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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our May newsletter. Hopefully everyone has had a great start to our last term of this academic year. The weather has certainly become nicer and it has been great to see the children outside for their PE lessons and playing at break and lunchtimes.



We ended last week and last month with a fantastic Month of the Military Child celebration assembly. We

were very grateful for all of the hard work Mrs Homer and the military children did to make the day such a celebration and success. We were joined on the day by the Commanding Officer of 39 Regiment, who presented the winners of our medal competitions. We were also pleased to have SSAFA, the Dandelion Project Coordinator Pri Chard, Major Gill, Major Houston, Rev Willis and Mr Ashby, the piper joined us on the day for our celebrations. We raised over £150 for deployment club with Mrs Homer through the bake sale and thank everyone who donated bakes, including Tesco Forres and 2019 Coffee, Lossiemouth. Links to the videos from the assembly will be emailed out to parents at the start of next week.



May is a busy month, with May Day and a school closure on 6<sup>th</sup> May, In Service, transition activities starting and several class assemblies taking place.

## Collecting Children during the school day

If you have made arrangements to collect your child from school for an appointment etc during the school day, please can you ensure that you come to reception to collect them, so



that we can record them as being off the school premises. If a child is returning from an appointment, please can you return them to the main reception for us to record them as having returned to school, thank you.

## Vandalism near Cumming Hall



Thank you to the parents who have made us aware that there has been vandalism and broken glass near Cumming Hall and where parents / carers park to pick up and drop off.

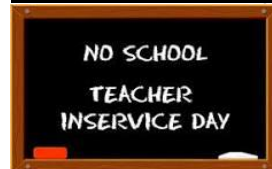
This area of land is not owned by The Moray Council, it is MOD property and we have passed on these concerns to the Guard Room to follow up. Hopefully this will be dealt with and no children will be injured in the meantime.

## May Day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

May Day is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May this year and is our annual holiday day when we will be closed to everyone. We will reopen on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8.45am.



## In Service – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May



The school will be closed to all children on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May for staff training as part of our In Service arrangements. We will be working with colleagues from across the Forres ASG at Applegrove Primary School and attending training from our Educational Psychologist as well. We will reopen to all pupils on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 8.45am.

## Kwik Cricket – Primary 6

Every year our Primary 6 pupils have an opportunity to learn how to play Kwik Cricket and a team is selected to represent the school at the Forres Kwik Cricket Festival. This year our Primary 6 children have been receiving training every Monday with Neil the Kwik Cricket coach and supported through PE lessons by Mr C. The Festival is taking place this year on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in Grant Park.



## Race for Life – KPS School Team



As a school team we are very aware of the truly awful impact that Cancer has had on some of our families and on our school community over the last few years. We have decided as a staff team to enter Cancer research's Race for Life 5K



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race in Inverness on the 5<sup>th</sup> June to help raise funds for this very valuable cause. We will be holding some events through the month of May to help raise additional funds, which we hope you can join us for and support us in memory of some of our amazing Mums, who sadly lost their fight against this awful disease.

The events will be:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Family Movie Afternoon 2pm – 4pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 6.30 – 7.30pm Family Bingo/ Beetle Drive

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – dress down and wear something pink to school for a voluntary donation.

If anyone would like to join our team and take part in the race, or help us with the events, please get in touch with Mrs McNally in the school office, thank you.

## Nursery to Primary 1 Transition



This year our new Primary 1 Induction meeting will be taking place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2pm in school or online at 3.15pm if anyone is unable to

make it to school. We look forward to meeting the new Primary 1 parents, sharing more information about the classes and answering any queries they may have. This year we are holding additional enhanced transitions sessions for identified children and parents will be contacted directly about these events. The main transition events for all of the new Primary 1 pupils will be taking place over four sessions:

1. Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1.45pm – 2.30pm
2. Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1.45pm – 2.30pm
3. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1.45pm – 2.30pm
4. Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 9.15am – 10.15am

More information about this will be sent directly to the families of the New Primary 1 children.

## Classes for 2024 / 2025

Every year at this time of year, discussions begin about classes for next year. As a school staff we work together to identify potential classes for next year. Whilst informing you, before the end of term, of your child's class and teacher please be aware that if there is either an increase or decrease in the current enrolled pupils during the summer break, we may need to reconfigure classes on either of the In-Service Days, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August (school returns on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024). Any changes that are made will be communicated via telephone to the parents on this day.



If your child is in a composite class, this has been created using reading ability groups, and not friendship groups. From year-to-year class compositions change and some composite classes are required as they may be required the next year. All teachers at Kinloss Primary School are trained at teaching across the curriculum to meet the needs of the spread of ability within their classes either through challenge or support. Our teachers work together to plan enriching learning experiences that are differentiated to meet all learners' needs regardless of the class composition. As a school we will continue to have our numeracy Flexibility groups, and also re introduce Literacy Flexibility groups that provide greater opportunities to challenge and support pupils as required.

## Attendance

Last term there were a lot of illnesses and bugs on the go, which unfortunately impacted lots of our children, and cannot be helped. As part of our quality assurances, we do monitor pupil attendance and there were a lot of unauthorised absences last term. Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. We want to ensure that all children have positive attendance at school, so that they can succeed academically and also socially and emotionally. This is one of the reasons that we will hopefully be introducing high attendance rewards for children who have consistently good attendance across a term and the whole academic year.



## Things to remember:



As we start the term, it is always useful to remember the correct equipment for school each day:

- Water bottles – especially as the weather gets warmer
- Reading books
- Correct PE kit
- Correct School uniform – remember green jumpers
- Label all items (jumpers / waterbottles etc)
- Any completed homework



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## DIARY DATES



- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Primary 2/3 Class assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup> – May Day school holiday – closed to everyone
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Primary 5/6 Class assembly
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Inservice school closed to all children until  
2pm – 4pm Movie afternoon for families
- 17<sup>th</sup> – In-service school closed to all children
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 2pm New Primary 1 Parent Transition meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Primary 1/2K and Primary 1/2P Class assembly  
- 6.30 – 7.30pm Family Bingo
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Primary 3K Class Assembly  
- Term 4 Report issued  
- Primary 1 transition week 1: 1.45 – 2.30pm  
- Wear something Pink for Cancer research



- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Health Week
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 9.05 am Sports Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Primary 1 transition week 2: 1.45 – 2.30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Family picnic followed by Summer Fayre
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Great Science Share
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Primary 7s at Forres Academy
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Primary 7s at Forres Academy  
- 5.30 – 6.30pm Parent Information session at Forres Academy
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Primary 7s at Forres Academy  
- Primary 1 transition week 3: 1.45 – 2.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Jammin Fitness sessions
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Whole school trip to Roseisle
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Back up Sports Day  
2pm Parent Open afternoon
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Primary 1 transition week 4: 9.15 – 10.15  
Meet your new teacher visit  
1.30pm Primary 7 Leavers' Show
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Primary 7 trip
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term – dress down day end at 3pm
- Return:  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 8.45am

There are lots of exciting things happening this month, which we hope you can join us for and hoping that everyone has a great May and enjoys the long weekend when it comes.

Mrs Wolford, Head Teacher



Our #MotMC winners presented with their prizes



The military children being piped into assembly



All of the children being piped around the playground