

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### School Phone Number

Kintore School will be moving towards the decommissioning of phone number 01467 634380 in line with Aberdeenshire Council's move to Skype Telephony. The final 'switch off' date will be communicated in due course.

*Please store the following number as the phone number for the Kintore School Office:*

**01467 539975**

The School Office is open between 8.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday. The phone number has the option to leave a message and messages are monitored daily.

### Staff Update

Mrs Hannah Armstrong begins Maternity Leave on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. I trust all parent will join me in wishing Mrs Armstrong well. Mrs Andrea Robertson will teach P1P on Mondays and Tuesdays weekly. Mrs Tracey Michie (Depute Head Teacher) will teach P1P on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until the end of session 2018-2019.

Kintore School has successfully recruited Mrs Karen Downie. Mrs Downie will join Kintore School later in June 2019 from her current role as Depute Head Teacher at Westhill Primary School, Aberdeenshire, on a full-time permanent basis.

I am pleased to announce that Miss Katy Henderson will be staying at Kintore School for session 2019-2020. Miss Henderson has enjoyed a successful Probationary year at Kintore School and will continue in a two day per week (0.4 FTE) teaching role.

At the time of writing, I am expecting a further two teachers and the allocation of Probationer Teachers too. I trust that parents and pupils will appreciate that there are due processes to be concluded in the recruitment and allocation of teaching staff. This has a direct impact on the allocation of class teachers to classes for session 2019-2020.

I hope to be able to offer more information on class composition and teachers for classes shortly.

### Parent Council and Parent Teacher Association AGM

The Parent Council and Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting will be held at Kintore School on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The AGM starts at 6.30pm and all parents are welcome to attend. The Parent Council and Parent Teacher Association is always looking for enthusiastic new members to join the group for next session.

Nomination slips are available from the School Office. They are also available of the School Website and can be sent by email to [kintoreparentcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kintoreparentcouncil@yahoo.co.uk) Selection of members and office bearers will take place during the AGM.

### Additional Inservice Days 2019-2020

As per the letter sent on 29 May 2019, there will be two additional Inservice Days in session 2019-2020 where the school will be closed to pupils. They are:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019

These are in addition to the previously announced Inservice Days for session 2019-2020.

All Aberdeenshire Council School Holidays and Inservice Days can be found on the main Aberdeenshire Council website [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk).

### Parental Engagement and Vision, Values and Aims

The letter that accompanied Scoping Jotters home in the week of the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 featured an opportunity for parents to share their thoughts on current and future parental engagement.

Please scan the below QR code (with an enabled Smartphone or Tablet Device) or visit <https://bit.ly/2HALOWf> to give us your feedback.

### Parental Engagement Questionnaire ->

(open your devices camera and scan)



There is still time to provide your thoughts on the school's Vision, Values and Aims. Visit <http://bit.ly/KPSVVA> or scan the QR code below.

### Vision, Values and Aims ->

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### Kintore Community Wellbeing Café

Kintore School hosted a Community Wellbeing Café on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The Café presented a great opportunity for all to come along and visit the stalls from a wide range of wellbeing and community providers.

Thank you to all those who attended the café and to all those who contributed. Thanks to Mrs Michie for her organisation of such a successful event.

### British Heart Foundation- My Marathon May 2019

Kintore School has been taking part in My Marathon for one of the school's chosen charities for 2018-2019, the British Heart Foundation.

Pupils and staff ran, jogged and walked 26.2 miles throughout May. This has been achieved through the use of our Daily Mile activities within our normal school day. There is still time to donate.

Any donations would be most welcome and you can donate directly to the British Heart Foundation at <https://mymarathon19.everydayhero.com/uk/laura-russell>

Thanks again to Mrs Russell for setting this up.

### Aberdeenshire Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge

Aberdeenshire Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge is a fun and accessible activity for children of all ages and aims to promote reading, encourage progression, support curricular outcomes and involve children in a cultural activity. The organisers design the challenge to ensure that children of all abilities are able to take part and encourage participants to read their own choice of books, listen to talking books or download and read eBooks/eAudiobooks over the school summer holiday period.

The Challenge will start on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** and will run until **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019**. Alongside the reading challenge, there will be a creative competition for children to enter as in previous years.

There is more information available on the Live Life Aberdeenshire Website too - <https://www.livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/summer-reading-challenge/>.

### Request for Sports Day Helpers

We are looking for parent/adult helpers to assist with various roles at Sports Day. This involves jobs such as helping with team games, starting races, giving out stickers etc.

- Date - Friday 7th June (alternative date - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June)
- Time - 9.00am - 11.30 am

Sports Day is one of the highlights of our year. All Sports Day events take place on the field adjacent to the school, beside the all-weather pitch, so all we need to hope for is the sun to shine. In the event of inclement weather, there is an alternate date arranged, as mentioned above.

We would be grateful for any help that you are able to offer. Please could you fill in the slip below and return it to your child's class teacher on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

### **Parental Expectations - Communication**

Unfortunately, we have had occasions of repeat phone calls from parents within short periods of time within a single school day and other, demanding behaviours regarding return calls and meetings with staff members. Whilst this is very much an infrequent occurrence, I ask that all parents be aware of how busy and hardworking the school staff are for the best outcomes for all learners.

It will not always be possible to immediately see or speak with a member of the School Leadership Team or a Class Teacher. School Office staff will inform parents of likely timescales (where information is available) for a return call at the point of request.

We endeavour to get back to parents quickly and will prioritise urgent matters; maintaining a solution focused approach.

Thank you to all our parents, pupils and school community members who have entered into a cooperative, positive partnership; promoting appropriate values in all interactions.

### **Bicycles and Scooters**

All pupils have been reminded that bicycles and scooters should be stored at the Bike Racks during the school day.

Bicycles and scooters left elsewhere (e.g. against the trees beside the astroturf) are likely to be moved to the Bike Racks.

### **Poly Tunnel in the School Garden**

Due to recent and ongoing vandalism, and other anti-social behaviours occurring in the Poly Tunnel in the school garden, it is proposed that the shelter provided by the polythene layer be removed.

This is currently being considered along with plans to develop the use of the garden further.

Our Nursery and primary pupils, along with members of the Kintore Kids Club, have been making great use of the garden and it is a shame to have their good work spoilt by the actions of a few.

### **Lost Property**

The School Office is handed a large amount of lost property. This includes (but is not limited to) wallets/purses, phones, bank cards, spectacles and keys. The School Office will hold items handed in for a period of two months before handing over to Police Scotland's Inverurie Police Station.

Should you have items that are missing and wish to enquire at the School Office then please do so before 31 August 2019.

Pupils clothing, lunchboxes and toys or small items (e.g. pencils, rulers) relating to children will continue to be held in school.

### **Temporary Classroom (Hut) Removal**

It has been confirmed with the school that Hut 1 which currently provides temporary classroom facilities to P4K and P4P will be removed during the summer holidays.

Planning for class composition and classroom allocation are already well underway to accommodate this change to the school estate.

### **Parking**

We continue to have reports of inconsiderate and dangerous parking. All parents and visitors to the school are asked to use marked parking spaces only and observe the Bus Stop and Disabled Parking bays appropriately.

### **Dog Owners**

All dog owners are reminded to ensure that dogs are not near the entrance or exit points from the school building or playground.

I am very grateful to those who have shown consideration for all in securing their dog away from the school playground and school building entrance and exit points.

### School Closures

Find out first about school closures and transport changes. Sign up through myAberdeenshire [www.Aberdeenshire.gov.uk/my](http://www.Aberdeenshire.gov.uk/my), and download the free App now for iOS or Android.

### Scottish Parental Involvement and Engagement

#### Census

Parents are invited to take part in a national census on Parental Involvement and Engagement. The information gathered in this census will provide Scottish Government and Aberdeenshire Council with evidence to ensure our aims with regard to parental involvement and engagement are being delivered. You can complete the survey in a number of ways:

1) A questionnaire (about 15min per form) using the link:  
 Primary:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PrimaryPIE/>

2) Access the census by scanning the QR code on your phone:

Primary:



### Parental workshop on managing stress

Get tips on avoiding stressful situations and avoiding arguments with your child. Parents are invited to share their thoughts and openly explore and discuss managing stress on Wednesday 12th June at Midmill Primary School, 6.00-7.30pm. For more information contact Caitheleen Bell on 01467 539853 or 07757 171907.

### Kids in the Kitchen

On Saturday 1 June (11 am - 1pm and 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm) at Kinellar Hall in Blackburn children can learn how to make homemade bread, Spanish omelettes and chocolate or banana muffins. All ingredients, equipment and utensils are provided. The cost is £15 per child. Contact Lynne Cartledge for more information at [kidsinthekitchenaberdeen@gmail.com](mailto:kidsinthekitchenaberdeen@gmail.com).

### Active Schools Summer Programme

More information on the above can be found on the school website. Contact Lynsey Coutts, our Active Schools Co-ordinator for application forms and more information on [lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

### Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 4 June	- PTA/Parent Council AGM (Evening)
Wednesday 5 June	- Nursery and P1 Parent Coffee
Thursday 6 June	- Nursery Sports Day
Friday 7 June	- School Sports Day
Monday 10 June	- Nursery Café (am & pm)
Tuesday 11 June	- Nursery Café (am & pm)
Wednesday 12 June	- Nursery Café (am & pm)
Thursday 13 June	- Nursery Café (am & pm)
Friday 14 June	- Alternative Sports Day
Friday 21 June	- PTA Disco (Evening)
Wednesday 26 June	- P1/P7 Transition Days - Nursery Meetings
Thursday 27 June	- Nursery Meetings
Friday 28 June	- Nursery Open Afternoon

### Holidays for 2018/2019 Session

Monday 3 June 2019	- Occasional Holiday
Monday 8 July to Monday 19 August 2019	- Summer Holidays

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Monday 19 August 2019 -Inservice Day

Tuesday 20 August 2019 -Inservice Day



Mr Scott Anderson

**Head Teacher**

31 May 2019



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