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Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumn is finally with us with the change of weather and I hope everyone enjoyed the extra hour last week as the clocks went back. Christmas festivities are fast approaching; however, we still have lots of other activities before we become fully festive at Kinloss Primary School! As the nights are darker earlier, please can we ask for all parents who are driving to be extra vigilant at pick up and drop off times, to ensure pupil safety as they come to and leave school, thank you. We were very grateful to Fireman Rob for joining us for our Bonfire Safety assembly and hope that everyone had a lovely time if they attended a bonfire/fireworks display.

Our Primary 7 children had an amazing time at Alltnacriche and according to Mrs Davidson and Mrs Fyfe were the best group yet! Next year's Primary 7s have a lot to live up to and information will be out in January 2025 about next year's Primary 7 trip to Alltnacriche. Our Fireween Disco was an excellent success and we raised over £250 for school funds. A really big thank you to Mrs Stockwell, Mrs O'Shane our school staff and parent volunteers who helped make this such a fantastic success, which we hope the children enjoyed.

Behaviour

Whilst behaviour on our trip and at the Disco was very good, unfortunately in school we have lots of play fighting recently which has become physical. We don't want to see any children being hurt at school. We will be following our School Positive Behaviour System to stop this behaviour; reminding the children about positive behaviour in school and I would ask for you please to do the same at home, thank you.



Communication:



Please can we ask for any queries about learning, behaviour or absence to be sent via email to the school admin admin.kinlossp@morayedunet.gov.uk and not

directed through messages on Class Dojo to the class teacher, Mrs Mather or myself, as staff do not have time during the school day to reply to messages, thank you.

Staffing

Interviews were recently held for Miss Laurie's maternity cover



and I am pleased to say that Mrs Louise Kerr was successfully appointed. She is an experienced Early Years teacher and moves back to Scotland with her family later this month. We look forward to welcoming her to Kinloss Primary School and will be ensuring there is a full handover at transition time. We will be sad to say farewell to Miss Laurie, but also excited to meet her baby and wish her all the very best for her maternity leave.

We will also be welcoming student teachers across the school in the coming months as they complete their teacher training.

PE Kit



Please ensure that your child has their PE kit with them all week in school in their PE bag. At this time of year, it is important for them to have their outdoor PE kit with them (something warmer) as often Mrs Milne will have lessons outside. 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.

Poppy Selling / Remembrance / Armistice Day Assembly – 8th November at 9.15am

Poppies will be on sale from Monday 4th November all week for a donation to Poppy Scotland by our House Captains.



Our Primary 7s will be leading our Remembrance Assembly on Friday 8th November at 9.15am which all parents / carers are welcome to join us for. All classes across the school have been learning about Armistice day and Primary 5 – 7s had a brilliant opportunity to learn about the work of Poppy Scotland on the recent Bud Bus visit.

After School Clubs – Football and Netball



We are very grateful to Active Schools who have been able to support running two new after

school clubs. Football is running for 6 weeks for Primary 4 – 7 children on Wednesday 3pm – 3.45pm and run by a former pupil. If any parents / carers can help support the session, we would be very grateful.

Netball is running on Thursday after school 3pm – 4pm for Primary 5 – 7 children for 3 weeks, and we hope it will continue after these sessions. Again, if any parents / carers are willing to help please get in touch, thank you.



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In-Service training - Monday 11th / Tuesday 12th November

School will be closed to all children on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th November for staff In Service Training. This year we will be working with colleagues across Forres ASG on Numeracy and within school on our Improvement Priorities.



Bookbug Session – Wednesday 13th November at 10.30am



We are really pleased to be welcoming librarians from Forres Library to be joining us for a Bookbug session open for any Primary 1, Primary 2 parents/carers or families in school with toddlers or pre school aged children. This session will be ahead of the Bookbug bags coming home and more information will follow this week.

Parent / Carer Literacy Session - Reading – 14th November 3.15pm

After the success of our last parents / carer information session in Numeracy, we will be offering another session in Reading. This will take place in the school hall at 3.15pm – 4.00pm and is open for all families. It will be an opportunity to talk to teachers about how they teach reading, find out more information, and ask any questions. Please visit any teachers at the event to find out more about reading in school. Refreshments will be provided and we hope families who join us find this information session useful.



Children in Need – Friday 15th November



Primary 3/4 are organising our Children in Need day this year and you may have spotted the posters around school already.

Children are invited to wear something spotty on this day and any voluntary donations will be for Children in Need.

Parent Council 18th November 6pm at school

It has been fantastic to meet with our new Parent Council and our Parent/ Carer Fundraising group and share their enthusiasm for the upcoming events.

Our next Parent Council meeting will be on Monday 18th November at 6pm in school. A big thank you to our new recently elected Parent Council members and everyone who joined our AGM last month. Our new Parent Council:

Parent Council Chair – Mr James Hynam

Parent Council Vice Chair – Mrs Ria Davidson



Secretary – Mrs Louise McNeill

Treasurer – Mrs Lisa Davidson

Newly Elected Members: Mrs Emma Matthias and Mrs Sarah Symonds.

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 involved in the work of the Parent Council, please come along to the meeting, we look forward to welcoming you.

St. Andrew's Celebration – Touch of Tartan Friday 29th November



As part of our annual celebrations, we will be celebrating St. Andrew, the Patron Saint of Scotland on Friday 29th December with our Touch of Tartan day. Children are invited to wear a touch of tartan with their school uniform, or something tartan for a voluntary donation of chocolate for our Christmas Fayre. If children would like to wear tartan trousers, shirts, skirts or dresses this would be lovely, however it is not a normal dress down day, thank you.



DIARY DATES

2024

NOVEMBER

6th – Football P4 – 7 3.00 – 3.45pm Session 2

7th – Netball P5 – 7 3.00 – 4.00pm Session 2

11th – In Service training, school closed to all pupils

12th – In Service training, school closed to all pupils

13th – School reopens to all pupils at 8.45am

10.30am Book Bug Session for P1, P2 families

13th – Football P4 – 7 3.00 – 3.45pm Session 3

14th – Literacy Session in school for Parents / Carers
– Netball P5 – 7 3.00 – 4.00pm Session 3

15th – Children in Need Day

18th – 6pm Parent Council

20th – Football P4 – 7 3.00 – 3.45pm Session 4

27th – Football P4 – 7 3.00 – 3.45pm Session 5

29th – Touch of Tartan day / Miss Laurie's last day



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DECEMBER

- 2nd – Mrs Kerr starts in Primary 1/2P
Reverse Advent Calendar – Moray Food Bank
- 3rd – Christmas Quiz Night 6pm – 7pm
- 4th – August Primary 1 Tour 3.15pm
– Football P4 – 7 3.00 – 3.45pm Session 6
- 5th – Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day
- 6th – Christmas Fayre 2pm – 4.30pm
- 9th – P4 – 7 Dress Rehearsal
- 10th – P1 – 3 Dress Rehearsal
- 11th – 9.30am P1 – 3 Performance
1.45pm P1 – 3 Performance
- 12th – 9.10am P4 – 7 Performance
6.30pm P4 – 7 Performance
- 13th – Online Pantomime
- 15th – P1 – 3 Christmas Party 1.45pm
- 18th – P4s and P5s Christmas Party 1.45pm
- 19th – 9.15am Christmas Service all welcome
– P6s and P7s Christmas Party 1.45pm
- 20th – Last Day of Term – Dress Down Day
2.40pm Carols outside

This is another busy month and we hope that you can join us for our Literacy events and other events this month. The calendar has lots of information about December events, with more information being shared with you before the end of the month. Thank you to all of our children, staff and families for making this a great start to term already. Wishing you a lovely November,
Mrs Wolford, Head Teacher

St. Andrew's Day

We are celebrating St. Andrew's Day by
inviting the children to wear a Touch of Tartan
on
Friday 29th November 2024.
If you would like to wear a Touch of Tartan,
we are asking for a voluntary donation of
something chocolate for our
Chocolate Chances stall
at our
Christmas Fayre.
Thank you 😊

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Parent / Carer Session:
How we teach READING
Thursday 14th November
3.15pm – 4.00pm in the school hall

As part of our Reading Activities, all parents and carers welcome to drop in and find out how we teach reading and more!

Refreshments provided, everyone welcome!

Reading Schools

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Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December
2.00pm - 4.30pm

Calling all Crafters

Would you like to join us and have a table at our Christmas Fayre?
£10 per table and raffle donation
Contact the school : 01309 690376
or admin.kinlossp@moray-edunet.gov.uk