

KINGSWELLS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



September 2019
Term 1



I hope that all families had a lovely summer break. I am pleased to see our pupils are well rested and full of enthusiasm for the school year ahead.

Staff Update

I am delighted to welcome Miss Vicki Todd to Kingswells Primary School. She will be teaching P5VT. At the end of last term Miss Heather Cowieson was appointed as Principal Teacher and we are delighted to welcome her into the Senior Leadership Team. We are sad to say goodbye to our PSA Mrs Sim and wish her all the best as she goes on to new challenges.

Child Protection

Mrs MacIver, Head Teacher is Child Protection lead officer for Kingswells School. Should anyone have any concerns please get in touch with Mrs MacIver or any of the management team.

Our child protection policy is on the school website and it is important all parents have a knowledge of this. In line with new ACC guidance, **all volunteers helping in school must complete a short Child Protection course prior to working in school.**

<https://www.aberdeengettingitright.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/GIRFEC-Child-Protection-OIL.pdf>

Please email your certificate to Kingswells@aberdeencity.gov.uk once completed.

Parents working in school

We welcome parents as helpers and rely on this support to provide a range of experiences for pupils. We encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a helper to contact the school so we can arrange for the necessary PVG checks.

School uniform

The children look very smart in their new school uniforms and PE kits. Please remember to put your child's name on all school uniform, jackets and packed lunch boxes. There is a lost property area outside the school gym which parents are welcome to look in if items become misplaced either before or after the school session. We ask that all pupils wear black school footwear, we ask all parents to respect this rule.

Remember we also have a uniform swap shop in the school foyer. Please feel free to help yourself to anything and drop off any unwanted uniform.

Senior Management Team

Mrs MacIver, Mrs McAra, Mrs McNair and Mrs Cran are happy to support all pupils in the school. We each have stages in the school which we will have greater information and knowledge on particular stages so where possible please contact the member of staff responsible for your child.

Please note that on Fridays Mrs McAra is Head Teacher of the school.

SMT	Mrs MacIver	Mrs McAra	Mrs McNair	Mrs Cran	Mrs Heather Cowieson	Mrs Beattie
Days at work	M, T, W, Th	T, W, Th, F	T, W, Th, F	M, T, W, Th	M, T	W, F
Responsibility for	P4	P2 and P3	P5 and P6	Nursery and P1	P7AC	P7M/W

Miss Cowieson and Mrs Beattie work in school every day and are class committed for most of the week. If the person you would like to speak to is not available any member of the management team will be able to help.

Life and Ethos Assemblies

We would like to have a short input from a guest speaker every second Wednesday in assembly. This may be about an experience, job or charity. We are lucky to be a diverse school with over 20 languages spoken and would particularly like to encourage parents to share about different cultures and traditions. Please contact any of the management team if you can help or have any suggestions for speakers.

PTA and Parent Council

Our Parent Council and PTA undertake fantastic work to aid all pupils in the school. New members can bring fresh ideas and these are always welcome. I wish to thank all parents who give up their time to support these groups. The first Parent Council and PTA meetings will be held in school at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th September. Please come along.

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Parent Interviews

Our first set of parent interviews will take place on Tuesday 1st October, 4-7pm and Wednesday 2nd October from 4-6pm in the school. You will be given the opportunity to inform us of times when you are unable to attend. It is not possible to arrange any swaps after appointments have been allocated unless you are able to do so with another parent in the class.

Reminder: Please do not bring P1-P7 children along to the school with you as there is no childcare for them and they are not permitted to attend the interviews.

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Keeping children safe

Some young children have been seen climbing over the wall beside the main entrance. We are worried about potential injury. Please make sure that all children are safe by supervising them before and after school.

The lining up areas can become very congested in the morning. We would ask that you stand well back from the lines until all pupils are into school. This helps keep them safe and encourages independence.

Aldi Kit for School

For every £30 spend in Aldi you will be given a 'Kit for School' sticker. If you shop in Aldi and are given stickers please bring them in to school where children can post them in a box at the school office. If we collect all 300 stickers we will earn a free sports kit for our school and be in with a chance of winning £20000!



Evening Express Pounds for Primaries

Please collect the Pounds for Primaries tokens printed in the Evening Express from 16th September to 26th October. If we collect the most tokens in our category we will win a share of £10000 for our school which we hope to use to buy woodwork benches for our pupils.

Tree of knowledge

Kingswells Parent Council are funding workshops for P5-P7 pupils relating to self-regulation, setting goals and growth mindset which are ongoing focus areas for development with pupils this year. There will be an opportunity for parents to come along to a workshop to learn more about these important areas. This will take place on Wednesday 6th November at 6pm and will be open to P5-7 parents. We would encourage our parents to attend this worthwhile event.

Diary Dates

	Term 1 and 2
Monday 9th September	P1 pupils start full days
Friday 20 th September	holiday
Monday 23 rd September	holiday
Wednesday 25 th Sept 2-3pm	P1 Curriculum Afternoon
Tuesday 1 st October 4-7pm	Parent Interviews
Wednesday 2 nd October 4-6pm	

Thursday 3 rd October 9-10am	P1 Parents Emerging Literacy session
<i>Monday 14th Oct – Friday 25th Oct</i>	<i>holiday</i>
Monday 28 th October	Flu immunisations
Tues 29 th and Wed 30 th October	Tempest photos- Individuals and siblings
Wednesday 30 th October at 3pm	15 min P1 Parent session on how to use the green/red words.
Wednesday 6 th November 6pm	Tree of Knowledge event for parents
Thursday 14 th November at 9am – 15 min duration	P1 Parent session on Adding
Tuesday 19 th Nov 6pm	Edinburgh residential information evening
Thursday 21 st November	Inset Day 3
Friday 22 nd November	Inset Day 4
Friday 29 th November at 9am – 15 min duration	P1 Parent session on Rhyme
Saturday 30 th November at 2- 4.30pm	PTA Christmas Shopping Event at Community Centre
Monday 9 th December at 3pm – 15 min	P1 Parent session on Subtraction
<i>Monday 23rd Dec – Friday 3rd Jan</i>	<i>holidays</i>

Term 3 and 4	
Monday 6 th January	Term starts
<i>Monday 17th February</i>	<i>holiday</i>
Tuesday 18 th February	Inset Day 5
Wednesday 19 th February	Inset Day 6
Thursday 26 th and Friday 27 th March	P6 Edinburgh residential
<i>Monday 6th – Monday 20th April -</i>	<i>holiday</i>
Tuesday 28 th April and Wednesday 29 th April	Parent Interviews
Thursday 7 th May	Inset Day 7
<i>Friday 8th May</i>	<i>holiday</i>
Friday 3 rd July	term ends

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