



# First Class

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## Happy New Year

2016 has started with many changes for us here at Kinellar School. Throughout this time we have received an incredible amount of support from Aberdeenshire Council, the local community and many others. Changes to routines will continue while work progresses on the site. We will endeavour to limit the impact of this on our pupils and keep you informed as much as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

## Changes to Diary Dates

<b>P7 Trip Info Evening</b>	26 Jan
<b>P4A &amp; 1S Community Café</b>	Date TBC
<b>P7 Assembly</b>	Date TBC

## Parent Council Meeting

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00pm. Please bring any matters to be discussed to your class representative (listed in Issue 21). We would like to thank the Parent

Council for their support by keeping parents informed via Facebook and for setting up the Just Giving fundraiser. The money will be used to replace lost P1/Nursery resources and possibly a wee 'treat' for the whole school.

## Active Schools Clubs

These clubs are not running at the moment. Kerry Massie will contact you with a start date. Thank you to the Running Club volunteers who have applied for funding from 'Run Balmoral' to replace some of our lost PE equipment.

## School Lunches

We appreciate your cooperation with the current lunch arrangement. Work has begun in the gym hall to lift flooring to access pipes. We hope to have this resolved as soon as possible. We would also like to thank the Catering Team at Kinellar and Kemnay for helping us to provide lunches



for the children under difficult circumstances.

### Nursery

Nursery are settling well into their temporary accommodation at the Community Hall. The rota of Parent Helpers has been a huge support and [here is the link](#) to the doodle poll for next week. If you have a PVG and are able to support us with this please sign up.

### Adverse Weather Notification

Unfortunately we had to close the school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> due to staff not being able to make it in as a result of flooding. On Friday we did not have internet access in school so we were unable to text or email this information. As always, we ensure that the Aberdeenshire Council School Closure phone line and website are updated as early as possible. Please check these if the weather is bad.

**The phone number is: 08700544999**  
**School PIN Number: 021990**

**(These details are on the front of the calendar of events issued in September)**

**If you would like to sign up to email alerts from this website please click [here](#).**

### Engineering Week

This week we have a team of professionals from Livewire Productions, TechFest SetPoint and Conoco Phillips in school to deliver Engineering Week. Throughout the week each class will take part in four engineering challenges and also have classroom visits from an



engineer.

We are looking forward to holding a whole school celebration at the Community Hall on Friday afternoon.

### Fire Service Visit

Our assembly on Friday will begin with a visit from the Fire Service. This will hopefully give the children some reassurance and closure.



**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

## **New Signs**

Last term Blackburn and District Rotary Club kindly donated money for us to buy new signs for around the school. Look out for our 'Tree of Values' at the main entrance. We also have 20 Minibeast signs which will be placed around the Eco Garden. We will find homes for the other signs purchased once construction work has finished on site.

## **Arrival /Departure/ Access to Hall**

The contractors working on the school site at the moment have been very supportive in terms of communicating with us and have 'down tools' occasions so that we can move children from A to B. At the moment as work continues in the hall and access to the hall is closed, it is safer to keep children in their classrooms for lunch where they can be supervised. We have been allocated additional staffing to enable us to do this.

Please be extra vigilant in the morning when dropping off. We have additional parent helpers at our entrances to ensure children are guided to classes.

There will be no evening lets at the moment. We will keep you updated.

New walkways are being constructed so that access to the annexe buildings is clean and tidy.

## **Annexe 1**

Work continues to get this annexe back in order for the children to move back to a classroom. This means P5s and P6s will be allocated a classroom of their own again.

## **Primary 3 Testing**

Our standardised testing will hopefully start for P3 next week. The data gathered will be used to help plan for future learning and teaching.

## **Thanks**

We agree that the situation with the lunches and school hall is not ideal. However our children are showing resilience and learning is continuing as we would expect here at Kinellar.

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of generosity and understanding shown by the school community after the fire. Many thanks to all for the continued support.

## **Contact us**

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

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