

ABERDEENSHIRE EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES



Keithhall Primary School
Keithhall
INVERURIE
Aberdeenshire
AB51 0LX

Mrs Nicole Scott
Head Teacher

Tel : (01467) 536930

Email : keithhall.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Website: keithhall.aberdeenshire.sch.uk

Dear Parents/Carers

Term 3 – Newsletter

A warm welcome back after the festive break!

Welcome!

A big Keithhall welcome to new pupils Natalia (P4) and sisters Elke (P3) and Ilsa (P1) who have joined us from South Africa. We are thrilled to have you as part of our school community!

Class Newsletter

Next week you will receive an overview of your son/daughter's class learning for the term. We hope this enables further insight into the learning/topics covered within school in addition to the photographs published on our school Facebook page.

Volunteers

We would like to appeal for volunteers to help with 'Bikeability' in Term 4 this session.

To run the Bikeability course we are looking for volunteers to come along and do the Bikeability Scotland Course. This is a 7 hour course and can be delivered as one whole day, two half days or two after school sessions when the nights are lighter. The candidates would need to be able to ride a bike and take their bike and helmet with them. The course would be delivered at Keithhall school.

If anyone is interested in supporting the school, please return the slip provided with your stated preference for training. To enable us to provide a bike safety course for the children, we are looking for a minimum of 4 adults to complete this.

ALEC Caravan

ALEC caravan will be visiting the school on **Wednesday 12th January**.

The focus for these sessions are;

- P1 - P3 - My Wonderful Body
- P4/P5 - Meet the Brain
- P6/P7 - Friends

School Lunches

In line with Scottish Government all children from P1 up and including P5 will be able to receive a free school lunch as of January.

World Book Day



Come to school dressed up as your favourite book character!

We will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on **Thursday 3rd March**. It will be filled with lots of exciting, celebratory ways to promote reading.

Scots Poetry

Children will be learning a Scots Poem this term for our Burn's Day Celebration and school competition on **Tuesday 25th January**. We would love to see children wearing something that celebrates Scottish heritage on this day.

Music

We are delighted to welcome, music teacher Mrs Minto to Keithhall this term as our music specialist. We look forward to the children show casing their musical skills later in the term. PE will continue with Mr Fullarton on a Thursday and Drama on a Monday with Mrs Charlton.

Keithhall Parent Council

The next parent council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 22nd February at 7:30 pm**. Due to the continued Covid restrictions this will be held virtually via a Team meeting link. Please contact the school or parent council if you would like to attend. Parent Council details can be found on the school website.

Covid 19

As we again find ourselves with further restrictions due to the new Omicron variant, can I remind everyone that pupils and parents should not come to school if they or someone in their household has developed symptoms (new persistent cough, fever or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste) They should self-isolate straight away, stay at home and arrange a test via www.nhsinform.scot

Please inform the school of any positive tests when reporting absences via the school email or phone call. Household contacts of all positive cases MUST isolate for 10 days as per national guidance regardless of age, testing negative or being vaccinated. Pupils must not attend if they, or a member of their household, has COVID-like symptoms or a positive test.

Any adult entering the playground must wear a face covering and will only be allowed to enter the building in an emergency or through a pre-arranged appointment. When picking up or dropping off children please adhere to social distancing measures and wear a face covering.

Whilst these measures once again feel restrictive, with the easy transmission of this new variant, it is important that everyone follows NHS and Health Board guidance to keep everyone safe.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school email or telephone should you have any queries.

Kind regards

Mrs Nicole Scott

Term 3 – Summary of Important Dates

Holidays

- 10th and 11th February – Local Holidays
- 14th February - Mid Term Holiday
- 15th February to 16th February – In-Service days (School is closed to pupils)
- 1st April – end of term 3
- 4th April to 15th April – Spring Holiday
- 18th April – start of term 4

School Events

- 12th January – ALEC caravan visit
- 11th February to 17th February – Pupil jotters and workbooks to be shared at home
- 22nd February – Virtual Parent Council meeting at 7:30 pm
- 25th January – Celebration of Robert Burns – Come wearing Scottish clothing or accessory
- 3rd March – World Book Day – Come dressed as your favourite book character
- 14th March – Written reports to be sent home
- 22nd March – Parent Interviews
- 30th March – Spring Show (Panto)

Please return slip by Friday 14th January 2002

Bikeability Scotland Course

I would like to volunteer to complete the Bikeability training course.

Name

Please circle your preferred session

All day (7 Hours)

2 Half days

2 After school sessions