

# Kemnay Primary School Bulletin

## November 2019



I hope everyone had a wonderful October holiday period. The pupils have been very settled since their return as we enjoy the calm before the very busy storm!

**A special welcome to our new pupils:**

**In Nursery Yellow - Sonny**

**In P6/7L (Mrs Hutcheon) - Alissa**

**Reminder of our perilous situation for P1/P2 pupils!** Our P1 class is now full and if we have another P1 join we will need to reorganise our early stages classes to accommodate everyone in adherence with the Scottish Government's maximum class size regulations (2010). I will keep you fully informed and will try to do everything to ensure continuity and minimal disruption.

### **Staffing**

Unfortunately we were unable to appoint a permanent Early Years Practitioner this week. [The post is now re-advertised \(https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/aberdeenshire-council/jobs/early-years-practitioner-173211\)](https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/aberdeenshire-council/jobs/early-years-practitioner-173211). If you know anyone that would be interested, with suitable qualifications and experience, please let them know about our Tuesday/Wednesday 14.5hr vacancy. We will be expanding our provision which will also mean that staff will almost certainly be given the opportunity to increase their hours. This is expected to be in place for August 2020.

We were successful in appointing Mrs Yvonne Craig for the post of Early Years Practitioner. This is a temporary post to cover Charlotte (Charlie) Nicol's maternity leave.

Join our amazing team, keep our pupils safe and become a local celebrity by being our next school crossing patroller! [Applications close on 25th November: https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/aberdeenshire-council/jobs/school-crossing-patroller-172939](https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/aberdeenshire-council/jobs/school-crossing-patroller-172939)

### **Tissues**

It is the time of year where runny noses become common place around our school. We can provide blue paper towels for the pupils but these are very rough and abrasive. If

possible, we would kindly ask each pupil to donate a box of tissues to their class so they can keep themselves clean without the misery of our 'sandpaper like' towels.

### **Uniform**

With DFS in Inverurie closing down we have switched our uniform provider to [www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com](http://www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com). Our specific school will be available shortly. You will be able to browse the full uniform on offer with accessories to match. Delivery will be made to your home address. Samples of the uniform will be made available in the school very soon.

### **Homework Consultation**

Please use the link to complete our [homework questionnaire](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKCwFK7yUoUaxFsX9v_ADu1DtUMkU0VOEzTVIFTI_Q4TIJJV1FMIMx5EU3VS4u):  
[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ\\_i1NCUSVndDttzBKCwFK7yUoUaxFsX9v\\_ADu1DtUMkU0VOEzTVIFTI\\_Q4TIJJV1FMIMx5EU3VS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKCwFK7yUoUaxFsX9v_ADu1DtUMkU0VOEzTVIFTI_Q4TIJJV1FMIMx5EU3VS4u) The results of which will be discussed by our staff at our in-service day and shortly after by KSPG to form a new homework policy that we aim to publish at our Curricular Information Evening.

### **ALDI Kit for Schools**

We have managed to complete 2 full posters and during the holidays the children have continued to collect stickers in huge quantities. We are hopeful that we will have a third poster to send away to redeem our kit! The stickers will not be printed after 3<sup>rd</sup> November with stocks being depleted until the due date of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We will send ours away week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Christmas Plans**

We are currently organising all of the parties, shows and pantomime plans at the moment. We aim to have this information out to you as soon as possible.

### **Christmas Fair: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

A message from the Chair of Kemnay School Parent Group (KSPG) Louise Tough:

*Just a reminder that the Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 1100 - 1330. As per usual, we will have the jar tombola / raffles / games / craft stalls / photo booth / refreshments (including some of Angela's wonderful cooking!), and of course - Santa's grotto!*

*Raffle prize donations and jars (filled with fun items like wrapped sweets / stickers etc.), for the fair can be dropped off at the school office - thank you!!*

*If you are interested in helping out in the day (and hour of your time on a stall would be much appreciated!), please contact [kspgsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:kspgsecretary@gmail.com).*

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### Children in Need: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

To celebrate 'Children in Need' day the pupil council have organised a **Pyjama Day** for a donation of £1 per pupil. We will also have a **Kemnay's Got Talent** show in the afternoon with 2 acts per class. Expect to see clips on the school twitter feed!

### Spoons!

Just a little reminder for packed-lunch pupils to bring their own spoons for yoghurts. Lots of school spoons end up going home or into our bin rather than back to the kitchen. They are often left with a large soup spoon which is less than ideal.

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

#### Curricular Information Evening 5-7pm

We are hosting a Curricular Information Evening to inform our parents of exciting developments happening in Kemnay School.



We will be able to showcase the reporting application SeeSaw to answer any questions you may have about it. Access codes will be released beforehand (exp. Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov) so you can access your child's page and have any user issues/queries cleared up.

Other tables/areas include; internet safety, spelling, homework, sum-dog, digital schools (KPM), active schools, easyfundraising.com, maths mastery and house points.

Yours sincerely,

David Williams  
Head Teacher

### Diary Dates

W/C 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Extra-Curricular activities commence
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Flu Vaccinations Day
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Children in Need: Pyjama Day & Talent Show
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	In-Service Day: <b>School Closed</b> for pupils
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	In-Service Day: <b>School Closed</b> for pupils
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Curricular Evening 5-7pm in School gym halls/P5 classroom
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Christmas Fair 11-1.30pm
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec:	Cinderella Pantomime @HMT 1.30-5.30pm approx.
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Last day of Term 2

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