

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Purple4Polio- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

Kintore School pupils are encouraged to wear something purple on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019. Pupils wearing purple are encouraged to make a donation. Donations will be collected in school and then presented to the Kemnay Academy Interactors to help towards their fundraising target.

Kemnay Academy Interactors are fundraising to support Rotary International in their efforts to eradicate polio. The World Health Organisation, Unicef, the Gates Foundation and Rotary International are still working hard to rid the world of polio. In India they have successfully stopped polio but they have a big event in February when all children are called to a polio immunisation day. Children who have been immunised have their pinkies coloured in purple dye to show they have been immunised.

Ray Walker (Rotary) and Holly Walker (Kemnay Academy Interactors) will be at Assembly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 to speak to the pupils about the fundraising event.

### **World Book Day- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Kintore School will join the celebrations for World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Pupils are welcome to attend school dressed as their favourite book character and bring along their favourite book to join in the activities in school. Please keep this as simple as possible as the children will have to still complete lessons, play outside, etc. No horror costumes please and children should be able to talk about their favourite character.

Pupils who choose not to dress as their favourite book character should dress in school uniform as usual. All pupils are encouraged to bring their favourite book to school regardless.

World Book Day book vouchers will be issued to pupils shortly.

### **Book Fair**

The children have been issued with Book Fair leaflets and next week will be given their £1 book voucher. The vouchers can be used in Tesco and any other book sellers as well as our own book fair.

Each class will have a timetabled slot to look through the book cases before deciding on what books they would like. Also there will be two open events for parents to attend with their children. These will be on Tuesday 5 March and Thursday 7 March, 2.45pm - 4.00pm in the School small gym hall.

Please note that in a number of cases books have to be ordered; these arrive very quickly after the event.

### **Pupil Safety and Good Order**

As a polite reminder to all, adults dropping off and collecting pupils at school should remember:

- Cars should not be in the bus parking lane. This is used for School Transport vehicles only.
- Cars should not be making use of Disabled Parking Spaces unless the vehicle displays a Blue Badge. Please contact Aberdeenshire Council for more information on, or to apply for a Blue Badge.
- Adults should not be in the playground (beyond the yellow lines). The playground is for the pupils and adults are kindly requested not to join their child in the lines.
- Dog Owners are reminded that dogs should not be present on school grounds.

Parents are further reminded that pupils should not be entering the school grounds via the Service Yard to the

rear of the school. This is unsafe and for authorised vehicle access only.

### **Pupil Ill Health and Absence Reporting**

Please report pupil absences to the School Office. Please provide an appropriate level of detail for the absence so that the absence can be recorded accurately. Absence may be recorded as authorised or unauthorised. It is important that the School Office has the right information to be able to record the absence accurately. You may be contacted by the School Office to clarify the reasons for an absence.

Kintore School follows the advice of Aberdeenshire Council and the NHS in relation to pupil and staff health. As a basic reminder, any person having experienced sickness or diarrhoea is expected to remain away from work for 48 hours after the last symptom.

Kintore School asks that this is respected by all to ensure the good health of our pupils and staff.

### **Staff Update**

Mrs Lyndsey Paterson (P6/7) started Maternity Leave on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Mrs Hayley Williams (Depute Head Teacher) will cover the class on an ongoing basis until the recruitment process is completed. We wish Mrs Paterson all the very best and look forward to her visiting the school during her maternity leave.

Mrs Amy Young is now teaching P1K on a Thursday and Friday weekly. This has released Mrs Tracey Michie (Depute Head Teacher) from class for the immediate future.

Mrs Naomi Gallagher will join Kintore School on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Mrs Gallagher will provide a Reduced Class Contact Time (RCCT) timetable and will be working with a number of classes throughout the school.

### **Communication with Kintore School**

Should you have any concerns or queries about your child's learning experience then please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. A message can be left for the class teacher to contact you by contacting the School Office. If contacting the school in relation to a serious matter, please make this clear to the School Office.

### **Line Management Responsibility:**

Nursery - Mrs Lorraine Grant (Senior Practitioner)  
P1 & P2 - Mrs Tracey Michie (Depute Head Teacher)  
P3, P4 & P5 - Ms Lir Kennelly (Depute Head Teacher)  
P6 & P7 - Mrs Hayley Williams (Depute Head Teacher)

Kintore School continues to face a number of challenges accessing short-term cover and long-term temporary cover for staff absence. This has resulted in all three Depute Head Teachers having considerable class commitment beyond what is expected of them. I appreciate the understanding parents have afforded the school in relation to the speed of response on certain matters. We endeavor to respond as quickly as possible but this is taking longer than we might like at present.

### **Aberdeenshire Council Music Service - Violin Lessons**

We have been advised that there will be space to accommodate any pupils in P3 and above interested in learning to play the violin. If your child is interested, they will be able to collect a form from the school office shortly. Completion of the form does not guarantee a place as all applicants will be assessed.

### **Centenary Shield International - Home Nations Tournament**

This will take place on Friday 22 March 2019 at Harlaw Park, Inverurie. Kick off will be at 7pm.

**Forthcoming Events**

- Friday 22 February - P3K Assembly
- Friday 22 February - PTA Red Disco
- Thursday 28 February - Book Fair Begins
- Thursday 28 February to - Dental Inspections  
Friday 1 March for P1 and P7
- Monday 4 March - P1K Café
- Tuesday 5 March - P1P Café
- Tuesday 5 March - Book Fair open to  
parents (2:45-4:00)
- Tuesday 5 March - Cluster Schools Rotary  
School Quiz (Evening)
- Wednesday 6 March - Nursery Parent Coffee  
- P1S Café
- Thursday 7 March - P1/2 Café  
- Book Fair open to parents  
(2:45-4:00)  
- World Book Day
- Friday 8 March - P2K Assembly
- Monday 11 March - Reports issued to parents  
- Parent Council Meeting  
(eve)
- Tuesday 12 March - PTA Meeting (eve)
- Friday 15 March - P2S Assembly

**Holidays for 2018/2019 Session**

- 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**  
 21 February 2019

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