

Dear Parents/Guardians,

School Telephone Numbers

As of Monday 28th October 2019, the school and nursery telephone numbers changed:

Kintore School - 01467539975

Kintore Nursery - 01467539978

Please delete old contact numbers you may have as they will no longer be operational.

Staffing

Miss Lyndsay Watt left her post as Early Years Practitioner at Kintore School Early Years Centre on Friday 11th October 2019. Miss Watt intends to join the relief pool of Early Years Practitioners and we hope to see her back in our nursery from time to time.

Mrs Nicola Wilkins left her post as Early Years Practitioner at Kintore School Early Years Centre on Thursday 31st October 2019 after joining us on a four day per week basis earlier in Term 1.

Mr Iain Berwick left his post as Additional Support for Learning (ASL) Teacher from 27th October 2019.

All posts have been advertised and updates will be provided to parents in due course. I hope our school community will join me in wishing all three members of staff the very best for the future.

School Community - Consideration for All

When parking in the local vicinity to Kintore School, please park with consideration to homeowners and other community members. We have received communications from local residents on McAllan Road, Nicol Road and Tuach View. We ask that all parents exercise consideration for the safety of all road users and pedestrians. This extends to our own school site for the entrance road, car park, bus stop and disabled parking bays.

All parents are reminded that dogs are not allowed on school grounds. Dogs are not to be secured to school railings (fencing and bicycle railings) either as this has caused issues for pupils securing their bicycles and entering/exiting the school.

Pupil Holidays During Term Time

Please be aware that the vast majority of holidays taken by pupils during term time will be marked as unauthorised. There are specific criteria that allows for holidays to be considered for authorised leave but these do require evidence from parents and are still at the final discretion of the Head Teacher.



Please also be aware that teaching staff will not be providing work to pupils who are absent from school. Only in exceptional circumstances will a teacher be requested by the Senior Leadership Team to provide work for a pupil not attending school. This will not include unauthorised term time holidays.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all parents and school community members who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning at Kintore School on Friday 27th September 2019. A fantastic £633.25 was raised.

Thank you to Mrs East for coordinating the event and to all those who helped make it such a success.

School Uniform - DFS/Intersports Closing

You may be aware that DFS/Intersport Inverurie are in the process of closing down.

As a result, the purchasing of school uniform will move to an online platform with the same company that currently provides the school uniform via DFS/Intersport Inverurie.

I expect to be able to share more information on the website and process for ordering in the coming weeks. Until then, please approach DFS/Intersport Inverurie.

Evening Express Carol Concert

Kintore School will have a choir perform at the Evening Express Carol Concert on Wednesday 18th December 2019 at the Music Hall, Aberdeen.

Parents of those performing on the night have been contacted about advance tickets.

Tickets go on general sale on Monday 4th November 2019 and can be bought through Aberdeen Performing Arts website or the Box Office.

Parents' Evening Booking System

After the success of the Parents' Evening Booking System platform used for the Term 1 Parents' Evenings, Kintore will continue to use this as the way for booking future Parents' Evening appointments.

Please do not submit requests to the school as parents will again be able to select the day and time that is suitable for them via Parents Evening Booking System. Thank you for the feedback we have received.

Bikes and Scooters being brought to School

Pupils are encouraged to make use of the bicycles and scooters when attending school.

Pupils should only cycle to school alone if they have successfully completed their Bikeability training. Pupils are asked to make sure their bicycle or scooter is securely stored at one of the bike racks during the day and not left anywhere else around the school site.

Pupils using bicycles or scooters are reminded not to ride them on school grounds and be considerate of other community members when attending school and returning home from school.

Child Flu Vaccine

The school Flu Vaccinations will be held on 20th, 21st and 25th November 2019.

Please let the school know in writing if there are any changes to your child's health prior to the vaccination dates.



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Active Schools - Clubs

Term 2 is a busy one in the run up to Christmas, but Active Schools still has a number of sport and activity opportunities on offer for pupils of Kintore School.

Netball will continue on Mondays after school for P4-7 pupils. Please see Mrs McIntosh to be added to the waiting list or for further information.

Get your child's Wednesday mornings off to an active start with some Boxercise Fitness. Sessions are open to any pupil in P4-7.

Active Schools have a variety of tennis sessions that take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings for P2 pupils upwards. Waiting list is in operation but feel free to enquire.

And, to finish the week, we have our Hip Hop classes on Fridays after school. We run a P5-7 session from 3pm-4pm, and a P2-4 session from 4:15pm-5:15pm.

If interested in any of the above clubs for your child, then please contact Lynsey, the Active Schools Coordinator, directly at lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Active Schools - New Club Alert - Table Tennis for P6 and P7 Pupils

Following taster sessions with Cath from Aberdeen and District Table Tennis Association, and parent helpers Marie and Margaret, we are pleased to release information on a new club starting at Kintore School this term.

We are going to trial an after-school Table Tennis club for the first time and initially this will be aimed at P6 and P7 pupils. If your child is interested in joining the club, then please contact Lynsey, Active Schools Coordinator, directly via lynsey.coutts@aberdeenshire.gov.uk for a consent form or for more information.

Spaces will be limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Also, as a parent, if you have an interest in table tennis or perhaps would like to lend a hand with the sessions, then please also contact Lynsey to get involved.

Aberdeenshire Instrumental Tuition

Pupils can register their interest online at: www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/MTIF

Paper copies of the registration form are available upon request.

For more information please visit <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/music-lessons>

GSCKids from Garioch Sports Centre

Inverurie's Garioch Sports Centre have recently launched GSCKids, their refreshed programme of kid's activities. There's a wide variety of classes to choose from ranging from a running club to Boxercise to football and lots more.

You'll find lots more information and their timetables at www.gariochsports.co.uk/kids-activities

A timetable of activities can also be collected from the Garioch Sports Centre.

Kintore Library

Please remember that the library is open after school every day of the week except Wednesdays and during the school holidays.

Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust



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The sessions will be delivered by Aberdeen FC Community Trust coaches, with the emphasis on enjoyment and a fun learning football experience.

Venue: Midmill School, Kintore - Indoor Games Hall

Day: Every Friday (excluding school holidays and in-service days)

P1-2 session: 3.30-4.30pm

P3-5 session: 4.30-5.30pm

Start date: Friday 1st November 2019

Block 1: 7 weeks (Nov-Dec)

Block 2: 12 weeks (Jan-Mar)

Block 3: 10 weeks (Apr-June)

To book please follow the online link <https://tickets.afc.co.uk/en-GB/categories/term%20time%20coaching> or alternatively call the AFC ticket office on 01224 631903.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Boddie at stephen.boddie@afccommunitytrust.org

Garioch Basketball Club - Match Night

A great new option for Basketball in Inverurie and the Garioch area!! Match Night is your chance to play Basketball, with fun matches all evening! Shoot the hoops and join your local team to play, play, play!!!

Wednesdays at Garioch Community Centre starting Wednesday 6th November 2019 7pm-7.45pm for P4-P7 and 7.45pm-8.30pm for S1-S6. There is a cost of £20 (including free player affiliation to Basketball Scotland) for Term 2 19-20, payable to Garioch BC at the first session. Sign up at <https://www.livelifeardeenshire.org.uk/sportandphysicalactivity/sportsforms/inverurienetworkextracurricularclubs/>

SkyFit - Active Schools

SkyFit is a new class starting on Thursday 7th November 2019.

P1-P3 class is from 4-4.40pm and P4-P7 class is from 4.45-5.30pm. The cost is £28 for Term 2 and classes are held at Skyline Trampoline Park. Please see the attached Flyer or go to <http://bit.ly/InverurieActiveSchools>

Adult Learning

Improve your numeracy skills course

Do you want to improve your number skills?

Do you want to gain a qualification?

This 10 week course will help you become more confident with using numbers in everyday life - for example in dealing with money or helping with homework.



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The course is FREE and starts on 8th November, 1pm-3pm, in Kintore Community Centre (part of Kintore Primary School - blue entrance).

You will be learning with other adults and can work towards an SQA level 2, 3 or 4 qualification.

For further details and to book a place contact:

Ed Garrett by email at ed.garrett@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or by calling 07342057699.

Garioch Community Kitchen

Family Kitchen Cookery Classes are being offered by the Garioch Community Kitchen. Classes are free and begin on Monday 4th November at 4pm. Booking is essential. Please contact Sarah on 07729297892 or by email at gariochcommunitykitchen@hotmail.co.uk

Review of Local Bus Services

The Council is undertaking a review of the Local Bus, and Dial-A-Bus, services that it financially supports. This is not a review of Mainstream School Transport or Music Centre Transport.

A survey seeking the views of Aberdeenshire residents and communities to identify travel priorities and preferences is available via the following link from Monday 28th October 2019 <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/public-transport/policies-strategies-and-contracts/>

The survey will run until Monday 9 December 2019.

Upcoming Events

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| Friday 1 November | Rev. Meyer's Assembly |
| Tuesday 5 November | Tea and Talk in Nursery |
| Friday 8 November | P6S's Assembly PTA Halloween Disco |
| Monday 11 November | Anti-Bullying Week Parent Council Meeting at 6.30pm |
| Tuesday 12 November | PTA Meeting at 6.30pm |
| Friday 15 November | P7K's Assembly |
| Monday 18 November | Book Week Scotland In-Service Day |
| Tuesday 19 November | In-Service Day |
| Wednesday 20 November | Flu Immunisations |
| Thursday 21 November | Flu Immunisations |
| Friday 22 November | P4K's Assembly |
| Saturday 23 November | Christmas Fayre |
| Monday 25 November | Flu Immunisations (AM only) |
| Tuesday 26 November | PTA Meeting at 6.30pm |
| Thursday 28 November | Curricular Evening - 6.15pm-8.15pm |
| Friday 29 November | P6P's Assembly Nursery St Andrew's Day Ceilidh |



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| Tuesday 3 December | Nursery- January starts visit |
| Wednesday 4 December | Nursery Open Evening 7.00pm-8.00pm |
| Friday 6 December | P7S's Assembly |
| Thursday 12 December | P2 Nativity (AM) |
| Friday 13 December | Nursery Christmas Concert (AM) P1 Christmas Show (PM) |
| Monday 16 December | P6 and P7 Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 17 December | P4 and P5 Christmas Party |
| Wednesday 18 December | Nursery Christmas Party P2 and P3 Christmas Party |
| Thursday 19 December | P1 Christmas Party |
| Friday 20 December | Christmas Service at Kintore Church End of Term 2 |

Term 3 begins at 9.00am on Monday 6th January 2020

Mr Scott Anderson
Head Teacher
31 October 2019



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