Insch School

Newsletter 8 2018-19
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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

NIB - News In Brief

School Uniform Dress Code - All pupils are required to wear school uniform. This helps to instill a sense of pride and team spirit within our school.

At Insch School, pupils are expected to wear the following items to school:

- Royal blue fleeces embroidered, with the school logo.
- Royal blue sweatshirt, with a school logo
- White polo shirt
- Trousers/skirts in grey or black
- Jogging trousers are acceptable but these must be plain without sports logos etc.
- Plain dark shoes
- Plain Shorts and T shirts and gym shoes are required for PE- pupils are asked to have their PE kit in school at all times.
- School colours only permitted.

Full details of the school Dress Code can be viewed at:
https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-contacts/handbook/Insch%20School.pdf

Staffing Update

The situation regarding staffing remains critical. Be assured that every effort has been made to fill vacancies, although this has largely been unsuccessful. In addition, I have discussed this issue with Mr John Swinney, Education Minister at first hand during a meeting held in Aberdeen. To cover the current staff shortages the following arrangements are being made. 2 supply teachers are taking P6/7, Mrs J Chalmers, Depute is currently full time class committed in P7 and will remain so until the end of the session. Mrs C May and Mrs S Dickson, our Additional Support Needs teachers are committed also in P6 and P3/4. Mrs M Stirling will be class committed in the very near future as well (P5/6). I request that parents consider the implications that these staff shortages have on our capacity to run the school and be mindful of these issues at this challenging time. Thank you.

Sports Day Date P1- P7 pupils:

Date for your diary **Thursday 9th May 1.15pm** @ the BLC. All children are dismissed from school, not the BLC.

Cyber Safe Scotland – Information Session was held on 14th March. This was very well received. Further hands on parent workshops planned.

School Holidays

School closes for the last day of term – Friday 29th March at 3.15pm. School reopens on Monday 15th April. School is closed on Friday 19th April for Good Friday. We reopen on Monday 22nd April.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Conner
Head Teacher

School Calendar of Events for Parents

All dates are accurate at time of distribution. Any changes will communicated via Group Call. Please note 3 parent events coming up in January are highlighted in yellow.

Term 4		
April	15/4/19	Term starts
	19/4/19	Good Friday Holiday
May	3/5/19	Pupil Progress Reports Issued
	6/5/19	Holiday
	8/5/19 4.15 – 5pm	New Nursery Induction Information Session
	8/5/19 6-7.30pm	New P1 Induction Information Session Parents Only
	9/5/19	Sports Day 1.15pm BLC P1-7 pupils
	Week 13th May	Walk, Scoot, Cycle to School Week
June	3/6/19	Holiday
	10th – 14th June	P7 Residential Trip Loch Insh
	13/6/19 @7pm	Parent Council/ PTA AGM Meeting – All welcome
	Week 17th June Confirmed	The Gordon Schools 5 day P7 S1 Induction Visits
	18,19,20 June	P1 Step Up Afternoons 1.30 -2.50 18th = Parent Coffee Afternoon
	19/6/19	P2-7 Step Up Afternoon
	25th, 26th, 27th June 27/6/19	P7 S1 Inverurie Academy Transition Visits Info. Evening for Parents 6.30 -7.30pm
	5/7/19 @ 9.30am	Leavers Assembly P7 Parents cordially invited to attend
Term 4 **After School Clubs**	Details to follow	Jog Club P1-3, P4-7

Term 4 **INSCH SCHOOL TERM DATES – SESSION 2018-19**

First day of school	-	Monday 15th April 2019
Public Holiday	-	Friday 19th April
Public Holiday	-	Monday 6th May 2019
Occasional Day	-	Monday 3rd June 2019
Last day of school	-	Friday 5th July 2019

I attach the holiday planner for the years 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