

Insch School

Newsletter 4 2017-2018

10.11.17



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

NIB - News In Brief

Dogs in and around the School Playground

To ensure the health and safety of our pupils at Insch School, all dog owners please note that dogs should never be brought into the school playground. Dogs should not be tethered to the school fences either. Our school playground is busy and I would ask dog owners to kindly leave dogs at home. Thank you for your cooperation.

Foodbank Appeal Update

Thanks to P3/4J for coordinating the foodbank appeal donations. We have had a healthy response. Well done everyone. Goods will transport on Monday.

Groupcall Xpressions

Parents are required to download the **Groupcall Xpressions** app as soon as possible. This is the system we will be using from now on to communicate with parents. This is a much easier way to communicate with parents as all communications from school will appear in the one place. Help us save money when we send text messages, download the Xpressions app from your App Store on Windows Store, Google Play Store or Apple App Store. Free for you, free for us!

Communication Protocol

Parents are kindly reminded that there is **no entry** to the school building before 9am. (Except in special circumstances, or prior arrangement). Enquires to the School Office can be made before 9am by telephone or email. If you wish to contact the office in person, please wait until after the 9am bell. Parents are reminded **not** to access staff or corridor areas without permission. This is for security reasons. Thank you.

INSET Days/ No school for pupils 13/14th November

Staff will be working on the following areas:

- Spelling and Grammar progressions.
- Mental Maths Expectations
- Developing Young Workforce planning
- Reading Moderation and planning Parents Reading Event
- 1+2 Languages

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Cinderella Rockerfella - 13th and 14th December

Curricular Links - Why are we performing a school show?

As part of Curriculum for Excellence Expressive Arts curriculum, all pupils are entitled to experience the energy and excitement of presenting and performing for audiences. Pupils at Inch School will work to achieve this through our Cinderella Rockerfella performance. The show has been carefully coordinated as follows. Parents are kindly requested to remain until the end of the performance they attend.

Act 1

Scene 1: P1Y and P7M

Song: Tonight's the Night

Scene 2: P2R

Song: Tonight's the Night

Scene 3: P3/4 and P2/3

Song: A Friend like you

Scene 4: P6HM

Song: It's not all it's cracked up to be

Scene 5: P1N

Song: It's not all it's cracked up to be

Scene 6 and 7: P4/5

Song: You're Going to the Ball



Act 2

Scene 1: P6/7 and P5/6

Song: There's a party here tonight

Scene 2 & 3: P4M

Song: There's a party here tonight

Scene 4: P3D

Song: A Ton of Love

Scene 5: P5G and P1S

Song: A Ton of Love

Finale

Whole School: Happy Ever Afters

Parents can see that each class has been allocated a scene so that the task is not overly onerous on pupils or staff. For the few main lead parts, pupils have been split into teams and those parents should purchase tickets for those days. This information has already been issued. The majority of pupils will be performing in all performances. All pupils are expected to participate in this important school event. Be assured that as part of the schools' approach to Getting it Right for Every Child, school will work with any individual pupil as required. Teachers will update parents in this regard as necessary.

How will the money raised from tickets sales be used?

We are all keen to reduce the amount of mud in the school playground. Funds raised will be allocated towards the cost of upgrading some of the school playground surface. The school very much supports the BLC as a valuable community resource. Part of the funds raised from the show will be allocated to the BLC as well.

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School Event Dates

Term 2	13/11/17 14/11/17 27/11/17 28/11/18 25/11/17 13/12/17 14/12/17 15/12/17 15/12/17 18/12/17 19/12/17 19/12/17 20/12/17 21/12/17 21/12/17 22/12/17 22/12/17	Learning Stories go home – Parent/Child Learning Conversation In Service no school for pupils In Service no school for pupils P7 – S1 Transition Planning Meetings P7 – S1 Transition Planning Meetings Christmas Fair 11-1.30pm School Panto School Panto Christmas lunch P4M, P4/5K Party – 1.30pm P3D, P3/4J Party – 1.30pm P2R, P2/3T Party – 10.50 – 11.50am All P7s - 1.30pm P6HM, P6/7B Party – 1.30pm P5G, P5/6S Party – 10.50 -11.50pm P1 Party – Venue TBC 1.30pm Nursery Party in School hall 9.30am and PM End of term Christmas Service Dr Gauld 9.30am
Term 3	8/1/18 17/1/18 25/1/17 9/2/18 12/2/18 13/2/18 14/2/18 26/2/18 21/2/18 22/2/18 29/3/18 30/3/18	School reopens P6 Abernethy Ski Trip/ P7 Loch Insh Trip Parent Info Session 6pm Reading Strategies Parent Event Time tbc Holiday Holiday In Service no school for pupils In Service no school for pupils P6 Residential Ski Trip Abernethy returning 2/3/18 Parents Evening 4-7pm Parents Evening 4-7pm 9.30am P1-3 and 11.00am P4-7 Easter Service St Drostan's Mr MacDonald Easter Holiday
Term 4	16/4/18 20/4/18 Tbc 7/5/18 11/5/17 29/5/18 1/6/18 4/6/18 5/6/18 6/7/18	School reopens Whole School Art Exhibition- Parent Council P5 Bikeability Week Holiday School Progress Report issued home Spring Fair date date tbc Sports Day Learning Stories go home – Parent/Child Learning Conversation Holiday P7 Residential Loch Insh Trip returns 8/6/18 9.30am Leaver's Service Insch, Leslie, Premnay, Oyne Parish Church End of Term

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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Encl. Summary Holiday Overview attached below.

Term 1 **INSCH SCHOOL TERM DATES – SESSION 2017 – 2018**

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

Term 2

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

Term 3

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

Term 4

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

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