

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### School Vision, Values and Aims

There is still time to contribute to the School's review of our Vision, Values and Aims. Please use the QR code (right) or visit <https://bit.ly/2SWT0TS>



### Staff Update

I am pleased to be able to announce successful recruitment to a number of positions at Kintore School.

Mrs Donna Sim started in the post of Early Years Lead Practitioner on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Mrs Sim was already part of the Early Years Team at Kintore School as Early Years Practitioner before achieving the promoted post.

Mrs Ivehika Nishina joined Kintore School as a full-time permanent Class Teacher on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from the International School Aberdeen. Mrs Nishina is P6/7's teacher and released Mrs Williams to return to her Depute Head Teacher position full-time.

Mrs Jodi Wilson will join Kintore School from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 as a full-time, permanent Class Teacher. Mrs Wilson joins us from the position of Principal Teacher of Early Years with Aberdeenshire Council and will take over from Ms Robertson in P2K. I want to thank Ms Robertson for all that she has brought to P2K and Kintore School as a whole. Ms Robertson is released to return to her post as Permanent Supply Teacher for the Inverurie Cluster.

Mrs Emma Noble starts in the post of Additional Support for Learning (ASL) Teacher on a part-time permanent basis from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Mrs

Noble is well known to our current P4K who have Mrs Noble as their Class Teacher on a Tuesday every week. Mrs Noble will join the ASL Team and work Mondays and Tuesdays weekly.

Mr Craig Pirie will join Kintore School from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 as a full-time, permanent Class Teacher. Mr Pirie joins us from the position of Class Teacher at Dales Park School within Aberdeenshire Council. Mr Pirie will be the Class Teacher for P5P and enables Ms Kennelly to return to her Depute Head Teacher position full-time.

Mrs Kerry Robertson has been identified as the preferred candidate for the post of School Administrator on a part-time, permanent basis. Mrs Robertson will work 5.75 hours per week with her work pattern and start date still to be confirmed.

I trust that the whole school community will join me in welcoming and congratulating all of the successful recruits. I am sure they will be made to feel welcome at Kintore School and I look forward to having the school in a stronger staffing position.

### School Meal Charge from 15 April 2019

The price of a two-course standard meal in all Primary and Special Schools will increase by 20p with the same percentage increase applied to the Academy tariff. This was the decision by Full Council on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**A school meal will cost £2.50 from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

### Scissors and Sharply Pointed Articles

Pupils are kindly requested not to bring Scissors or sharply pointed articles to school.

All scissors and compasses will be provided by Kintore School for pupils to use whilst at school, for the relevant activities. There is therefore no need for these items to be within pencil cases and/or bags brought to school. School provided scissors and sharply pointed articles are monitored closely by staff. Pupils taking items to school will be asked by class teachers to return them home and not take them back to school.

Advice was issued to all Aberdeenshire Schools in September 2018 to advise pupils not to take scissors to school on the grounds of safety.

I ask for all parents support in achieving this.

### Wearable Technologies, Acrylic Nails and Chewing Gum

Whilst I am keen to engage the pupils and parents in a further discussion about uniform and presentation expectations at Kintore School, I ask for your support in reminding pupils of the following:

- Wearable technologies (e.g. Apple Watches, Fitbits, etc.) are not encouraged in school. **No wearable technology that enables the pupil to receive or send messages (text or email) should be worn in school in the same way as pupils are not allowed to take mobile telephones to school.** A watch that tells the time and counts steps or measures heart rate, for example, is acceptable but is worn entirely at the owner's risk. Parents will be contacted by class teachers if any item brought to school by their child proves to be a distraction or is not used for the purpose it was intended.

- Jewellery and watches are to be removed for PE due to the safety risk they pose to the wearer and others taking part. **Acrylic nails are not considered appropriate for the full participation in physical activity. Acrylic nails will be considered in the same way as make-up which is not expected at school.**
- **Chewing gum is not allowed on school grounds.**

### Pupils Late Attending School

Parents are reminded that pupils not entering the school with their class from the playground at 9.00am are recorded as Late. All pupils attending school after the 9.00am bell are required to attend the School Office for registration as Late.

Pupils from classes located in the Huts must also attend the School Office to register as Late.

### Kintore School P7 Rotary Quiz Team

Well done to the Kintore School P7 Rotary Quiz Team who beat competition from Kemnay School, Midmill School and Alehousewells School to progress to the next round of the Rotary Quiz. Nicole Duncan, Isla McConnachie, Robert Walker, Angus Watt and Amelia Smith (Reserve) go through to compete in the next round on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (time and place to be confirmed). We look forward to seeing how the Team does at the next round and wish them well.

### Kintore School Euro Quiz Team

Well done to the Euro Quiz Team of Alex Carnochan, Kerris Goshawk, Magnus Hoyle and Dominic Meldrum who were invited to attend the Aberdeenshire finals of the Euro Quiz Competition at Hillside School, Portlethen on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Kintore School is very proud



of the Team for reaching the finals and representing our School so well.

### **Purple4Polio- £607.03 raised**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 Kintore School Pupils were encouraged to wear purple to draw attention to Kemnay Academy Interactor's efforts to support Rotary International's aim to eradicate polio.

Well done and thank you to all those who supported the event and helped to raise the fantastic total of £607.03.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day was a fantastic success on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Well done and thank you to all those who participated and made it a memorable, fun day for the pupils and staff throughout the school.

Special thanks go to Mrs Harris and Mrs Dymond for their organisation of activities for the classes and pupils to participate in. Further special thanks must be given to Mrs Michie, Mrs Williams and Ms Kennelly (and their family members) for the transformation of the corridor beside the School Office for the incredible Chocolate Factory from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.'

### **Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair was with Kintore School earlier in March. Thank you to parents who supported the Book Fair with their time and who helped to run the Book Fair and enable the pupils to view and purchase books.

A total of £3269.47 was spent at the Book Fair. As a result, Kintore School has £1976.08 to spend with Scholastic on books and resources for our pupils.

### **Parent Volunteers Wanted**

If there are any parents who would be interested in coaching a Primary 4 football team on a Tuesday evening between 6 and 7pm then please contact Tracey Smith via [traceysmith108@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:traceysmith108@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Church Easter Service**

On Wednesday 17 April, P1 - P7 will attend an Easter 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.

### **Class Photographs 17 - 18 April 2019**

On our return; the school photographer will be here to take class group photographs of the Nursery, P1, P3, P5 and P7 pupils. We normally opt for the casual group photographs. Pupils should be in school uniform for this.

### **Health Café**

As part of Aberdeenshire's Wellbeing Festival we will be holding a Wellbeing Café on the afternoon of Wednesday 15 May from 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm. There promises to be an interesting range of stalls and possibly some workshops. This event is open to all in the community.

### **The Café at the Kitchen**

The Café at the Kitchen meets every other Friday from 10 am until 12 noon at the Garioch Community Kitchen in the Wyness Hall Inverurie. You will get a warm welcome and can relax and enjoy a cuppa and a cake while chatting to friends new and old. The Café will be open during the Easter holidays on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10am - 12pm



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and children are welcome. They provide a children's corner with toys and colouring available.

### Consultation on School Term Dates

Aberdeenshire Council would like to invite you to take part in a consultation on the pattern of school holidays, term dates and in-service closure dates. The consultation will run from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and is available online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TN2JMV9>

### Kemnay Buggy Walks

Parents and carers are welcome to come along for a short friendly walk then coffee. The group meets outside the main door of Kemnay Academy on Thursday mornings at 10 am. For more details please email [Margaret.bennett@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Margaret.bennett@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

### Easter Family Kitchen

There will be free parent and child cooking sessions with the Garioch Community Kitchen on Monday 1 April, Tuesday 2 April and Wednesday 3 April. Booking is required via [gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk) or phone Sarah on 07729297892.

### Active Schools Easter Holiday Programme

Information on the above is available on the school website. Alternatively sign up online by visiting <http://bit.ly/KemnayActiveSchools> or contact Lynsey Coutts the Active Schools Coordinator on [lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

### PTA Rag Bags

The PTA has advised us that Rag Bags will be replacing Bags for Schools and the Bags for Schools collection on 3 May 2019 has been cancelled.

### Forthcoming Events

Friday 29 March	- End of Term 3
Monday 15 April	- Term 4 Begins
Wednesday 17 April	- Tempest Photographer - Church Service
Thursday 18 April	- Tempest Photographer - Scottish Opera (P6)
Monday 22 April	- Parent Council Meeting (Evening)
Tuesday 23 April	- PTA Meeting (Evening)
Friday 26 April	- HT Assembly
Tuesday 30 April	- P6K Café (am)

### 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



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 28 March 2019

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