

Insch School

Newsletter 6 2017-2018

5.12.17



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Insch School Book Week Report

What a busy week we had last week celebrating books in a range of ways! A Book Week group comprising pupils, staff and parent volunteers worked extremely hard to plan and prepare a range of activities for pupils to enjoy over the week. Please see Miss Catlow's full report attached.

PTA Christmas Fair

Thank you for the wonderful support at the annual Christmas Fair. Funds raised totaled **£2,764.35**. The turnout was fabulous and as ever, I am grateful to our wonderful PTA, teachers, parents and pupils who worked so hard to make the event a success. The proceeds raised will help fund the purchase of Christmas Party food and new netball strips for the Netball team. We are also saving to upgrade the playground surface on either side of the climbing frame with artificial surface. This will be costly and will take time. The proceeds from the School Panto will also be used for this.

School Panto Update

Our pupils and staff have been extremely busy planning, organizing and rehearsing our School Panto Cinderella Rockerfella. All pupils have been taking part in the rehearsals and everyone is doing well and enjoying the experience. We encourage all our pupils to participate in the performances and we thank you for your support in making this a truly whole school experience. I will be issuing final instructions to ensure the event goes smoothly on Monday next week. Please look out for this through email and Group Call.

Learning Stories – Please return outstanding Learning Stories to school today!

We hope you enjoyed looking through your child's learning story this term. On reading the parents comments we can see that pupils have talked confidently about their learning to parents. This is wonderful and I do hope that parents feel they are informed of their child's progress throughout the school year. We still have a few outstanding Learning Stories to be returned to school. Please return all completed work to school tomorrow. Thank you.

Ski Team Success

The ski team had a fantastic day recently at the SSSA ski cross championships. The course was tricky with some tight gates and a combination of banks, bends, jumps and rollers. Kizzy won a bronze medal in the female skier category and Insch finished 28th overall. They looked fab in their new ski gear and did a great job representing the School.



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Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation

As has become tradition, we will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day on 15th December – the same day as our Christmas lunch. Our P5 -7 pupils will be given the responsibility to work together in groups to present their ideas of how the money raised can be spent on school resources. It will be a Dragon's Den Learning Project. More info to follow in the New Year.

School Lunches – Temporary Change of times

Changes to school lunches have already been issued to you. This is only for home lunches. See attached arrangements again if required.

Scottish Parent Teachers Council – Education Jargon Information

At a recent Parent Council meeting the request for a list of commonly used abbreviations was discussed. Our Parent Council Chair has located a very useful document prepared by the SPTC (Scottish Parents Teachers Council). We hope you find this useful.

Adverse Weather Arrangements

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/>

Text Message:

Mrs Simpson will inform parents of school closure via Groupcall Xpressions.

Telephone Line:

Tel: 0370 054 4999

Pin: 021880

School Event Dates

Term 2	13/12/17	School Panto
	14/12/17	School Panto
	15/12/17	Christmas lunch
	15/12/17	P4M, P4/5K Party – 1.30pm
	18/12/17	P3D, P3/4J Party – 1.30pm
	19/12/17	P2R, P2/3T Party – 10.50 – 11.50am
	19/12/17	All P7s - 1.30pm
	20/12/17	P6HM, P6/7B Party – 1.30pm
	21/12/17	P5G, P5/6S Party – 10.50 -11.50pm
	21/12/17	P1 Party – BLC 9.30am
	22/12/17	Nursery Party in School hall 9.30am and PM
	22/12/17	End of term Christmas Service Dr Gauld 9.30am
	Term 3	8/1/18
17/1/18		P6 Abernethy Ski Trip/ P7 Loch Insh Trip Parent Info Session 6pm
25/1/17		Reading Strategies Parent Event Time tbc

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	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	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 / Scholastic Book Fair Parents Evening 4-7pm / Scholastic Book Fair 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 Insh, 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

Encl.
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Summary Holiday Overview attached below.
Change to Lunch arrangements Dec 2017
SPTC abbreviations.

Term 2

INSCH SCHOOL TERM DATES – SESSION 2017 – 2018

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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