Dear Parents & Carers

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope this finds you well and I wish you all the very best for 2019.

At this time of year our children are busy building upon their learning about Scotland and learning their Scottish poems.

Although our Burns Supper is primarily for our P6 grandparents, there will be an opportunity for our poetry finalists to share their poems with parents and carers at Assemblies on Monday 4th February. P5-7 will be from 9.10-10.00am and P1-4 will be held from 11.00-11.50am.

We will let you know if your child will be performing so that you can come along to Assembly if you are free.

Parent Teacher Interviews are 14th and 19th March and I look forward to seeing you all over these two dates. However in the meantime if you need to contact me for any reason my email address is jil.simpson@fife.gov.uk or I can be contacted by phone on 01334 659420

Kindest Regards
Jil Simpson
Headteacher

Staffing Update

Mr Rolland will leave Kennoway to take a Principle Teacher position with Fife Council on Friday 25th January. We are delighted that Mr Rolland has gained this promotion, however we will be sorry to lose him as a member of our Team.

We wish him the very best of luck in his new position.

Mr Rolland’s post has been advertised and I hope to be able to appoint a new member of staff in the coming weeks.

Effective Contributors & Confident Individuals

In Term 2 all of our classes worked on a Christmas Fair Enterprising Event which was run by our P6 and P7 Teams. This event was so well supported by parents, carers, friends and family and an overwhelming £1234 was raised. This money will be used to reduce the cost of the P6
Ardroy Residential, P7 Alternative Timetable Week and Leaver’s Hoodies.

P5 shared their YMI Learning as part of a workshop with their parents and carers. Mrs Allan, Miss Gilbert and Miss Hall were all very proud of the P5 Team who did a wonderful job of sharing their learning so far.

P3-7 presented their fabulous Christmas Concert to Parents, Carers, friends and family and were joined by our wonderfully committed P6 and P7 musicians from our fabulous Glee Choir. We wore our Christmas jumpers on this day and asked everyone to make a donation. The amount raised for Save the Children was £238.85.

P1 and P2 worked really hard to practice and present our 2018 Christmas Nativity, which was very well received by parents, carers, friends and family.

Our Nursery Team presented their Singalong. Both morning and afternoon children did so well sharing their Christmas songs and they looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers.

At the end of term Friends of Kennoway presented our school with a cheque for £2000 which was the result of a range of fundraising that has been organised this year so far.

The school team are tremendously grateful to the Friends of Kennoway Team for their hard work and also for the generosity of our parents & carers who buy raffle tickets, tea, coffee etc. and generally support all of the fundraising activities, concerts and enterprising events.

Thank you all so very much!

Courteous Car Parking

Just before the holidays I was contacted by a resident who lives in Pentland Park He wished to let me know that Parents/Carers were parking across his driveway in the mornings.

Please do not do this. We enjoy positive relationships with our neighbours and I am keen to keep these positive relationships going!

I have had my application to install gates and some fencing to our car park approved and I am hoping that these will be in place this term. I will update you of progress and what this will mean for Parents/Carers in due course.

The JRSO’S (Junior Road Safety Officers) are supporting some college students in carrying out a project looking at the parking issues we have in our carpark and the issue of parked cars around the school. There are slips for anyone to fill in that has had an issue in the entrance hall and we would appreciate your support in filling these in if you have something you would like to highlight. The college students are working with other cluster schools putting together a clip that will highlight these issues and hopefully identify ways we can address them. The students are in on Thursday 17th January to speak to staff, parent/carers and children about the
issues and to record voice overs. They will be using a drone later on in the term to film the school area before and at the end of the day.

**Parent Partnerships**

You will have regularly heard me say that our positive partnerships with our parents and carers is a key ingredient in making our school work well. Our Teaching Team will always try to meet your requests to meet, catch up etc. where necessary and appropriate, however it is not always appropriate for this to happen first thing in the morning as staff are trying to bring in the lines, supervise the cloakroom and get children into classrooms ready to begin the day.

I ask that should you wish to pass on any significant information to the Class Teacher in the morning, you do so through the School Office. Parents and Carers should not be coming into school through the pupil doors in the morning or at the end of the day unless you have prior agreement either with the Class Teacher or with a member of the Leadership Team.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to updating our Visions and Values statement. The suggestions that parents, carers, pupils, staff and other partners made to help us decide what we stand for here at Kennoway was invaluable.

We have tried to take account of the life and work of our Community, not just our school. We will be formally launching our new Vision and Values in the coming weeks but here is a sneak preview…..

**Vision Statement** – Together we Succeed.
**Values** – Kennoway CARES – Community, Achieve, Respect, Encourage, Support
**Aim** – Aim High!

We hope that you feel this sums us up. We would be delighted to hear your views and opinions.

**Going for GOLD**

After the success of achieving the Sport Scotland Silver school sport award in 2018 we are aiming to meet the GOLD criteria and offer even more sporting activities for our pupils.

We have an exciting opportunity starting this term for P7 pupils. They have all been offered the chance to lead learning and have the responsibility to share their skills with our Primary 2 pupils in the area of sport. We are starting lunchtime sport clubs for P2 pupils on a Wednesday and Friday. We will offer the opportunity for the pupils to take part in various sports led by the senior pupils with a staff member observing the session.
Enrolments

If your child is due to begin Nursery between August 2019 and July 2020, then you must make arrangements to enrol by Thursday 31 January 2019.

Children who live in our catchment area and are ready to begin school in August 2019 should be enrolled by Friday 25 January 2019.

If parents/carers wish to make a placing request to another Primary or Secondary school then a letter should be sent to the school of your choice before the Friday 15 March 2019 however parents/carers must also enrol in the catchment school.

Diary Dates

January 2019
21 – Scottish Poetry Judging (PM)
23 – P6 Swimming begins
24 – Burns Supper (PM)
25 – Burns Day Lunch Menu
   Deadline for P1 Enrolling for catchment children
29 – 5.45pm Friends of Kennoway meeting

February 2019
13 – INSET 4
14/15 – Half Term Holiday
19 – 6.00pm Parent Council Meeting
20 – Kennoway Careers Fair
25 – Big Brain Book Quiz at Rothes Halls (P7)
   6.00pm – P7 Rotary Quiz at Levenmouth Academy

March 2019
1 – House Activity Afternoon
14 – Parent Teacher Interviews 6.00pm-8.30pm
19 – Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm-6.00pm
25 – Learning Journey Jotters home.
29 – P7 Group First Chances Day – St Andrews University

April 2019
2 – P7 Fire Service Workshop
4 – Easter Assemblies in St Kenneth’s Parish Church

Our school closes on Thursday 4 April at 3.00pm and opens again on Monday 22 April 2019.

Jil Simpson
Headteacher