



First Class

11 December 2015

Issue No. 21

Staffing

We would like to welcome Keith Williams to the team at Kinellar. He has recently been appointed as our new Janitor.

Parental Controls

We would like to encourage you all to set up parental controls with your internet provider and on your child's devices if you have not already done so. We would also advise that you monitor what your child is viewing, receiving and sending. If you would like more information on how to keep your child safe online please visit www.net-aware.org.uk



Rotary Shoebox Scheme

"Spreading a little Happiness"

Thanks to your wonderful support we were able to gift 77 boxes to the Rotary Shoebox Scheme.



Winter Weather

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for coming to school over the winter months. We endeavor to allow the pupils outside at playtime and lunchtime as much as possible so it is essential that they have a warm waterproof jacket and suitable footwear. All items of clothing should be clearly labeled with your child's name.

In the event of bad weather (usually snow) we ask all parents to phone the School Information Service on 08700544999 Pin 021990 or check the Aberdeenshire Website <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closuresaberdeenshire>

If the weather is bad and you are unsure if the school will be open, please do not phone the school. The reasons for this are that we may be trying to use the phone lines for the following reasons:

- Contacting staff to ascertain where they are on their journey
- Make emergency calls
- Make arrangements with the janitor
- Consultation with other schools in the cluster
- Contacting private before school care providers.

We will endeavor to update the website and phone lines as early as possible.

Christmas Parties

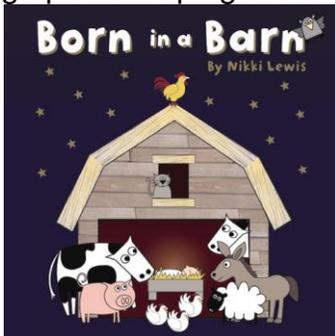
Monday 21 December	AM - P1 and P2 PM – Both P5s
Tuesday 22 December	AM – P3 and P4 PM – P6 and P7

The cost of food and prizes for the parties will be £1 per child. Please send this to the class teacher in a named envelope by Friday 18th December.

On the day of their party pupils can come to school in their party clothes. Please ensure that your child will be warm enough at break and lunch time.

P1 Nativity

We hope you are looking forward to the P1 Nativity as much as we are. Please note that the doors for the performance will open 10 minutes prior to the performance as staff will be setting up and helping the children.



Generosity

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of parents and extended family here at the school. We have ran a number of initiatives aimed at teacher the children to think of others at this time of year. The Shoebox appeal, Giving Tree, Elf Shelf and Community Cafes have all been a real success. Some of our children are also going to Fechnie Brae to entertain some of the residents.

Drop off and Pick up

We are **still** receiving complaints about parents parking in disabled spaces in the staff car park. **Please park in an appropriate place which does not compromise the safety of our children. Parents should not use the STAFF car park to drop children off.**

Request from the Admin Team

1. Please call in before 9.15am if your child will be absent
2. Please ensure your child arrives on time this causes disruption to the office and classes
3. Please ensure your child has everything when they come to School as office and teacher are being constantly interrupted with parents taking in forgotten items.

Christmas Cards

As an Eco-School we would encourage your child to send one card to their class. These will be displayed in the classroom.



Christmas Lunches

Christmas lunch will be held on Thursday 17 December. If your child has not opted for a Christmas Lunch, please ensure that they have a packed lunch on that day. There will be no other lunch options and all the Christmas lunches will be delivered with no 'spares.' The children can go home for lunch too.

New School Public Engagement Meeting

You will have received a letter on 3 December informing you that Aberdeenshire Council are holding a public engagement event to discuss a proposed new school build in Kinellar. This will take place on Tuesday 15 December at 7 pm in Kinellar School. If you wish to attend this meeting please return the tear off slip at the bottom of your letter.

We look forward to seeing you there in support of our school community.

Elf Shelf

Thank you to all those that have helped out with Elf Shelf this week. It has been a great success and our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed choosing gifts for their family.

Parent Council

Each year group has been allocated a Parent Council Representative. Please raise any issues you would like discussed at the parent council meeting with your representative.

Nursery – Lynda Barnard and Arlene Fortune

P1 - Alastair Fleming and Anna-Marie Pithie

P2- Kirsty Deans and Uma Thankappan

P3 - Marshia Peel

P4 - Lynne Greig and Lyndsay Cassie

P5 - Xania Rodriguez

P6 - Linda Youngson

P7 - Laura Simpson and Irene Bryce.

VSA Giving Tree

Thank you for your response to the Giving Tree. The gifts have now been uplifted and there will be a picture in the Evening Express. If you have not yet handed in your gift, please do so as soon as possible and we will arrange a second collection.

Live Wire

We are excited to announce the Live Wire Productions will be delivering Engineering and Design project called Engineering Our Lives with all pupils the week beginning Monday 11 January.

Change to Calendar Dates

P7 Residential Trip Info Evening will now take place on Tuesday 26 January 2016.

After School Arrangements

If your child's after school arrangements are altered e.g. being picked up by someone else, going to after school club etc. Please inform the class teacher in writing on the day.

SFL

Mrs Clark our SFL Teacher is currently absent from school. Please be aware that we will inform you of her return.

Contact us

As always if there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us

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Our School Values

Happiness
Respect
Achievement
Honesty

This term our focus is on Respect. All the children made valuable contributions to our 'Respect' Assembly and we have been working on the meaning of respect and how this impacts on us as learners and citizens.