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Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome to our first
newsletter of this
academic year! We



hope that all our families have had a wonderful summer and that the sunshine stays with us for a bit longer. It is hard to believe that we have been in school for three weeks already as the children have settled back into school so well.

We have welcomed lots of new children and their families across the school and in Primary 1 and it has been lovely to meet you all. We hope that you have been welcomed into our Kinloss Primary School community and know that our community will be very welcoming to you.

It has only been three weeks; however, we have had so many events happen already, including the fantastic M and M Production of Alice in Wonderland and Tennis training from the Moray Leisure Centre for Primary 5 – 7 pupils. We hope that you enjoyed the Meet the Teacher last week, it was great to see so many parents and carers join us for the visit. If you were unable to make it, our Parents' Evening appointments will be later this month and hopefully you can meet your child's teacher then. We also have our Parent Council Annual General Meeting this month and it would be lovely to welcome new members to our Parent Council. If you are interested in joining the Parent Council, please ask school Admin for a form, thank you.

Communication



Thank you to everyone for your patience whilst we are in the process of recruiting to the post of School Administrator. I would like to extend a very big thank you to Mrs Cumming who has stepped in to cover the school office and your patience and support has been greatly appreciated.

We have also been updating emails and organising classes for Class Dojo. It has taken a bit longer than usual this year due to changes within the system and hopefully everything is now working. If you have not received a Class Dojo link / letter and are not attached to your child's class, please let us know and we can rectify this, thank you.



Stuart Reid Creative Writing – Monday 2nd September



We are very excited that our favourite author, Stuart Reid is coming back to Kinloss Primary School to deliver a creative writing workshop! He will be delivering a whole school assembly and encouraging and inspiring the children to write some wonderful creative stories. There will be an opportunity to purchase a signed copy of his books on the day and if anyone has forgotten their money, orders will be taken after his visit.

Individual School Photographs Wednesday 4th September

Individual school photographs will be taking place on Wednesday 4th September. Families who have siblings not at Kinloss Primary School, can have their photograph taken as well from 8.30am, please come to the main entrance for this, thank you.



Primary 1 Shared Learning 2.15pm – 2.45pm Friday 13th September



Mrs Stockwell and Miss Laurie will be holding their first shared learning event for all Primary 1 parents/ carers on Friday 13th and 20th September from 2.25pm – 2.55pm. We look forward to these events becoming more regular in term 2.

Roald Dahl Day Friday 13th September

We will be celebrating Roald Dahl day, his stories and promoting reading on Friday 13th September.

This year we are not asking for the children to dress up or come in their own clothes, instead we will be making a Roald Dahl themed hat during the day, to help us celebrate. These amazing creations will be judged on the day for a special prize, so don't forget to come in school uniform on the day with lots of great Roald Dahl character ideas! We will also be asking for any donations of reading books children may have grown out of, to help build and grow our school libraries, thank you.



Moray Newly Qualified Teacher Meeting – Friday 20th September



We will be hosting Moray's Newly Qualified teachers (NQTs) for their weekly training session at Kinloss Primary School on Friday 20th September and later in November as well. This will increase



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the number of cars in the school car park and part of the playground will be cordoned off on the day for this purpose.

Harvest Assembly – Primary 6 Friday 20th September 9.10am

On Friday 20th September, Primary 6 will be leading our Harvest assembly and their parents are welcome to join us as they share their learning. Any food donations on this day, or at the end of term for our dress down day, will be donated to the Moray Food Plus, thank you.



Christmas Cards – 20th September



It feels as if Christmas starts earlier every year and I had hoped not to mention Christmas as early in the term, but that time is upon us again to design our Christmas cards in time for delivery before Christmas.

The children will be busy making their designs over the next few weeks and they will be home on Friday 20th September for you to see and order if you would like to. Final orders and the completed artwork need to be returned to school by Friday 27th September, thank you.

Primary 7 parents – Alltnacriche Residential Online Meeting – Tuesday 24th September at 6.30pm

It is not very long until our Primary 7 children go for their residential to Alltnacriche near Aviemore. We will be holding an online meeting to discuss final details on Tuesday 24th September at 6.30pm. A link to the meeting will be emailed to all parents to join us. More information about Alltnacriche residential experiences can be found here:

<https://www.alltnacriche.org.uk/>



Health and Wellbeing Fayre – Friday 27th September



As part of our Health and wellbeing learning this year, we will be focusing on the Decider Skills for positive mental health. On Friday 27th, we will be inviting parents into school to visit our Health and

Wellbeing Fayre in the school hall from 1.45pm until 2.20pm for refreshments, singing by the school choir and an opportunity to visit different health stalls. At 2.20pm, you will be invited to visit your child's class to experience the Decider Skills which we hope you will find useful and will be taught across the school this year with the support of

Moray's Educational Psychology Service. More information will follow.

Macmillan Coffee afternoon – 27th September



On Friday 27th September, we will be holding a Macmillan coffee afternoon at school as part of our Health and Wellbeing Fayre, which everyone is welcome to join us at. Any donations of cakes and biscuits will be greatly accepted and all children will be able to purchase a sweet thing at break time. All funds will be donated to Macmillan and we hope you can join us!

Term One Report – Friday 27th September



Our first report of the term will be issued on Friday 22nd September and this will be a settling in report to update you on how your child has settled into Kinloss Primary School this first term. There will be an opportunity to discuss this report with your child's teacher at the Parents' Evenings the following week.

Parents' Evening Appointments 30th September and 1st October



Our first parents' evenings of this year will be held in the last week of term and held over two nights. We will be using the online booking system again and all appointments will be held in the school hall. If you are unable to make an appointment, we will be offering a 5-minute telephone call instead, so that you can have a chat with the teacher. The Parent booking system will open on Thursday 19th September for parents to book their appointments and close at lunchtime on the previous school day before the appointment. Please ensure that you have signed up to Parent Booking before making the appointments, as this will ensure you can book easily when the dates and times are released, thank you.

Parent Council



Our next Parent Council meeting will be before the end of September and in persons at school. All parents at Kinloss Primary School are members of our Parent Forum and our Parent Council works with the school and represents the Parent Forum. If you would like to be more involved in the work of the Parent Council, please pop in to school to collect a form from the school office and come along to the meeting, we look forward to welcoming you.



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We are also hoping to start a Parents' Support Group (PSG) who will help with fundraising activities for the school, which we used to have at school. If you are interested in joining and helping out at school discos, fayres and other events, please let us know at the school office, thank you.

School Uniform



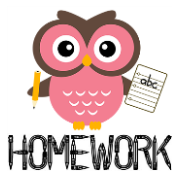
Thank you to everyone who has been wearing a full school uniform to school.

All unclaimed / preloved school uniform from last year has been washed and will be on offer to children who do not have the correct school jumper or cardigan. This will be available in the entrance area and we hope will enable all children to have the correct uniform. Wearing school uniform, helps children develop an important sense of belonging to our Kinloss School community. This year's lost property will be collected and put in the lost property box located near the school hall. Lost property has been increasing and we will be ensuring that every child has their name in their coat and jumper / cardigan this week as these are valuable items and we don't want you to have to purchase replacements.

Homework

Homework is actively encouraged to provide a link between the learning in the classroom and home. Some children engage with homework positively and some do not, and we hope to have homework lunchtime club up and running soon to support children who may find it challenging to complete at home.

Homework started again this week for all classes. We hope that all children have remembered to complete it and return it on the day stated by their class teacher. Unfortunately, over the summer holiday we had a flood in school and it has impacted significantly upon our reading books for Primary 1 – 3 classes. Therefore, due to our limited number of usable books at the moment, we will be asking for all books to be returned promptly to school for other groups to use. If reading books are not returned, due to being lost or damaged, we will ask you to replace the book.



PE Kit



Please ensure that your child has their PE kit with them all week in school in their PE bag. Unfortunately, several children have been forgetting their kit and this impacts on their ability to join in with PE (a national requirement as part of the school curriculum). Please can

you ensure your child has their hair tied back or has a hair bobble with them on a PE day, thank you.

Water Bottles



As we start September it is still quite warm in school, especially in the afternoons and it is important for the children to remember their water bottles, so that they can have a drink from their water bottle. All children can access the water fountains to refill their water bottles.



DIARY DATES

2024

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd – Stuart Reid Creative Writing Visit
- Primary 7 Kwik Cricket training
- 4th – School photos
- 13th – P1 Shared Learning 2.15 – 2.45pm
- 13th – Roald Dahl Day – normal uniform day
- 20th – Primary 6 – Harvest Assembly
- NQT event at Kinloss Primary School
- Christmas Cards home for parents to order
- 24th – Primary 7 Residential Meeting online 6.30pm
- 27th – Health and Wellbeing Fayre / Decider Skills
- Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
- Term One Report issued
- Last day for Christmas card ordering
- 30th – Parents' Evening appointments 3.15 – 4.45pm

OCTOBER

- 1st – Parents' Evening appointments 4.45pm – 7.00pm
- 4th – End of Term – dress down day
- 21st – Start of term at 8.45am

It has been a fantastic start to our term already and lots of exciting events to look forward to. We hope you can join us at our upcoming events and thank you for your continued support of Kinloss Primary School.

Mrs Wolford, Head Teacher.