

# Insch School

## Newsletter 7 2016-17

### 20.12.16



Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of another school term is with us and with that I wanted to share my thoughts at this time of year.

We have made good progress so far with our planned School Improvements:

- We held our first Meet the Teacher event and shared individual pupil learning with parents. We continue to plan for our parent's appointments for March and new style end of year report card. We will be meeting with the Parents Council in January to feedback to the group on what we have achieved and our next steps.
- Staff have been working hard to deliver French across the school from P1 to P7.
- Our Bounce Back resilience program is being delivered across the school and many of our Golden Tickets winners have been awarded under this theme.
- We continue to deliver Dyslexic Friendly and Autistic Friendly approaches across the school and work creatively to meet all our pupil needs. These themes are central to our values.

#### **Our Vision: Reach for the stars!**

*At Insch School we celebrate diversity and inspire all our young learners to reach for the stars and achieve their very best. We strive to create an inclusive and nurturing learning community. Quality learning and teaching is at the heart of all that we do.*

The rate of change at Insch School is only possible due to the fantastic Insch School team that I am lucky enough to lead. This comprises our committed staff and parents and hardworking pupils. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you a few people in particular .....

#### **Our PTA and Parent Council for:**

- arranging the successful Christmas Fair (approx. £2,400 will go towards the purchase of iPads and reading books).
- Organising the purchase of the food and serving at the class Christmas parties
- Serving hot drinks at the Carols by Candlelight
- ..... and generally for being the most helpful and friendly parents I have ever worked with.

#### **Our Parent Volunteers for**

- their support with reading groups, craft activities and much, much more .....

#### **Our staff for:**

- Organising another popular and enjoyable festive Community Carols by Candlelight. Thanks go to them too for serving Christmas Lunch to our pupils and arranging the class Christmas parties.

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**Our Nursery Staff** for all that they do for our very youngest learners.

**Our Admin Team** who we simply couldn't do without!

**Our Church Ministers Dr Gauld and Mr MacDonald** - We are all looking forward to our Christmas Service tomorrow where our Primary 7s will be leading the service with Dr Gauld and Mr MacDonald. The winners of the Christmas Card competition will be announced by the Ministers.

And of course to all the boys and girls at Inch School who make it all worthwhile!

### **Building Work**

I am delighted to tell you that the Authority have provided budget for the corridor in the older part of the school to be painted this holiday. Part of this work will get started over the festive period. We look forward to a fresh, bright new look space.

### **Staff News**

Mrs Lynda Sutherland starts her new post with us as Primary 5 teacher on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Vicky Grant has already joined the team and is working with Mrs Stirling in P3/4.

And finally, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2017.

We shall see everyone back at school on **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am** for the start of the new term. Have a very restful and festive holiday.



Yours sincerely,

*Allison Conner*

Head Teacher

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