

# Insch School

## Newsletter 3 2016-17

### 3.10.16



Dear Parents/Carers,

#### **New face at the front of school!**



Mrs Toni Davies has joined the school as Clerical Assistant. She helps to ensure the smooth running of the school and works alongside Mrs Shona Simpson. Mrs Davies is getting to know all the new faces – parents, pupils and staff.

#### **Insch Achievement Stars**

Thank you for helping us celebrate pupil achievement at Insch School. **If your child has achieved something outside school, then do please get in touch with the class teacher and let them know.** Pupils have been pinning up their Stars at Assembly and we are enjoying recognising their achievement. Keep them coming.

#### **Reporting to Parents**

We are improving the way we report pupil progress to our parents. This is one of our main planned School Improvements for the coming year. Following consultation with our teachers and Parents Council, we have agreed a new reporting to parent's calendar. I have attached this for your information. The 'Learn' symbol shown here will be used to communicate when school is sharing learning with parents. The aim of the initiative is to inform parents more regularly throughout the year of pupil progress. This is an Authority wide project. Schools and parents report greater satisfaction with the new arrangements.



#### ***In short, what will it mean at Insch School?***

- New Meet the Teacher event for each class – 10<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30 - 6.15pm and repeated at 6.30pm – 7.15pm. Not traditional parents evening.
- New Learning Stories - A chance to see your child's individual learning each term. You can see this for the first time at the meet the Teacher event on 10<sup>th</sup> November. These will be shared each term with parents either in school or will be sent home.
- More traditional parents evening in Term 3.
- Reduced format written report with more meaningful learning comments in Term 4.
- Regular posts from teachers updating you on class learning via Class Dojo or other methods.
- 1 Open Afternoon or Assembly per year to share the class and individual learning.

I shall be seeking your opinion about these new arrangements throughout the year to gauge impact and parent satisfaction.

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## Meet the Teacher Event Invitation

P2 – P7 classes

*You are invited to attend Insch School's first*



**When?** 10<sup>th</sup> November at 5.30 – 6.15pm repeated at 6.30 -7.15pm

**Where?** In your child's classroom. Children welcome.

### What?

- A chance to meet the teacher
- See your child's classroom
- Hear about expectations
- See your Child's Learning Story – 2 pieces of work that shows pupils targets and next steps.
  - And much more .....
  - Pupils are invited to join too.
- It is not a chance to discuss pupil progress individually. A separate appointment should be requested, if required.

**NB:** For our P1 classes, you are invited to attend an Open Afternoon instead on **22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.15pm**. Here you will see your child's learning in an afternoon session. Miss Nichol and Miss Johnson look forward to seeing you then. Further invite and details to follow. We have decided on this format as P1 parents have already been invited into school a number of times during the Induction programme. We would like to use this time to share learning.

***We look forward to seeing you all!***

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## Musical Tuition

The Rhythm Box have spaces for private guitar tuition at lunchtime in school. Sessions are £5 per child. Please contact Keith at The Rhythm Box directly on [info@therhythmbox.co.uk](mailto:info@therhythmbox.co.uk). For all further details contact The Rhythm Box. Sharon Hassan is also offering Fiddle lessons in schools on Tuesdays and will be setting up a Tuesday After School Club 'The School Band': 3.30 - 4.20pm. Further details to follow by the end of the week.

## Parent Council Helpers

Our supportive Parent Council and PTA are looking for helpers to organise events such as the Book Fair, Christmas Fair and School Photographs etc. If you have the time please do get in touch with them directly or through the School Office. [inschoolpc@gmail.com](mailto:inschoolpc@gmail.com)

## Aberdeenshire North Food Bank Appeal

We are launching a local Food Bank Appeal at our harvest festival assembly on the last day of term and learning about those families in the local area less fortunate than ourselves. We will be accepting donations during the first week of the new term. All donations will be uplifted by Sophie MacDonald on Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> October. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause by dropping off donations to classes. P3S will be helping and finding out more.



See attached flyer for more information.

## Holidays

A reminder that school is closed for the October break. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October is the last day of term. We reopen on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. Have a lovely holiday.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Allison Conner*

Head Teacher

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## Reporting to Parents Calendar

**NB: 2016-17 will be a transition year. Session 2017-18 will be the first full year.**

### Year 1 2016-17 Transitional year

Term	Termly Sharing Learning Event	Throughout the year
1	Direct contact with parents where any concerns arise early in Term 1 Curricular Newsletter P1 Share Sessions: Reading Nursery Stay and Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Afternoon or Assembly including sharing of learning through jotters in class to parents</li> <li>• Community Café</li> <li>• Weekly/Monthly – ‘Look what we’ve been learning’ email or Class Dojo</li> <li>• Monthly Head Teacher Newsletter</li> <li>• Nursery weekly plan on display &amp; daily diaries</li> <li>• School website (currently being revised)</li> <li>• Enterprise Projects (focus on learning to share)</li> <li>• Nursery Interactive Learning Diary available to parents</li> <li>• Open Door policy; parents can raise concerns with class teachers or SMT at any point</li> <li>• Home Learning Diaries</li> <li>• Parent Council Meetings/ Curricular focus/guest speakers/ Technologies</li> <li>• Insch Facebook page</li> </ul>
2	Meet the Teacher/ Sharing Learning Stories - 10 November 5.30 – 6.15 and 6.30-7.15pm with Targets/ Pupil Comment/ Parent Comment/ Teacher Comment (This has usually been a traditional parents evening) Christmas Fair	
3	Sharing Our Learning Stories go home – Whole School Curricular Evening Parents Evening Spring Fair	
4	Sharing Our Learning Stories with home – Whole School End of session Reports – reduced Written Report format covering Literacy, Numeracy & H&WB P1 Induction programme including P1s – My 1 <sup>st</sup> Homework Pack Sports Day P7 Leavers Assembly	

### Year 2 2017-18 1<sup>st</sup> full year

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1	Meet the Teacher at 6 -7pm (Week 3 or 4) Direct contact with parents where any concerns arise early in Term 1 Curricular Newsletter P1 Share Sessions: Reading Nursery Stay and Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Afternoon or Assembly including sharing of learning through jotters in class to parents</li> <li>• Community Café</li> <li>• Weekly/Monthly – ‘Look what we’ve been learning’ email or Class Dojo</li> <li>• Monthly Head Teacher Newsletter</li> <li>• Nursery weekly plan on display &amp; daily diaries</li> </ul>
2	Sharing Our Learning Stories go home – Whole School Targets/ Pupil Comment/ Parent Comment/ Teacher Comment P6 Ski Trip and P7 Loch Insh Residential trip parent/ pupil Information session Christmas Fair	

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