

Newsletter Kellands School

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'Enjoy failure and learn from it. You can never learn from success.

James Dyson

Within our dreams and aspirations we find our opportunities.

Sugar Ray Leonard

Goodbye - Mrs Jones

This week we said a sad goodbye to our fabulous PSA, Mrs Jones. She has been such a huge part of our school for so long as parent and member of staff and we will all miss her greatly. We all wish her good luck in the future and to all her lovely family times together.



Flu immunisation Envelopes P1-7

Flu immunisation envelopes that have not been handed into the school should now be posted direct to the school nurse at - Maureen Foy, Kemnay Health Clinic, 56 Fyfe Park, Kemnay, AB51 5NG.

For the diary - Parent Interviews, Tempest & Future Events

This session our parent interviews will be on the Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd November and Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st of May.

We will have Tempest Photography here doing individual/sibling photographs on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd of November. Details to follow.

Dates for events towards the end of the year are being discussed and will be advertised as soon as they have been confirmed, watch this space.

Community Learning Calendar - Inverurie Cluster of Schools

Mr Jones, the Head Teacher at the Academy has been working really hard to create a Community learning calendar (see below), and some of the sessions may be of interest to you; especially our P6/7 parents.

Mr Jones says,

'As you will have heard last session, we have put in place a series of learning opportunities for parents, staff and the wider community during the course of 2017-18. The Community Learning Calendar can be found on our website by using the following link:-'

<http://inverurie.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/Parent-Learning-Calendar-2017-18.pdf>

I would like to highlight in particular two events coming up in the next few weeks that will be of interest:-

Date & Time	Topic	Detail	Link
Monday, 25 September 2017 17:00 - 18:00	An Introduction to the New Qualifications	A chance to hear about recent changes to the National Qualifications and have a Q&A with the SQA Liaison Manager, Mr Robert Fraser.	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-qualification-changes-tickets-35386636382
Monday, 2 October 2017 18:30 - 19:30	Social Networking - Parent Workshop	A hard-hitting workshop on online presence & social networking run by an organisation called <i>Girling Hughes</i> (no young people under 18 to attend).	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-networking-parents-workshop-tickets-35386799871

If you are keen to attend one of these workshops, you should register your attendance through the *Eventbrite* system (click on the link and follow instructions).

Community Learning Calendar 2017-18			
Date	Detail	Venue	Eventbrite Registration
Wednesday 06.09.17 16.00 – 16.30	Big Conversation – Parent Group 1 (MJ)	Inverurie Academy Meeting Room	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-conversation-parent-group-1-tickets-35548213664
Wednesday 06.09.17 16.00 – 16.30	Big Conversation – Parent Group 2 (MJ)	Inverurie Academy Meeting Room	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-conversation-parent-group-2-tickets-35548273844
Monday 25.09.17 17.00 – 18.00	Introduction to the New Qualifications (MJ PF)	Inverurie Academy Assembly Hall	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-qualification-changes-tickets-35386636382
Monday 02.10.17 18.30 – 19.30	Social Networking – Parent Workshop (Girling Hughes)	Inverurie Academy Assembly Hall	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-networking-parents-workshop-tickets-35386799871
Wednesday 15.11.17 18.30 – 18.30	Mental Health – What to Look Out For (JD)	Inverurie Academy Assembly Hall	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-what-to-look-out-for-tickets-35387303377
Thursday 23.11.17 18.30 – 19.30	<i>Provisional - Substance Misuse – What should we look out for? (Police Scotland)</i>	To Be Confirmed	Watch this space!
Tuesday 17.04.18 18.00 – 19.00	Insight into Learning & Teaching Approaches (L&T Group)	Inverurie Academy Meeting Room	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-insight-into-learning-teaching-approaches-tickets-35694877339
Tuesday 28.05.18 16.00 – 17.00	An introduction to Genealogy (JM)	Public Library, Inverurie	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/who-do-you-think-you-are-intro-to-genealogy-tickets-35387747706
<i>Further Community Learning Opportunities will be listed here. Watch this space!</i>			

"Our Core Values are at the heart of our school. They define who we are, how we learn and achieve, what we believe in and what we stand for. These values guide how we act and how we expect to be treated."

adapted from Wood Group Values

Parent Council Meeting

Our first Parent Council Meeting of the new school year will be Thursday 21st September 2017 at 7pm in the staff room at Kellands Primary School. All welcome.

CAR PARKING - IMPORTANT

Please can you continue to be considerate when you are parking around the Kellands campus in the nearby streets. Residents have to have access to their drives and parking spaces at all times. I am sure you understand and will be mindful and park safely for the drop off and pick up times.

A reminder that the staff car parks at the front and nursery ends of the school are for STAFF ONLY and not to be used for dropping off as there are double yellow lines, and they become a bottleneck and create a danger for the safety of the children.

Also a reminder to please not occupy the disabled parking spaces in the school car parks at any time as these are crucial for access.

Please remember that it is a 20mph speed limit on roads approaching Kellands School and the police are monitoring the situation with speeding cars, so please be careful and drive responsibly, thank you.

We appreciate the difficulties with the extra parking restrictions due to the work at the hospital site impacting on increase parking at the turning circle at Kellands park; but we need to work together cooperatively for the safety of our Kellands' children.

If you have any ideas on how to help with this please get in touch with the school.

Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.

School Choir - Information

After much consideration with the Senior Management Team, Mrs Brand and Ms Webster, we have decided to run the school choir as an after school club in terms 3 and 4.

As you can appreciate settling the classes at the start of the year in August is time consuming and it is helpful if we as teachers have time to settle in. In term 2, things become very busy with all things nativity and Christmas, especially with the P1's.

I will send out a letter and some permission slips at the start of term 3 where we will look forward to welcoming back current choir members and meeting some new faces!

Thank you for your understanding in this.

Active Schools

There are still spaces available for the cluster clubs please check the website <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/request/active-schools/active-schools-online-form-inverurie/>

Kelland's School Values and Aims



School Aims

- *Our school will be open, friendly, welcoming and inviting*
- *Pupils will experience personalised, progressive learning across a variety of settings.*
 - *Pupils will be actively engaged in purposeful learning.*
- *Individual strengths will be recognised, valued and used to the benefit of the whole school.*
- *Individual needs will be supported as required to enable all to achieve success and be happy and confident.*
- *Everyone will feel supported and listened to by management, colleagues and parents; they will be able to share concerns and speak their minds.*

KELLANDS HOLIDAY DATES	
FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2017	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2017	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2017	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2017	IN-SERVICE DAY
FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2017	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2018	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2018	OCCASIONAL DAY
MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2018	MID TERM HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
THURSDAY 29TH MARCH 2018	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 7TH MAY 2018	MAY DAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2018	OCCASIONAL DAY
FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2018	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER
MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2018	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2018	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2018	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2018	IN-SERVICE DAY
FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2018	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019	SCHOOL RE OPENS
<p>More school holidays can be found online: https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/school-term-dates-and-in-service-days/</p>	

On dates marked 'School Closes for Holidays' school will close at 3.15pm. Nursery ends on the same day at the end of your child's usual nursery session time.