

# Insch School

## Newsletter 4 2016-17

### 28.0.16



Dear Parents/Carers,

### New Bounce Back Program



We are helping our young learners across the school to become resilient individuals and have launched our 'Bounce Back' programme across the school. This simply means we are teaching strategies for coping and bouncing back when things get tricky. Themes we are studying this term are: trying hard in our learning no matter what, moving on quickly when things upset us, learning from our mistakes and problems and talking about how we feel to help us feel better.

**Meet the Teacher Event** – 10<sup>th</sup> November 5.30 – 6.15pm repeated at 6.30 -7.15pm

I explained the school's new Reporting to Parents initiative in my last newsletter. Please find attached again the invitation to our new Meet the Teacher event. Next session 2017-18, this will run in the first few weeks of the new session. However as this is our transition year, we will run this on 10<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to seeing our P2 to P7 parents and pupils in school.

### P1-3 Road Safety Magic Show

Our younger pupils learned how to keep safe on the roads this week. As the nights draw dark it is vital we keep our children safe. Here's what they learned! P2 have commented on their learning. *We really enjoyed the show and learnt a lot about crossing the road. I enjoyed Alan and his dog Robbie, they demonstrated that we must never run out between cars. We must always think first. I learned how to think before crossing the road. I must look before I cross the road.* Thank you P2TC.

### Aberdeenshire North Food Bank Appeal

We are pleased to be sending away 4 large boxes to the Food bank Appeal. P3S have been learning about the Food bank.



*"We are helping the community by collecting food for the local food bank. Food banks help lots of people who don't have enough money to buy food. Food banks give people enough food for 3 days. The food you donate should not need to be kept in a fridge or freezer. The following are the most useful things to donate: cereal, pasta, crisps, chocolate, long life milk, soup, beans, biscuits, sugar, tinned fruit and vegetables and tinned or packet puddings."* P3S

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## Adverse Weather Arrangements

### **Insch School Adverse Weather Arrangements Oct. 2016**

In the event of adverse weather school will remain open as far as possible. Information will be communicated to parents using these services.

### **Aberdeenshire Council On Line Schools Closure Service**

To view the school status:

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>

### **Telephone Line**

To listen to message left by Head Teacher

Tel. 0870 054 4999

Unique School Pin: 021880

### **School Text Service**

Please note a text from school will only be sent from the school office computer.

## Diary Dates

With so much planned this term, I have summarised the term ahead for you which I hope will be useful. Please do open any attachments as well. These will give more detailed information. We will endeavour to remind you nearer the time by sending text messages as well.

Yours sincerely,

**Allison Conner**

Head Teacher

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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 Johnston 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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## Important Diary Dates Term 2



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10/11/16	<b>Meet the Teacher Event</b> 5.30 – 6.15pm and 6.30 – 7.15pm
11/11/16	<b>Book Fair Week</b>
	<b>Tempest Photographer</b> – Letter sent home with details.
14/11/16 and 15/11/16	<b>In Service</b> – School Closed Staff Development focus – Science and Cognitive Skills
17/11/16	<b>Flu Immunisations P1-7</b>
17/11/16	<b>Aladdin Hopscotch Theatre Performance</b> £1 donation requested
18/11/16	<b>Children In Need</b> – Hoola Hoop Challenge/ Spotty Dress Day. <i>Our Pupil Council are arranging this fundraising event. Please see their separate information sheet attached.</i>
22/11/16	<b>Tempest Photographer</b> – Letter sent home with details.
3/12/16	<b>Christmas Fair</b> 11 -1.30pm  <i>We are fundraising for more iPads and reading books this year. Please come and support us.</i>
8/12/16	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b> 6pm <i>Wrap up warm and join us in the playground for a community sing along.</i>
	<b>Christmas Parties</b> <i>These start after lunch at 1.30pm. Pupils can bring party clothes to change into or go home for home lunches at 12.15pm. We really need help to run the parties. If you are free to help at these please do get in touch with our PTA.</i>
Mon. 13/12/16	P5 Xmas Party at 1.30pm
Tues. 14/12/16	P4 Xmas Party at 1.30pm
Wed. 15/12/16	P3 Xmas Party at 1.30pm
Thurs. 16/12/16	P6/ P7 Xmas Party at 1.30pm
Mon. 19/12/16	P2 Party at 1.30pm
Tues. 20/12/16	P1 Party at 1.30pm
22/12/16	<b>Church Service</b> at 9.30am Dr Gauld's Church – We will be requiring parent helpers to supervise our walk to Church.  <b>Last day of term.</b> School closes at 3.15pm and reopens on Thurs. 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan.

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