

Insch School

Newsletter I 2017-2018

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

NIB - News In Brief

Welcome back to a new school session. I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer. It is lovely to see all our pupils and staff back. We extend a warm welcome to our new P1s and other new pupils to our school. Our Primary 7s are taking on the responsibility of buddying our new P1s and doing a fine job of settling them into school life.

Welcome to our new staff members

			
Mrs Clegg Pupil Support Assistant	Mrs Glennie PE Specialist	Miss Mitchell P7M Class Teacher	Mrs Young P1Y Class Teacher

Class Information



My thanks go to the staff team for working hard on setting up classrooms and getting ready for the new school year. The school is looking neat and tidy and ready for another exciting year of learning. Teachers will issue Class Newsletters in the next 2 weeks to let parents know how they will be communicating with you and what the current learning focus will be.

Meet the Teacher – P1s Wed. 6th Sept. @ 6pm P2 – 7s Wed. 13th Sept. @ 6pm – 7.30pm

All parents and pupils are invited to attend their child's Meet the Teacher event as above. This is a chance to meet your child's new teacher, learn about the expectations of the class and have a look at some class work. I have redesigned the format slightly to allow parents to move easily between classes. This is based on feedback from last year's event. We look forward to welcoming you to school then.

Contacts Details – Let us know of any new mobile or landline numbers or email addresses

Group Call is a new communication tool that the Authority is launching this school session. This will allow greater flexibility in communication with parents. It is imperative that our school office has up to date details of parent contact mobile numbers and email addresses. You will be receiving the Annual Data Update Form in the next few weeks. All parents must ensure details are correct and up to date to allow this new system to work effectively. More information on Group Call will follow at a later date.

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Attendance/ Absences/ 9am School Start

At Inch School we are committed to improving attendance and reducing late arrivals to school. These factors have a direct correlation to improving achievement. In line with Aberdeenshire Policy, attendance rates and late arrival to school are closely monitored. To this end, parents and carers should note that full attendance is expected wherever possible. School starts at 9am sharp. All pupils are expected to be on time in the line for the 9am bell. Thank you.

Parental Access in School

Parents are kindly reminded that any enquiry be directed to the School Office just after the 9am bell. Parents should not access staff or corridor areas without permission. This is for security reasons. As mentioned above, teachers will be communicating their preferred communication method shortly via Class Newsletters.

Medicines - Authority Administering Medication Form

A reminder that any prescription medication can only be administered if the Administering Medication Form has been completed and given to the school office. Forms can be obtained from the school office.

Uniforms – we have a supply in school if required

How to pay for school meals

Parents and carers of school pupils in Aberdeenshire can pay for school meals via the Aberdeenshire Council website (www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk). Simply click PAY and then School Meal Payments. Once registered, you can pay securely and access a range of services including notifications of school closures and school transport changes, using a single name and password via your myAberdeenshire account. Water is available daily and pupils can purchase juice at 20p. Pupils can bring 20p daily or buy a juice token card at £1.00. These are available from the dining room.

Be a Responsible Dog Owners

A number of dogs were tied up and left unattended at school gate this morning. I would encourage dog owners to leave their dog at home where possible. To ensure the safety of all our pupils, dogs are not allowed in the school playground and should never be left unattended. Thank for your cooperation.

Dates for your dairy

6 th Sept. 6pm - 7.45pm	P1 Meet the Teacher - No Children please
13 th Sept. 6pm – 7.30pm	P2- 7 Meet the Teacher – Children can attend. Details to follow.
18 th Sept. 6.30pm	AGM PTA/ Parent Council

I attach the holiday planner for the year ahead and the website link to the Authority holiday planner.

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/16718/school-holiday-planner-2015-2020-updated-003.pdf>

Yours sincerely,
A.Conner / Head Teacher

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INSCH SCHOOL TERM DATES – SESSION 2017 – 2018



Term 1

- Inset day - Monday 21st August 2017
- First day of school - Tuesday 22nd August 2017
- Last day of school - Friday 13th October 2017
- School holidays - Monday 16th October to Friday 27th October 2017

Term 2

- First day of school - Monday 30th October 2017
- Inset Day - Monday 13th November 2017
- Inset Day - Tuesday 14th November 2017
- Last day of school - Friday 22nd December 2017
- School holidays - Monday 25th December 2017 to Friday 5th January 2018

Term 3

- First day of school - Monday 8th January 2018
- Occasional Day - Friday 9th February 2018
- Public Holiday - Monday 12th February 2018
- Inset Day - Tuesday 13th February 2018
- Inset Day - Wednesday 14th February 2018
- Last day of school - Thursday 29th March 2018
- School holidays - Friday 30th March 2018 to Friday 13th April 2018

Term 4

- First day of school - Monday 16th April 2018
- Public Holiday - Monday 7th May 2018
- Occasional Day - Monday 4th June 2018
- Last day of school - Friday 6th July 2018

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