

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we enter the Summer Holidays, I would like to thank you all for the warm welcome I have received since starting at Kintore School in January. The first six months have been great, and I look forward to what can be achieved in session 2019-2020. I wish all the pupils and their families a safe and relaxing summer holiday.

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.

Happy Retirement Phyllis Smith

Kintore School's much loved Catering Assistant Phyllis Smith retires on Friday 5th July 2019 after 35 years' service. Phyllis has either attended or worked in all Kemnay Cluster Schools - recently having had the chance to go to Midmill too- but none of them have come close to what Kintore School means to her. Phyllis will be a great miss around the school, and I am sure the whole school community will join me in wishing Phyllis a long and happy retirement.

Staff Update

The end of the school session sees a number of other farewells as well the arrival of some new staff for next session.

Mrs Dymond started her Maternity Leave on 21st June 2019. We wish Mrs Dymond well and hope to see her and her new arrival in the new session.

Mrs Debbie Cooper started her Maternity Leave on 4th July 2019. We wish Mrs Cooper well and hope to see her and her new arrival in the new session.

Miss Agata Tryba leaves Kintore on 5th July following the completion of her Probationer Teacher Year. We wish Miss Tryba all the very best as her career takes her on to new challenges.

Mrs Sharon MacKinnon will leave Kintore School Early Year Centre after the 5th July 2019 as she relocates with her family. We wish Mrs MacKinnon and her family all the best with their move.

Mrs Sheila Mackay leaves her post as Early Years Practitioner in the Early Years Centre too this summer and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Mrs Katie Karpinski begins Maternity Leave after 5th July 2019. We look forward to having Mrs Karpinski and baby visit in the future and wish her all the best.

Mrs Lynda Brown leaves her post as Pupil Support Assistant at the end of term. Mrs Brown has already been convinced to join the P7 Residential Trip in September and we hope to see her back at Kintore School through her new role as a Relief Pupil Support Assistant.

I would like to thank Mrs Rhona Johnston, Mrs Pauline Donnelly, Mrs Naomi Gallagher, Mr Jim McKenzie and Mrs Andrea Roberston for all the additional supply cover they have provided over the last six months.

Mrs Karen Downie started in her role as full-time, permanent class teacher in P5S on Monday 24th June 2019.

At the start of the new session, we will welcome Miss Sarah Tait and Miss Lucy Forsyth as full-time class teachers.

Mrs Dani Bruniges and Mrs Alison Clementson join Kintore School too as they start their Probation Teacher Year.

Mrs Katy Henderson will be staying at Kintore School for session 2019-2020. Mrs Henderson has enjoyed a successful Probationer Teacher Year at Kintore School and will continue in a two day per week (0.4 FTE) teaching role.

We welcome back Mrs Amy Forsyth and Mrs Stephanie Bain (Principal Teacher) following Maternity Leave.

We have vacancies in the Early Years Centre for Early Years Practitioners and hope to make appointments when the interviews are held on Tuesday 9th July 2019.

Kintore School starts session 2019-2020 appropriately staffed and I am very much looking forward to progressing the school with what I hope will become a settled team of staff.

Parent Teacher Association - Thank You

I would like the whole school community to join me in thanking the very supportive Kintore School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for the following contributions over session 2018-2019:

Coach for Glee Club to attend Competition

Futsal Footballs

K'Next Generation Workshops

Water Butt for School Garden

Cones for Sports Activities

10 iPads for pupils learning

Scottish Opera for P6

Alice In Wonderland Show

Cinderella Pantomime

This is not an exhaustive list of activities and equipment but just a taste of how the PTA are working to provide opportunities, experiences and resources to ensure Kintore School pupils have the best possible experience at their primary school.

Thank you to all those who have been a part of the PTA this session and all those who have helped support the PTA this session. There is always room for more parents who wish to become involved in 2019-2020.

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 20th August 2019

Friday 11th October 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.

Parental Engagement and Vision, Values and Aims

The letter that accompanied Scoping Jotters home in the week of the 27th 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 device's 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 ->

(open your device's camera and scan)



Sports Day - Thank You

Thank you to all the Parent Helpers who supported Sports Day 2019. It wouldn't have been possible without you giving your time to support the pupils in their activities.

A special thank you to Miss Seivwright for her organisation of the event and to all those staff members who were involved in setting-up and running the event.

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who came to enjoy the event.

Medicine at School and Administering Medicines

Please remember that no pupil should be carrying their own medicine at school without the appropriate signed consent from a member of the Senior Leadership Team. As a school we must risk assess medicines and ensure that appropriate measures are taken to safeguard all pupils.

If your child requires a medicine at school (routinely or for a short period of time) then please ask for the forms from the School Office.

All-weather Pitch

The Kintore School All-weather pitch is to have its surface rejuvenated during the summer break. Work begins on 29th July 2019 and the synthetic surface will be out of use for a two-week period whilst work is completed.

Marathon May

A big thank you to all who supported the school for Marathon May, £236.04 was raised for the British Heart Foundation.

#ilovemyschool

During the last week of term the Director of Education and Children's Services would like to invite people across Aberdeenshire to recognise some of the good work going on in our schools by sharing your positive experiences (and photos if everyone pictured has given consent!) using the #ilovemyschool hashtag. Tag us @Aberdeenshire on Twitter and @AberdeenshireCouncil on Facebook and some of the best examples will be shared.

Early Learning & Childcare Consultation 2019

Every couple of years, as a result of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, all Local Authorities have a statutory duty to consult and plan with appropriate stakeholders.

As a result of this, Aberdeenshire Early Learning and Childcare are running a consultation on the flexibility of early learning and childcare provision and are looking for support from settings to promote it.

The survey is open until Friday 5th July 2019. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NGXJDK3>

Summer Reading Challenge

Aberdeenshire Libraries' Summer Reading Challenge is a fun and accessible activity for children of all ages. The organisers design the challenge to ensure that children of all abilities can take part and encourage participants to read their own choice of books from their **local library**, listen to audiobooks or download and read eBooks/eAudiobooks over the school summer holiday period. All children need to do is to read or listen to six suitable books between Friday 21st June and Saturday 24th August, and they can win a prize.

As well as the reading challenge, our libraries also run a creative competition during the Summer Holidays, to



design a bookmark. Entries can be as creative as entrants wish them to be

A book token/gift card will be awarded to the "Star Reader" from each Library in Aberdeenshire. This year, they will also be awarding a prize to an overall **Aberdeenshire Star Reader** from these and the prize for this has been kindly donated by **Mackie's of Scotland** - £100 Book Gift Card and a year's supply of Mackie's Ice Cream!

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.

Library Activities

Kintore Library will be organising a series of craft events on Monday afternoons during the holidays, from 2.30 - 4.30 pm. On Mondays 8th and 22nd July and 5th August these will be taken by Tracey van Loggerenberg and will have a small charge, booking is advisable as numbers are limited. On 15th and 29th July and 12th August these sessions will be drop in between 2.30 - 4.30 pm and will be arranged by Library Staff and there will be no charge.

On Wednesday 31st July Techfest will be at the Library with **STEM Through the Ages**. There are four parts to this workshop covering Vikings, Ancient Egyptians, Romans and Greeks and the library will have two of

these. There will be a small charge and numbers are strictly limited, so booking is advisable

For parents and carers with younger children Bookbug sessions will take place on Friday 12th and Tuesday 23rd July at 2pm and on Saturday 3rd August at 9.30 am

Garioch Gymnastics Summer Holiday Programme

Garioch Gymnastics which is situated behind the swimming pool in Inverurie is offering a fun summer holiday programme. For more information either email Garioch.Gymnastics@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or phone 01467 532922.

Garioch Community Kitchen

The Garioch Community Kitchen is offering a Summer Junior Cooking programme for children from 5 years old (£12.00 per child with funded spaces available) as well as a free Summer Family Kitchen programme. Please contact Sarah Bell on 07729297892 or at gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk

Kemnay Job Club

On the first Tuesday of every month from 12.00 pm - 3.00 pm there is a drop in job club at the Kemnay Family Resource Centre. For more information contact Greg Douglas on 07775013694 or email him at greg.douglas@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Ian Wilson Soccer Coaching

Ian Wilson Soccer coaching is offering pre-school football sessions for boys and girls aged 3-4 at Kintore Village Hall on Fridays from 23 August 2019. To book a space and find out more please visit info@ianwilsoncoaching.com or phone 07770 996767.

Holiday Club in Kinellar

There will be a holiday club in the Kinellar Community Hall from 8-12 July and 15 - 19 July from 8:30 am - 4:30



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pm for children aged 5 - 12. £28 per day for a full week,
or £30 for a single day. Contact
partybox@abn@gmail.com for more information.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 5 July - End of Term 4

Holidays for 2018/2019 Session

Monday 8 July to

Monday 19 August 2019 - Summer Holidays

Monday 19 August 2019 - In-service Day

Tuesday 20 August 2019 - In-service Day

Wednesday 21 August 2019 -Session 2019-2020
begins

Mr Scott Anderson

Head Teacher

5 July 2019



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