



Grandtully Primary Newsletter

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Dear all,

Welcome back to school and I hope you are getting settled back into the routine of school. It has been lovely to see how confident and relaxed all our new pupils have been over the past two weeks.

We welcome Mrs Gillian Griffiths as P4-7 teacher and Mrs Harding as our RCCT teacher who will be in on a Wednesday working with P4-7 in the morning and P1-3 in the afternoon. We have also just appointed a new Pupil Support Assistant for 5 mornings for this session and I will let you know when the start date is agreed.

I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families. All the staff look forward to working in partnership with all families to ensure our pupils experiences are of the highest quality we can provide.

Our first concern is always to keep our pupils safe and in the first week of the term both classes focussed on knowing what to do if you are concerned either for yourself or another pupil. There is a locked box that pupils can put their names into and staff check the box daily to ensure concerned pupils can speak to an adult they trust in the school. If any parent has concerns about any child please contact Mrs Gibson who is our Child Protection Officer, Mrs McIntosh or in an emergency the Child Protection Duty Team in Perth on **01738 476768**.

All the pupils have been extremely smart in their school uniform and would urge you to ensure that all items of clothing are marked in permanent marker to ensure we know who the various jumpers/PE kits, that get separated from their owners, belong to.

Restorative practices are used at Grandtully PS to support the highest level of respect and relationships between all members of our school community. When we do have issues pupils are expected to reflect on their action/words and identify the impact they have had, taking responsibility for them and work to address the damage caused (with adult support). This is usually an apology, offer to do/say something and a commitment to changing their actions in the future. Occasionally, when this is not effective, or where the incident is deemed significant or serious an appropriate sanction will be put in place. If there are repeated incidents we would seek to contact parents to work together to improve the behaviour/s. Staff are more than happy to provide more information about Restorative Approaches.

Please take time to look at the planners that staff have made in consultation with the pupils for their learning throughout the term. The areas for study and the skills the pupils are developing are highlighted to help you know what is happening in class. Homework will start next week with regular reading, spelling, maths work and a family learning project that the pupils will share at the end of term – more detail will be coming from Mrs Gibson and Mrs Griffiths.

We have a drop in every Monday from 3.20-3.50pm when you can come in and look in the class and chat to the teachers. If you would like to have a more formal discussion please make an appointment through the office or e-mail. Please note the office hours are 12.30-4pm Monday to Wednesday and 10.30-4pm on Thursday/Friday. I hope you will look at the webpage, blogs and twitter feeds that the class are posting to record the work they are doing over the next term.

I attach a draft year calendar. If there are any significant clashes please let me know by 1.9.17. As always your comments, suggestions and questions are welcome.

I hope to see you all at the introductory meeting on Thursday.

Laura McIntosh





Childcare and Family Information Directories for Local Areas

Did you know that the 2017/18 version of the Highland Perthshire Area Childcare and Family Information Directory is available to download from www.pkc.gov.uk/localdirectories.

The directory includes details of a wide range of services, groups and organisations in the local area that we hope will be of interest to families and to professionals working with parents, carers and children.

If you know of any other services which it would be useful to include or come across anything in the directory that is inaccurate then please let us know. Documents will be updated no less than once annually and entries are kept up to date on the national website www.families.scot

The set of directories complements the information available in the Perth & Kinross Childcare and Family Information Directory which was updated in December 2016. Copies of this area wide document are being distributed to families by Health Visitors and are available in local libraries and on request from the Childcare Strategy Team Tel 01738 472350 E-mail childcare@pkc.gov.uk.

HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE

Support to Become a Childminder in Perth & Kinross

Perth & Kinross Council's Childcare Strategy Team continues to work with people who are considering childminding as a career by running free introductory sessions and pre-registration training courses as well as offering start-up grants and ongoing support.

Morning and evening introductory sessions are being held on Wednesdays 30 August and 8 November. Pre-registration courses will be held in September and November, with the option of attending for two whole days or over four evenings. A crèche can be provided for daytime sessions and courses if required.

As part of the recent Early Learning and Childcare consultation, families in some parts of Perth & Kinross said they would use a local childminder - if only there was one available! The Childcare Strategy Team has also been told by a number of childminders that they are planning to close over the next few months. The team is, therefore, particularly keen to hear from people living in Aberfeldy, Birnam, Blair Atholl, Grandtully or Pitlochry who might be interested in childminding.

Please contact the Childcare Strategy Team Tel 01738 472350 or Email childcare@pkc.gov.uk to find out more about what childminding involves or see www.pkc.gov.uk/childminding for further details.



We continue to run each day for 15 mins/a mile to develop stamina, fitness, cardiovascular capacity and all round feel good factor-that's your endorphins!



See www.thedailymile.co.uk for more information

Communication and Information

We recognize how important communication is for our school community to work effectively. Below is an overview of what communication families can expect from the school and what communication the school expects from families. As always if you have any questions or suggestions please get in touch using the options at the top of the page

Most written communication will be sent home on e-mail

Newsletters will be once per term and will focus on relevant dates and information for the term ahead.

Photos and updates on the pupils' learning can be found on Twitter and our Learning Blog (see information at the top of the page.)

School	Families	Families	School
◇ Information on all school trips / events	◇	◇ Phone call if pupil will not be in school followed up with a written note on return	
◇ Phone call if pupil is not in school by 9.15am	◇	◇ Phone call if there is a change in pick up arrangements	
◇ Written record if pupil has an incident in school (phone call if we feel pupil needs to return home or for any head injury)	◇	◇ Completed forms by return on email	
◇ Planning overview for the term ahead		◇ Written consent for any medication	

Your feedback is important to us....

Please return with comments, suggestions, queries and volunteering comments...

From...

Dates for session 2017-18

PI in am only	7-18 th August
Book Festival Edinburgh	29 th August
Curriculum Evening	31 st August
Maths Week	11-15 th September
Parent Contact meetings	20 th November & 27 th November
Mrs Gibson on Forest School training	2-6 th October
Autumn Showcase	3 rd October
Finish for Autumn Holiday	6 th October
Return	23 rd October
Holidays	16 th & 17 th November
Book week	27-1 st December
Winter Showcase	12 th December
Finish for winter Holiday	22.12.17 @12 noon
Return	8 th January 2018
Holidays	14 th /15 th /16 th February
Skiing	tbc
Parent Contact meetings	12 th & 13 th March
Spring Showcase	20 th March
Finish for Spring Holiday	29 th March (Thursday)
Return	17 th April (Tuesday)
Wee Robbie	4 th May
Holiday	7 th May (tbc)
P7 Comrie Croft	tbc
Sports Day	4 th June
Reserve date	12 th June
Transition dates Nursery/PI and P7/S1	7 th & 8 th June
Reports issued	13 th June
Summer Showcase	19 th June
Finish	28 th June @12 noon

Notes: