

August Newsletter

INVERALLOCHY SCHOOL
Working Together
Everyone's a Learner
Be kind
Do your Best



Diary Dates

September

Thurs 7 th	School photos today P1 Group P7 Group Families and individuals
Thurs 7 th	Parent Council AGM 6:30pm
Fri 15th	Open afternoon 2-3pm
Thurs 21 st	Parent's Evening and book fair - in person appointments will be issued the previous week

October

Fri 13 th	End of term 1 @3.15pm
Mon 30 th	Start of Term 2

November

Thurs 16 th	Inservice Day - School closed to pupils
Fri 17 th	Inservice Day - School closed to pupils

Welcome back!
I hope everyone
enjoyed the summer
break! We're really
looking forward to the
year ahead!

Huge Inverallochy Welcome to our new staff and pupils... Our 16 new P1s and our new nursery children. We hope you settle in and start to love our school like we do.

Our pupils have all returned looking very smart. We appreciate everyone's efforts in this. To ensure the children keep all of their own belongings we urge you to put names on EVERYTHING, including all outdoor jackets, PE kit items and uniform. Lost items can then be returned with ease 😊

*** We do have some good quality second hand uniform items - if you think you could make use of these, please just contact school office and let us know what you need and we'll pop it in the school bag.

N.B. please ensure all kilt pins are removed from skirts before wearing to school for safety reasons

Staffing Update

New Staff - We wish a warm welcome to the 5 new members of staff to our team this session:

Mrs Becky Clark - EYP, Nursery
Miss Shelley Bruce - Room 1
Miss Sarah Wood - Room 5
Miss Laura MacIntosh - Room 7
Miss Nicola Nejman - ASL

Mrs Heatherwick will continue on a Monday for PE, however she is unfortunately still recovering from a broken ankle before the summer. In the meantime, Miss Annette Smith who some of you will recognise from Room 1 last year will be covering the PE day.

Mrs Russell and Mrs Barbour are both keeping well and we will be wishing them well soon for their maternity leave. Their posts are currently advertised, so look out for another 2 new faces arriving next term to our team.



WELLIES + OUTDOOR LEARNING

Can all children ensure they have Wellies in school - we are actively encouraging outdoor learning and suitable footwear and a waterproof jacket are essential. Each primary class will have an allocated outdoor day/session. On these days, please ensure your child has old, warm clothing on, suitable for potentially getting dirty but also suitable for the weather.



OUTDOOR DAYS FOR TERM 1

Tuesday -Room 6 (P4/5)

Wednesday - - Room 5 (P3/4)

Thursday - Room 3(P6) and Room 7 (P7)

Friday - Room 1 (P1/2) and Room 2 (P2/3)

Normal School Uniform should be worn for all other days in the week.

PE

Children should bring a PE kit to school which can be left on their peg.

PE Kit - plain white T-shirt, plain dark shorts/leggings/joggers are fine too, suitable non-marking trainers/gym shoes.

(Please no laces unless your child can do these themselves)

PE days for each class will be shared through class newsletters, coming soon if not already received.



Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them at school each day so they can access it at any time in the classroom - water hydrates the brain and helps concentration! We still have a few children continually coming for drinks through the school day which is interrupting their learning.

***Please note only water for bottles in the classrooms - any diluting juice can be kept in bags for break and lunchtime

SNACKS- We continue to promote healthy snacks Mon- Thurs with a 'Eat fit yi like' Friday.

Our Snack attack tuck shop is open daily - PSAs and P6 will be running it this session. Please ensure your child has pennies to pay for snack. Everything is 20p to make life a little easier for everyone.

**** We still have some children with very unsuitable snacks e.g. large sharing bars of chocolate/crisps etc. Please support us in monitoring what your child is bringing to school 😊



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In line with Scottish Governemnt initiatives, our Primary 1 - 5 children will now receive free school lunches. This is completed automatically through the dinner payment system so parents do not need to do anything to access this. P6 and P7 parents please be advised that payment for dinners will be required through the system. Please contact Elaine in the office if you require help to do this.



HOMEWORK and GOOGLE classroom

Reading/Spelling homework will continue as previous years. Reading books etc will start to come home this week in P2-7. All classes will have homework up and running as normal by week beginning 4th September

Each class will again have a google classroom - once they have been set up, children will be given log in details to be added to the correct class. Log in details will be put in their reading record book.



Open Afternoon - Friday 15th September 2023 (2pm - 3pm)

We are really excited and pleased to invite our parents and carers into our classrooms at the start of term. In this session the children will not be presenting anything or have anything prepared, it is simply a time for parents/Carers to come in and see their child in their classroom, get a tour of their class and share their new routines etc.

Pupil Groups

Pupil groups will be starting in the middle of September. Before this time, we will be working as a school, pupils and staff, to determine which groups we will be having this session. Our pupil groups allows every child in the school to have a voice and share their opinions and ideas. Look out for more information in the next newsletter!



Parent Helpers

We are looking to create a list of parent helpers who the staff can contact for a combination of regular weekly slots to help out in the classroom or for planned trips out into the village or for pupil group activities etc. If you are interested please contact the school office. All regular parent helpers will need to be PVG checked but this is a simple process that we can help with.

As always if you have anything you wish to share via this newsletter or have any comments, please contact the school office 😊