

ABERDEENSHIRE EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES



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Keithhall School Newsletter

Welcome back to 2022-2023 session!

Firstly, we would like to warmly welcome back our returning P2 – P7 pupils and Alexander, Oliver, Harris, Lexi, Caiden, Innes and Dolly who have joined us in P1. It has been lovely to see everyone back after their summer holidays!

We would also like to welcome Mrs Emma Geddes who has joined us as Pupil Support in addition to Mrs McKay.

A huge thank you to everyone who has written their child's name in new clothing and shoes as this has already helped us after a sunny and then rainy day yesterday. Indoor shoes to keep the school dry and clean and wellies are essential items for muddy wet weather. As the weather is so changeable, please ensure a jacket is brought to school each day as we are outside unless the weather really is too bad.

We are continuing to ask children to come to school on a Thursday and Friday **wearing their gym clothes** for the entire day. Please remember that this is still a school uniform day and comfortable **dark, plain** bottoms, a red or white T-shirt and school sweatshirt either a red hoodie or blue school sweatshirt are required.

Communication

Please inform the school before 9:30 am if you know your child will be absent. The office is staffed between 8:30am – 1:00 pm everyday but should no one answer please leave a message or email the school. This should continue for each day of absence.

Please use the school communication systems ie. telephone call, Groupcall, xpressions or email the school for queries or information.

School Routines

The main entrance will be open for all pupils at 8:45 am for those wishing to come into school before 9:00 am to have a quiet time to settle independently into the class, read or access/consolidate any tasks they wish to complete.

The daily mile will continue to take place prior to lunch.

Visiting Specialists

Mrs Charlton will provide Drama lessons on a Monday morning and Mr Fullerton will be in school taking PE with all children on a Thursday afternoon. Mrs Minto will also join us again for Music in Term 3.

Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th at 7:00pm at Keithhall school. It would be lovely to see as many faces as possible and a great opportunity to share suggestions for school moving forward.

School Staff

Head Teacher – Mrs Nicole Scott (Class committed P1 – P3 Mon/Tues)

Class Teacher – Mrs Fiona Duncan (P1 – P3 Weds/Thurs/Fri)

Class Teacher – Miss Claire Ross-Munro (P4-P7)

Pupil Support – Mrs Heather McKay

Pupil Support – Mrs Emma Geddes

Additional Support for Learning – Mrs Valerie Napier

School Administrator – Mrs Julia Wilkie

Catering Assistant – Mrs Pat Williams

Janitor – Mr Kenny Moir

Learning and Teaching

A letter will be issued outlining the class learning at the beginning of each term. This will allow parents/carers and grandparents the opportunity to engage with their children's learning and offer any skills and knowledge to support and extend the learning in school. This year once again we would like to extend a welcome to anyone that would like to visit and speak to the children at school.

Planned outdoor lessons for P1-3 class will take place on a **Monday** afternoon and P4-P7 will be on **Tuesday** afternoon. Can children please come dressed in school uniform and ensure that long sleeved tops and long trousers that can be tucked into wellingtons are worn. As you are aware forests and grasslands can contain ticks but with the appropriate clothing and precautions, we hope to avoid any situations where ticks can be picked up.

Dates for the Diary

Parent/Carer Curricular Evening

We will be holding three curricular evenings this session to share with parents/carers information about learning, teaching and assessment at Keithhall school. We hope that you will join us for these informal sessions in school on the days below.

Thursday September 8th at 7:00 pm – Pupil Learning Profiles

Wednesday September 21st at 7:00 pm – Learning in Primary 1

Thursday January 26th at 7:00 pm – Learning about ‘Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood’

Reporting

Parent/Carer appointments will be offered on **Thursday September 29th**. These will take place in school at a convenient time to parents/carers and teachers; information will follow later in the term.

We would also this session like to welcome parent/carers into school on three occasions to view and share their child’s/children work and classroom activities. These informal occasions will take place on the days and times below.

Thursday November 24th at 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Thursday February 23rd at 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Wednesday May 31st at 10:30 am to 11:30 am

We are delighted again to invite everyone to a Macmillan coffee and tea afternoon which will be held on **Friday 30th September at 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm** in aid of Cancer support.

We are hopeful that nothing this session will interrupt our plans to have everyone back into school again but should this change then this will be communicated as soon as possible.

We are continuing to encourage children to bring in any certificate or achievement they have received or taken part in so that we may celebrate this as a whole school. Again, the school closed Facebook page will share learning and achievements throughout the session. This is open for parents and grandparents of children currently at Keithhall school only and we trust that any images or videos are not shared beyond this private page. For any parents/carers wishing to be admitted please find Keithhall School on the Facebook site and request association.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards
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