

# **Innellan Primary School Newsletter October 2017**

**Dear Parent / Carer**

## **Dates for your Diary**

6 <sup>th</sup>	October	Autumn School Holidays School closes at 3pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	October	Children return to School
2 <sup>nd</sup>	November	Parent Evening
6 <sup>th</sup>	November	Parent Council 3pm-4pm

## **Mr French new Head Teacher of Innellan and Toward Primary Schools**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to have started in the role of Head Teacher at Innellan Primary School. I look forward to building on the good progress that the School has made recently.

I have been fortunate to have worked both in the international and Scottish settings. I taught business and general English in Italy for a number of years and have recently worked as Director of Studies at a summer English language camp in northern Spain. It is a position that I held for over a decade and through this role I have fostered a love for Spain and all things Spanish.

Within Scotland I have worked both within the Primary and Secondary settings. I worked as an Additional Support Needs teacher in an East Renfrewshire High School, where I was also responsible for English as an Additional Language and Business Studies qualifications.

In Primary, I have gained considerable experience as a Support Assistant, Class Teacher, Principal Teacher and Depute Head across the Perth and Kinross and Stirling local authorities.

I have led projects of work which have been shortlisted for the Scottish Education Awards and I act as an Associate for Scotland's National Centre for Languages at Strathclyde University. I hope to bring this knowledge and experience to provide opportunities for all pupils to get involved in projects and experiences which will enrich their learning.

Fostering a positive ethos across the school is central to my approach to learning and teaching. Ensuring that the School learning environment is welcoming, a place where pupils feel comfortable and confident, is a priority for me. I am passionate about supporting and nurturing the talents of the individual learner and in promoting high expectations for all children.

Working in partnership with all children, parents/carers, staff and the wider School community is extremely important to me. Working together with effective communication will be key to improvement and progress. If you are in the School for any reason please pop in, introduce yourself and say hello.

### **Swimming**

Primary 1 and Primary 2 have started swimming this month. This will take place every Tuesday over a 6 week block. Primary 3 to 6 will start their block in March 2018.

### **Outdoor Learning**

Every Wednesday the children will be outside taking advantage of the outdoor environment and learning through their experiences. Can we remind parents and carers to ensure all children have appropriate warm and waterproof outdoor clothing.

### **Absence Reporting**

When a child is absent can we ask parents and carers to phone into the Office before 9:30am to let us know.

Thank you for your continued support,

Christopher French  
Head Teacher