

Insch School

Newsletter II 2016-17

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Early Morning Routine

Thank you to all our parents for working with the school in ensuring pupils remain outside until 9am. We have noticed a difference and staff are being given time to prepare for the day ahead without interruptions. Let's keep this up.

Annual Parent Survey

The annual Parents Survey results have been emailed to you. It is very pleasing to see that the hard work of the staff, pupils and helpers and the program of improvements across the school is impacting positively on our pupils learning experience. Thank you for your feedback. Do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any aspect of the survey.

Golden Ticket – Showing Respect

Another focus across the school is in teaching our pupils to stand back and wait for adults. The Golden Ticket has been awarded to pupils over the past few weeks for showing respect to adults by holding doors open for them or simply waiting until the adult passes first.



Huntly Cluster Rotary Quiz

We are very proud of our P7 Quiz team who have won the Huntly Cluster Rotary Quiz and who represented Insch School so well. Congratulations go to Kyle Sutherland, Grant Stewart, Caitlyn Harper and Imogen Baugh-Clark who go through to the next round in Kemnay.

Science Week



Our pupils have had a super week of focused science learning and very much enjoyed sharing their learning with parents at the Open Afternoon. Our thanks go to Miss Barnes and Miss Mowatt for coordinating this week and to all our visitors who kindly gave up their time to share their science expertise.

Staff News

Miss Crawford, our PE specialist is joining the Meldrum Cluster after the holidays. We welcome Mrs V Corbett who will be teaching French. Mrs L Carter returns from maternity leave and will teach art. Miss Crawford will teach PE for 1 day a week until we recruit a further part time teacher. Our class teachers will be taking classes for their allocated PE slots. Mr Baird and Mr Main will continue to teach art and music respectively.

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Catering Debt Collection

I would like to remind parents of the importance of ensuring adequate funds are available on the ipayimpact accounts prior to sending children for school lunches. As you can understand the recovering of mounting debts is proving to be a very time consuming process across the Service. Letters will be sent from school to alert parents that accounts are overdue. Please do not let arrears accumulate and do please contact school if you are worried or concerned in this regard. We always aim to work with families to reduce arrears.

Contact details

We will shortly be going live with a new 'group call' system. This will lead to greater efficiency in sending emails and text messages to parents. It is vital that we hold up to date contact mobile and email addresses. Please do inform the school office of any changes.

Easter Service

We are looking forward to visiting St Drostan's Church on Friday, 31st March. The P1 – 3 Service is at 9.30am and the P4-7 at 11am. P2CT and P4D will be helping Rev. Alastair MacDonald deliver the Easter story. We will be looking for the usual parent helpers to help accompany the children to Church. Thank you in advance.

Dates for your diaries

Thursday 30 th March	Dress as You Please Day: £1 donation – School Funds School will not be fundraising for Comic Relief this year.
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term, Easter Service St Drostan's Church

Term 4

Tuesday 18 th April	School reopens for summer term
Monday 1 st May	Holiday
Wednesday 10 th May 6.00 pm	New P1 Induction Information Session – Parents only
Saturday, 13 th May	PTA Spring Fair: 11.00am – 1.30pm
Thursday 1 st June	Sports Day
Monday 5 th June	Holiday
Tues. 6 th to 9 th June	P7 residential trip to Loch Insh, Aviemore
Week 12 th June	5 day P7 Transition week The Gordons School
Wed. 14 th or 21 st June	Step Up Afternoon to new classes TBC
20 th to 23 rd June	P7 Transition days to Inverurie Academy

Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing you back at school for the summer term.

Yours sincerely,

A. Conner

Head Teacher

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