

Newsletter Kellands School

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The strong bond of friendship is not always a balanced equation; friendship is not always about giving and taking in equal shares. Instead, friendship is grounded in a feeling that you know exactly who will be there for you when you need something, no matter what or when.

Simon Sinek

A friend is someone who gives you total freedom to be yourself.

Jim Morrison

Parent Helpers

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all the parent helpers and volunteers who have been in school doing such a variety of jobs. This is helpful as it allows our staff to really concentrate on the learning and teaching and supporting our young learners. We are planning an event as a thank you to everyone that helps/volunteers and there will be more information to follow. **Thank you**

Improvement planning

Improvement planning at Kellands is an embedded process that has ongoing evaluation. This is not a once of year spot check but very much a fluid continuing process as we strive to be the very best we can and to provide quality learning and teaching in a safe and happy environment. Everyone must feel a part of that process and we will be sharing our Standards and

Quality/Improvement planning document very shortly. If you would like to suggest or share any ideas regarding improvement planning, please get in touch with the school, e mail the school or send in your thoughts in writing. Together our aim is for excellence at Kellands. Thank you for your ideas.

Well Done

Well done to Miss Maxted and Miss Dawson for completing the 'Banchory Beast' last weekend which is a very challenging endurance event.

Dodgeball and football after school clubs

There are 3 clubs starting at Kellands in term 2! New to Kellands, we have Dodgeball for P2-P3 on Tuesdays after school, and returning for 2017/2018 is the Boys Football and Girls Football for P4-P7 on Fridays after school

Dodgeball P2-P3

When: Tuesdays, 7th November - 12th December (no session 14th November)

Time: 3:15pm-4:15pm

Where: Kellands School

Boys Football P4-P7

When: Fridays, 10th November, 24th November, 8th December (alternate weeks with Girls Football)

Time: 3:15pm-4:15pm

Where: Kellands School

Girls Football P4-P7

When: Fridays, 17th November, 1st December, 15th December (alternate weeks with Boys Football)

Where: Kellands School

All clubs are free to attend but you must book your space to attend. Please book by completing the online form, click on the link below.

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/request/active-schools/active-schools-online-form-inverurie/>

If you would like more information or have any questions about the clubs please let me know.

Dyslexia Information Packs for Parents and Pupils

Kellands have put together information packs about dyslexia which include a variety of leaflets with details about what dyslexia is and strategies that can be used at home to support learners. The packs also contain a range of books with more detailed information for parents and a selection of books that parents can share with their children to help them talk to them about dyslexia.

The packs can be borrowed for a month at a time.

If you are interested in finding out more about borrowing a pack or have any questions about dyslexia and your child please complete the form below and return it to school.

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Please return this form to Mrs Eileen Wilson, ASL Teacher, Kellands School

Pupil Name: _____ Class: _____

Name of parent/carer: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Please tick:

I would like to borrow a dyslexia information pack.

I would like to talk to someone about dyslexia and my child.

Hallowe'en Disco

It's that time of year again, a date for your diaries of **Friday 3 November 2017** for the above event.

P1 - P3 - 6.15pm - 7.30pm

P4 - P7 - 7.30pm - 8.45pm

Full information, together with requests for ticket sales and parental helpers to run the event will be sent home with your child within the next two weeks. Please keep a lookout for this.

Tickets will be on sale via Parent Council members around the classes on Monday 30th October and Wednesday 1st November.

The cost is £3 per child, which includes our DJ entertainment, a glow item, a bag of crisps, a drink and a sweet to take home.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Gail Winchester and Sarah Beattie, Kellands Parent Council.

Kellands Christmas Fair

This year the School Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 18th November, 10am-12 noon. Shona Strachan and Jo Taylor are coordinating the annual event and would love lots of willing volunteers to help run stalls and serve teas/coffees/juice. We would also appreciate a helping hand to set up the event on Friday 17th November after school, approx. 3.15pm till 5.30pm and then again to tidy up on Saturday after the fair... if you would like to offer an hour or more of your time to any part of this event, which is a fantastic fundraiser for the school, it would be greatly appreciated.

Junior Running Club

Junior Running club (P2-P3) will start up in the New Year. We will send out a letter in Term 3.

re-Uniform Pop Up Shop on Thursday 12th October

Mini re-uniform event in the staff room from 2.15 to 3.45 pm on Thursday 12th October. Please send in your out grown (but not worn out) school uniforms and scout/guide uniforms that you no longer require. Please wash items then drop into the donation box at school reception before the 12th October. Items Accepted: All Kellands branded items, including jumpers, polo shirts, jackets, gym t-shirts and ties. Other items accepted are: trousers, skirts, cardigans, pinafores and blue gingham dresses. Also Brownie/Rainbow/Scout/Beaver/Guide uniforms. Come along and get some spares, replace or update your child's uniform, with any donations going to Parent Council fundraising.

*****Date for your diary*****

There will also be a re-Uniform stall in Kellands School Gym Hall, Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd November 2017. Between 5pm and 8.00pm (during Parent Teacher Meetings). Do you have any ski clothes still in good condition (salopettes/ jackets/ gloves etc) that you no longer require? If they are suitable for Primary 6 age then you can donate these after the October holidays. We are hoping to include a ski-wear section in the November stall suitable for P6 age group going on the ski trip next year.

P7P Trip to Bennachie

P7P had a great day out to Bennachie on Thursday this week. We started at the Back 'O' Bennachie car park and walked up to Oxen Craig before carrying on to the top of Mither Tap. We then dropped back down to the Bennachie Centre. The children were learning about basic map reading as well as conserving the environment by doing some litter picking along the way. All the children did remarkably well as it was quite steep and boggy in places.



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

More school holidays can be found online:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/school-term-dates-and-in-service-days/>