



August Newsletter

New look newsletter!

This is our first new style newsletter! From August 2016, our newsletters are going to be produced and sent home via email on a monthly basis. I hope that this will allow parents and friends of the school to be kept 'in the loop' much more regularly!

Bon Voyage!

It is with a heavy heart that I have to share this news, but after many years of dedicated service at Inverallochy School, Mrs Fiona Farquhar has decided to hang up her PSA Super Woman cape and head to pastures new. I know that this is an exciting time for her and her family and we are all quite jealous that she will be soaking up the sunshine and 'chilling out' now that she is a lady of leisure! We wish her the best in this next chapter of her life and we look forward to hearing all about her travels!



Diary Dates

5th- 9th Sept Academy students in school for work placements (x4)
Wed 7th Sept P1 Parent Workshop
Wed 7th Sept Parent Council AGM @ 7.30 pm
Wed 14th Sept School Photographer
Sat 17th Sept Fraserburgh Heritage centre Open Day - Singers & Flutes (P4-7)
Thurs 22nd Sept Parents Evening + Book Fair
Fri 30th Sept Fit Like Friday! (Times to follow)
Fri 7th Oct Last day of term 1

Staff changes for 2016/2017

As mentioned before the holidays, we welcome Miss Kim Miller to our staff in Primary 4. She has settled well into her new role and I am sure she will be a welcome addition to Inverallochy School.

Mrs Betty McIntyre has also been successful in recent interviews to be our Early Years Practitioner (Nursery Nurse) and she will take up this post full time once all the HR checks are complete.

Recruitment will soon begin for new PSA posts and I will keep you informed of the progress of this.

It is great to see all the children back safe and sound after the summer! There have been news of various adventures over the holidays - everything from go-karting to holiday camps and even broken arms! Glad to see they are all back in one piece now though! The classes (and staff!) are all beginning to settle down and get back into the school routine.

A very special welcome to our new nursery boys and girls who are starting gradually over the next week. It can be quite daunting for them and for parents too! I will be popping up to nursery regularly to get to know our newbies.

Our 12 Primary 1s have all been superstars in their first few days. They have been learning new routines and rules for their classroom and have been making new friends with the older p2s in their class. I am sure there will be some sleepy children by the time the full days start!

Reminder ...

Please ensure your children

- have their gym kits (named) in school to participate fully in PE
- have a pair of wellies for outdoor learning and playing outdoors



Online Alerts (information from Aberdeenshire Council)

Aberdeenshire Council has changed the way parents receive on-line alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. You can now sign up for these notifications through **myaccount** on the Aberdeenshire Council website - if you currently pay for school meals online, you will already be registered.

myaccount is a simple, secure way of accessing a range of Scottish public services using just one username and password and 13000 parents across Aberdeenshire are already enjoying the benefits of it.

As well as being able to sign up for alerts, your home page will automatically give you handy information such as your bin collection days, where your nearest recycling centre is and the names of your local councillors. So if you want to stay up to date and take advantage of the other **myaccount** benefits, sign up to the new system by going to the Aberdeenshire Council website and clicking on the **red register button** in the top right hand corner.

Digital News!

- Our website is currently under construction and we are hoping to unveil our new, up-dated site very soon!
- Classes are beginning to use the iPads purchased during the recent IT refresh alongside the tablets received through collecting Flora tubs. Staff have signed up for training in this area to further develop their skills and make the best use of these resources.
- Our aim is to increase our digital capacity at Inverallochy and the pupil council will be discussing fundraising ideas at their first meeting.

App of the month!



To increase the use of mobile technology, both in school and at home, each newsletter will feature an App of the month. We would welcome parent/pupil suggestions for this too. Let us know if you use one that you feel is worth sharing.

This month, you might want to try out...



Puppet Pals - An easy to use movie maker!



Times Tables 10 minutes a day - fun way to practise your tables!



Hopscotch - Coding for kids
Create games using simple code



Reminder ...

Our School is registered with easyfundraising.org.uk. This website allows you to collect donations for our school by making on-line purchases. If you go through this site first then onto amazon (or many other sites), then a donation is made from the retailer to the school. (*At no extra cost to you*) Over time this will build up and the school will receive a cheque for our funds. We have already received our first one for £20 and it all adds up, so thank you to those who are using this already! Please check out the website at easyfundraising.org.uk/inverallochypriamaryschool

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Well Done!

Huge well done to everyone who was involved in organising the Gala during the holidays. It was great to see so many people out in support of the village on the Saturday and throughout the events during the week. I was super impressed with the photos of the fancy dress! I have put the date in my diary for next year to see the fancy dress parade 'live'!

WE NEED YOU!

We really appreciate the support of our parents in the work of the school and we are looking for parents to volunteer some of their time during the week to help with -

- snack attack
- working with children in the classes
- trips etc

If you can offer help, please inform the office so we can organise days/times etc.

All helpers have to be PVG checked. You can collect forms for this in the school office.

Finally...

Please be patient and bear with us as we make this transition to email communication with parents. It might take a few tweaks here and there to get it working smoothly.

- If something will not open properly then please let us know.
- If we require your signature for something we will still send a paper copy home in your child's folder but we will email you to look out for it!

Once the website is up and running there will be a great deal of school information on there for you to access too.

Mrs Edwards ☺