

Insch School

Newsletter | 2016-17

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. We have a new look playground and a new uniform. Welcome also to our new P1s. We are looking forward to getting to know you and our P7 buddies are already making a super job of looking after you in the playground.



New look playground



We owe a massive thank you to our Playground Circle children, Miss Catlow and the many parent volunteers who gave up days of their summer holiday to create a fantastic new look playground. The Awards for All grant has helped pay for a new climbing frame, hide out hut, football goals and football and netball



markings. Our massive playground fundraiser in June covered the rest of these costs and other new play equipment which includes a bug area, dressing up area, music area, small world play area, basketball area and hop scotch area. The children are loving it and we are all getting to know the new rotas for the play equipment. Please note the climbing frame is for our older P4-7 children only and we operate a one way system over it to ensure we all keep safe. This rule operates before and after school as well. I would ask all parents to help reinforce the message to their children of looking after the new equipment. The space really is an impressive addition to our school and we are very proud of the achievements in creating this valuable resource.

New Uniform

We are delighted with our new uniform. Thanks again to Lachlan Gibson who designed the new logo. We are expecting the white polo shirts to be delivered by Goldcrest very soon and we will let you know when these arrive. All children are expected to come to school dressed smartly in school uniform. There is a stock of the uniform held in school should you wish to order. Mrs Shona Simpson and Mrs Toni Davies, our Admin team will be happy to help you.

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New numbers and email addresses

Please remember to update the office with any new mobile numbers or email addresses. All our communication goes out via email or text, unless you specify otherwise. We require up to date contact details. Annual update forms will be sent home for all pupils very soon.

Parent Council Meetings

Our first Parent Council and PTA meetings will be held on **Thursday 25th August**, 6.30pm for PTA and 7.30pm for Parent Council. We would love to see new faces to both these meetings. Please do join us. The 2 parent groups are hugely supportive of the school. The PTA members help organise events such as the Christmas Fair, Scholastic Book Fair, Photographs etc. as well as arranging fundraising events. The Parent Council gets more involved in the running of the school. This year it will focus on how we can improve the sharing of learning between home and school more effectively.

Class Curricular Newsletters

As always you will be issued with a termly class newsletter at the end of the second or third week. This outlines what children will be learning in class and how you can help at home.

Communication for parents

Aberdeenshire council has changed the way parents receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. You can now sign up for these notifications through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website – if you currently pay for school meals online, you will already be registered. If you want to be kept up-to-date and take advantage of the other *myaccount* benefits, sign up to the new system by going to the Aberdeenshire Council website and clicking on the red **register** button in the top right-hand corner.

Diary Dates

Please find attached this year's holiday details for your information. We will endeavor to keep parents up to date as early as possible with regard school events. This information will be communicated via email, newsletter and/or our school Facebook page. I would remind parents that the school Facebook works well to promote events. Our school operates an open door policy and we are happy to talk over the phone or to make an appointments should you need to discuss any matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Allison Conner

Head Teacher

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INSCH SCHOOL TERM DATES – SESSION 2016 – 2017

TERM 1	
Last day of term	Friday 7 th October 2016
October Holiday	10 th October to 23 rd October 2016
TERM 2	
Term starts	Monday 24 th October 2016
Book Fair	8 th November to 11 th November 2016
Parents Evening	9 th and 10 th November 2016 (4.00 to 7.00 pm)
Tempest Photographs (family, individual and P7 class only)	Friday 11 th November 2016
Family Photo (school)	Saturday 12 th November 2016
In Service	Monday 14 th and Tuesday 15 th November 2016
PTA Christmas Fair	Saturday 3 rd December 2016 (11.00am to 1.30 pm)
Last day of term	Wednesday 21 st December 2016
Christmas holiday	22 nd December 2016 to 4 th January 2017
TERM 3	
Term starts	Thursday 5 th January 2017
Holiday	Friday 10 th & Monday 13 th February 2017
In Service	Tuesday 14 th February and Wednesday 15 th February 2017
School open to pupils	Thursday 16 th February 2017
P6 Ski trip	Monday 20 th March 2017
Last day of term	Friday 31 st March 2017
Easter holiday	Monday 3 rd April 2017 to Monday 17 th April 2017 inclusive
TERM 4	
Term starts	Tuesday 18 th April 2017
May holiday	Monday 1 st May 2017
Optional Parents Evening	Wednesday 3 rd and Thursday 4 th May 2017 (4.00 to 7.00 pm)
Sports Day	Thursday 1 st June 2017 (AM)
Holiday	Monday 5 th June 2017
P7 Loch Insch Residential Trip	Monday 19 th June 2017
Last day of term	Friday 30 th June 2017

Term dates up to 2020 can be located on www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk – schools/information for parents and carers/school term dates/school term date planner 2015 – 2020.pdf

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