence from school in writing.

Absence for holidays during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. These circumstances will normally have been discussed with the Head Teacher in advance. For all other holidays during term time, they will be recorded as an unauthorised, in line with local and national guidance.

Cinderella

M&M Theatre Productions performed Cinderella to P1 to P7 pupils on Monday 21st January 2019.

The pupils enjoyed the performances and our thanks go to the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for their generous funding.

Kintore School Dress Code

I have been pleased to see most of our pupils smartly presented in line with the School Handbook expectations on School Uniform. As a reminder:

The wearing of uniform in the school colours of wine and sky blue is encouraged at all times. A list of items recommended to parents is given below.

Girls- pinafore, skirt, trousers, shorts, black, grey or navy. Blouse, polo shirt sky blue, white or wine. School sweatshirt, cardigan wine. Shoes brown, black.

Boys- trousers, shorts black, grey or navy. Shirt, polo shirt sky blue, white or wine. School sweatshirt wine. Shoes brown, black.

The wearing of trainers, outwith games or sports activities, is discouraged. Please also consider the changeable nature of weather conditions in Scotland and provide your child with appropriate outerwear and footwear to suit.

Please note that jeans are not appropriate for school. This includes black jeans.

The full information can be found in section 20 of the Kintore School Handbook 2018-2019, available on both the Kintore School and Aberdeenshire Council websites, or at the School Office.

Christmas Jumper Day- Save the Children

Well done to all who helped raise a fantastic £373.37 for Save the Children.

PTA Ceilidh- Friday 1st February

The PTA are hosting a Ceilidh on Friday 1st February 2019. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Further information on tickets has been sent home separately.

Free Books for Schools

Thank you to all who collected tokens for the Scottish Sun Free Books for Schools initiative. The books should be delivered by 31st January 2019.

Scottish Book Trust- Read, Write, Count

Has your child received a P2 or P3 Read Write Count bag this autumn/winter?

Please share your thoughts by filling out the Parent survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PXCWVGJ2>

The prize draw for parents is a personal Read Write Count GOODIE BAG filled with books, games and activities for all the family to enjoy.

The deadline to complete this is Monday 4 March 2019.

ALEC (Aberdeenshire Life Education Centre)

Throughout February ALEC will be hosting workshops with classes across the school. Lessons will be age appropriate and will range from 'My Wonderful Body', 'Internet Safety' through to 'Decision Making.'

Mr. Musselwhite, who will be presenting the lessons will also run a parents' session on Friday 22nd February from 2.15pm-3pm. If you are interested in attending, please complete the attached slip.

Active Schools - New Year, New Opportunities

Is your child interested in trying something new this year, or are they wanting to get involved in a different sport or activity? Active Schools has a wide variety of clubs and sessions on offer throughout the network for all children, abilities, and age groups to get involved in. To find out what these exciting opportunities are please check out Active Schools Aberdeenshire Central on facebook for the most up to date information on the activities on offer locally.

Active Schools - Volunteers Wanted

To further the experiences and opportunities available to children in schools, Active Schools 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 experience is required, all Active Schools 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 the Kemnay Network, on lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Active Schools - Hip Hop

Active Schools have a number of spaces available in their after school hip hop groups that run on Fridays in the school gym hall. P5-7 session from 3pm-4pm and P2-4 from 4:15pm-5:15pm. If you are interested in getting your child involved, then please contact Lynsey, Active Schools Coordinator, on lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Active Schools - Running Series 2019

Details on the annual Cross Country Running Events Series for 2019 will be released in the near future. Keep an eye on the Active Schools facebook page for further information - Active Schools Aberdeenshire Central.

Active Schools - New Club - Boxercise

A fantastic new opportunity for any interested P6/P7 pupils to get involved in. Sessions will run on Wednesday mornings, from 8am-8:45am, in the school gym hall. The club starts after the half term holiday and costs just £8 for the first trial block. If you are interested in signing your child up, or would like more information, then please contact Lynsey, Active Schools Coordinator, on lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis, so be quick to avoid missing out!

Football- JD Performance Schools Applications 2019

Applications for the 2019 intake of Scottish FA JD Performance School pupils are now open.

The application process for the Hazlehead Performance School programme for 2019 is now open. This is a four year programme that is aimed at players who have the potential to play at the highest level. Applicants must currently be in Primary 7 moving in to S1 in August 2019, and must be eligible to play for Scotland.

To submit an application or for more information, please visit <https://www.scottishfa.co.uk/performance/jd-performance-schools/applications/>

Kintore Additional Needs Parent/Carer Support Group

Do you care for a child with Additional Support Needs and live in or near Kintore?

This is a group of parents and carers who meet on a monthly basis and would love for you to come along too! The group is open to all parents and carers of children with additional needs (diagnosed or undiagnosed) in the Kintore area. They talk about daily challenges, offer advice, a sympathetic ear and sometimes a hug.

Contact Janine Cracknell on 07584672271 or by email at janinecracknell@sky.com if you are interested in finding out more about the group.

Hoodles- Special Requirements Evening

Hoodles Playbarn & Coffee Shop in Old Meldrum holds a Special Requirements Evening on the last Thursday of every month at from 5.30-7pm for parents and children. Contact Christine on 01651 873813 for more details.

LEGO Masters

Do you or does someone in your house eat, sleep and breathe LEGO bricks? The producers of the popular Channel 4 series LEGO MASTERS are looking for a new

bunch of imaginative building pairs to take part in a third series of the bold brick-building competition.

If you or someone you know has the creativity, skill and imagination to be crowned Britain's best amateur building team then please email build@tuesdayschild.tv. Please note that applicants must be 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part.

Kintore Railway Station Art Work

Contribute to artwork for the new Kintore Railway Station by joining this colour mixing and print making workshop to create a library of Kintore colours and shapes which will be used to develop artwork for the Royal and Ancient Burgh of Kintore. All are welcome to attend.

To find out more and to book your free workshop place visit:

www.krsartwork.eventbrite.co.uk or phone 07922589244

WORKSHOP SESSIONS
 10.30AM-1PM + 2PM-4.30PM
 DROP IN ACTIVITIES ALL DAY
 SAT 26th JANUARY 2019
 KINTORE CHURCH HALL

FORM OF NOTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGE

Please note that due to Upgrading of the Level Crossing to be carried out by BAM Nuttall/Contraflow Traffic Management it will be necessary in the interests of public safety to apply the following restriction to traffic:

CLOSURE ON B977 KINTORE TO HATTON OF FINTRAY ROAD At Kintore Level Crossing For 13 weeks from 1 June 2019.

Diversion via School Road to B987 Kintore, B987 to A96, A96 to B973 Blackburn, B973 to Fintray Road, Blackburn, Fintray Road to B979 Hatton of Fintray, B979 to B977.

Access to Emergency Vehicles will be maintained at all times.

Access for pedestrians will be maintained and vehicular access to affected properties will be maintained whenever possible.

Site notices will be erected in due course indicating the temporary restriction to traffic and the alternative routes where applicable.

Should you have any queries please call Elizabeth Ross on 01467 535368.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 1st February - PTA Ceilidh
 Thursday 28th February- Book Fair Begins

Holidays for 2018/2019 Session

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



Mr Scott Anderson
 Head Teacher

23 January 2019



ALEC Parents' Session Friday 22nd February 2.15pm-3.00pm

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

Child's Name Class
[FOR PASSING HOME OF INFORMATION ONLY]

Parent/Carer Name Telephone Number

