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Dear parent

It seems hard to believe that we've now reached the end of session 23-24. It has been a predominantly positive year for the school and the vast majority of our learners remained focused and hard-working in the run up to the end of term.

Staffing

Staffing in a big school is always complicated but a number of factors, outwith our control, have contributed to some relatively last minute planning. We now have a fuller picture and there will be a number of changes to both our PSA and teaching staff team.

In relation to teaching staff. Mrs Liz Raymond is retiring after a teaching career spanning 45 years with 22 of those at Keith Primary School. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement. Mrs Bridson, our art specialist, is taking up a new post in Qatar and we also say goodbye to Miss Grace Winter.

Mr Calum Henderson comes to us on a permanent contract from New Elgin Primary and Mrs Lucy Cookman joins us from Craigellachie. Mrs Kathryn Fraser and Mrs Sandra Henderson have had their contracts extended and will remain with us.

We are also sad to say goodbye, at least for now, to Mrs Lisa Shand, Mrs Deborah Miller, Mrs Ashley Milton and Miss Lucy Adam from our PSA team.

Classes for next session

You will be notified tomorrow of your child's class for next session to coincide with a moving up afternoon – where your child will get to meet their new class and teacher. The setting of classes is extremely complex and spaces are tight at various year groups across the school. We are not able to make changes once these are set.

Scots Fortnight

Term 4 is always busy. In recent weeks, we've had a very successful Scots fortnight with a number of highlights including world renowned musicians performing for our pupils.

Our Highland Games was also a hit with our learners.

We also held our Scots Poetry competition. Winners of the shields this year were:

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Frog Squad Plaque – Ayla Wilson P2F

Keith Community Council Plaque – Marley Shand P4/5S

Gary Coull Plaque – Charlotte Burgess P6G

Elizabeth Beattie Memorial Plaque – Lucie Chalmers P7T

Fundraising

We thank you again for all you do to support our fundraising efforts. The tartan tuck shop and other wee events (organised by P7s) and the Frog Squad coffee morning both raised in excess of £1000. Both the school fund and Frog Squad fund are looking much healthier this year due to the efforts of the whole school community.

A big thank you also for the playground donations from earlier in the term. We were delighted with the generosity. This will ensure that our playground will be well resourced for next session.

School Improvement Priorities for 24-25

Every year, we prepare an improvement plan which outlines our priorities for the forthcoming year.

Here are some of our priorities for next session:

- Digitise reporting and profiling
- Improve attainment in writing
- Introduce the Circle Framework (a document which will help teachers to support pupils with support needs)
- Revise our Pupil Equity Funding model
- Continue to engage with the Power Up your Pedagogy book to improve the quality of learning and teaching
- Introduce the Metaskills Framework
- Improve data analysis systems

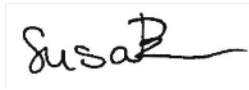
Forthcoming Dates

Date	Event
26 June	Moving up afternoon – learners to meet their new teacher
28 June @ 1.45pm	P7 Leavers assembly.
12-13 August	In-Service Day – please note that there are two in-service days this year
14 August	Pupils return to school following the summer
19 September	Individual and Sibling School Photos
24-26 September	Child Smile
3 October	Mop up of Individual and Sibling School Photos
4 October	Last Day of Term
7-18 October (inclusive)	Tattie Holidays
21 October	Back to school

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In the meantime, we wish you all a restful time over the holiday period. We very much look forward to seeing everyone back in August.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher