**AVIEMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

***Vision:*** *Always learning, Always growing, Always positive*

Happy New Year to all our children and families. We hope you enjoyed the festive break and are looking forward to the new term.

**Staffing**

We welcome back Mrs Jess Creber and Mrs Gael Tannock-Josey to the staff team. Mr Alan McLean retired at the end of last term and Mrs Kirsty Dudgeon has taken over the P7 class until the post is advertised.

**Topics for Term 3**

P1 Scotland P4 The Jacobites

P1/2 Scotland P4/5 The Jacobites

P2 Scotland P5/6 Scotland

P2/3 Scotland P6 Scotland - Myths and Legends

P3 Scotland P7 The Jacobites

PR1 Scotland

For more details please see your child’s Termly Planner which also has other dates for your diary on the school website - [www.aviemoreprimary.co.uk](http://www.aviemoreprimary.co.uk)

**Enrolment for Primary 1 2020 / 2021**

Enrolment week for children due to start school in August 2020 (if they are 5 before 28th February 2021) takes place from Monday 27th January to Friday 31st January 2020. The enrolment is online, please follow the below link

<https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/11/school_enrolment>

**Parent Council**

The next parent council meeting will take place on Wednesday 15 January in the school staff room, 6-7pm. Agenda:

* Head Teacher's report
* Treasurer's report
* Christmas fundraising update
* ASN cuts
* Party box update
* Crisp packet recycling
* Valentine's disco
* School uniform exchange
* future fundraising ideas

We will all meet at the school office at 6pm and walk in together.  Childcare will be available. Everyone welcome!

The Valentines Discos are on Friday 7th February

**Communication**

A reminder that we operate an open door policy and welcome the opportunity to involve parents/carers in their child’s learning at all times. As well as an annual report in June, an interim report in February and Parents Evening in November we encourage parents/carers to share their child’s learning at our open events each term. This is an opportunity to see progress in their Learning Profile Folder. At other times of the year if you wish to get in touch with us please telephone or email the school office to arrange an appointment with the appropriate member of staff. If you would like to volunteer or be involved in school life in any other way please get in touch.

Tel: 01479 813120 Email: aviemore.primary@highland.gov.uk

**House Treats**

Thanks to the Activity Centre at MacDonald resort for hosting our House treat for Capercaillie at the end of last term.

**Clothing**

![C:\Users\jeango\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\FLROO1PO\Replacement-36[1].png]()As weather will become very wintry please keep an eye on the forecast and ensure your child is dressed suitably for the conditions.

Children should come to school in sensible shoes or trainers for outdoor use and safe, clean shoes for indoor use. Snow boots/wellingtons are encouraged for winter weather. Children are encouraged to wear velcro or zip fastening shoes until they can tie their own laces.

Children must wear shoes in the school building at all times. If shoes are being removed for P.E they should be stored in a way that will enable children to access them in case of a fire alarm! We are noticing that some children are coming to school without indoor shoes and would appreciate your support with this.

**Travelling to school during adverse weather – guidelines for parents/carers**

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to decide if you and your child should attempt to travel to school, by transport or on foot, in adverse weather conditions. The Council encourages regular attendance at school but in severe weather conditions the safety of children is more important.

The school/nursery has established a system of communication:-

* ![C:\Users\jeango\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\6ZYMG5AL\snow-flake-8[1].png]()A telephone service will provide parents/carers with up-to-date information. Please call 0800 564 2272 to access your schools’ information using the unique pin number which is 041460.
* School/Nursery - Twitter/Facebook
* Text Messaging Service (only used if school closes after 8.30am). The message will be short as there is only a limited number of characters.
* MFR radio

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In addition to this you can also view:

* The Highland Council Website, Facebook and Twitter
* The Council’s website http://www.highland.gov.uk/schoolclosures will be updated with information for individual schools

**Dates for your Diary**

**Events this Term**

**Feb**

7th Interim Reports issued to parents/carers

 Parent Council Valentine Disco

13th NSPCC talks to all classes

17th & 18th Holiday

19th Inset Day – school closed to pupils

25th Rotary Quiz P7

**Mar**

5th World Book Day

9th – 13th B & S Music Festival

13th Sport Relief

16th Parent Open Event – am

 Parent Information Session (Positive Relationships)– pm

18th McRobert Cup – cross country comp

19th Scottish Opera P5-7

20th Lots of Socks Day

26th House Treats

**Term Dates/Holidays**

Fri 27th March 2020 Tues 14th April 2020

Thurs 2nd July 2020 Tues 18th August 2020

**Other closures**

Mon & Tues 17th & 18th February 2020 Holiday

Wed 19th February 2020 Inservice day

Fri 8th May 2020 Holiday (please note change of date)

Mon 1st June 2020 Inservice day

Miss E MacCallum

10th January 2020