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**Vision:** *Playing and Learning Together*

**AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER**

**Hello and Welcome back ☺**

I am delighted to be joining the team at Aviemore ELCC as the Childcare Manager and very much look forward to meeting you all and working with you over coming months ☺ We have a fantastic centre here in Aviemore and I am excited to be helping the nursery develop as we move towards full implementation of the 1140 hours of funded ELCC next August.

Please get in touch if there is anything at all you wish to discuss with either myself or the EYP’s. Key worker groups will be allocated shortly and we will of course advise you who your child’s allocated key worker is within the nursery for this session.

 I can either be contacted by telephone, 01479 810738 or alternatively by e mail caroline.green@highland.gov.uk. I am based within the nursery and will be working full time in the centre each day, Monday to Friday.

It is lovely to see the children settling well into the new session and beginning to learn the routines in their new rooms.

**Outdoor Learning**

We are keen to further develop our outdoor area and would love to have parental input on how we can do this! Do you have any ideas/ can we tap into any skills you may have to help with this/ do you have any contacts that we could utilise? Any help that you can give us to transform what we already have would be much appreciated. Please get in touch with us if you think you can help, thank you ☺ Our plan is to utilise the outdoors as much as possible for our learning and welcome any suggestions/comments that you may have.



**Garden maintenance**

Are you passionate about gardening and could spare some time to help us maintain our flowerbeds? If we can get a few parent/grandparent helpers that would be fantastic ☺ Again, please get in touch and we will look at how best to organise this.

**ELC Statements**

Statements will be e-mailed to all parents/ carers at the end of each month. The first statement will be issued at the end of August. If you do notice any errors on your statement please email aviemore.nursery@highland.gov.uk (not the school e-mail given on the statements).

**Stay and Play**

Parent / carers are invited to stay at Nursery and play with their child to share some learning experiences at Nursery with them on Wednesday 2nd October at 11am – 11.30am or 2pm – 2.30pm , please note the day will be changed throughout year to maximise opportunities to attend.

If, for any reason you cannot make the dates/times we have allocated throughout the year please speak to a member of the nursery team and we will be happy to arrange another time for you. It is our intention to explore additional opportunities for parental involvement with your child’s learning during this session and we will keep you posted about this ☺

**Clothing**

Please ensure that all of your child’s personal items are clearly labelled with your child’s name, eg clothes, jackets, shoes and bags (somewhere visible for staff).

As the weather is very changeable, and particularly as we move towards Autumn, please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for the weather so that they can play outside on a daily basis.

All children should also bring a change of clothes.

**Suncream**

![C:\Users\AmosK\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\GYNL3KJW\sunglasses-and-lotion-clipart[1].jpg]()A reminder that all children should have suncream on when they are dropped off at Nursery during the warm weather, children should also be provided with suncream in a bottle labelled with their child’s name to be topped up if they are in Nursery for more than 3 hours. Nursery suncream will only be used in emergencies.

**School Meals**

Currently P1- P3 receive free school meals, however Nursery School meals are not free unless you fit the criteria for free school meals. Please come and speak to our Childcare Manager about this if you require further information.

**Packed Lunches**

If your child is having packed lunches, please provide them with either diluting juice or water. Please also note that we are unable to reheat any meals provided.

At Nursery we try to promote healthy eating choices for all children, we would appreciate it if you would support this by providing your child with some healthy snack items in their packed lunch. If your child is a fussy eater and you would like some advice with this please speak to a member of staff. Please ensure packed lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child’s name and cleaned out daily.

**Amendments to Bookings**

A reminder that all Nursery bookings are set for the academic year. Any requests to change your permanent Nursery booking will be considered on a termly basis and any agreed changed will take effect from the beginning of the new term.

**Collecting children**

Could we kindly ask that children are collected promptly at the end of their booked nursery session. This helps us ensure that the service we offer our children and families runs smoothly at all times.

**Roald Dahl**

On Thursday 12th September we will be celebrating books and reading for Roald Dahl Day at nursery. Children can dress up if they wish or wear something yellow (Roald Dahl’s favourite colour.) Children are also encouraged to bring along their favourite book to share at nursery.

**General reminders**

* If your child has suffered from vomiting or diarrhoea they must not return to school for a period of **48 hours** from the time of their last episode.
* If your child requires medication within Out Of School Club / Nursery hours (see medicines policy on school website) please contact the ELC office to inform us of this (this includes inhalers).
* Door security- please note that only ELC members of staff are allowed to open the door to allow entry to anyone looking to enter and exit the building. Please also note that children are not to open the door themselves.
* Please remember to inform the ELC office if your child will be using any Highlife activities this year.
* Reminder to dress your child for the days weather to enable outdoor play – Please apply sun cream prior to dropping children off if required and waterproofs, hats / sunhats, gloves etc.
* If you are in the process of toilet training your child, please inform your child’s room staff, so that we can discuss ways to support your child whist they are at Nursery.
* Please ensure that all of your child’s personal items are clearly labelled with your child’s name, eg clothes, jackets, shoes and bags (somewhere visible for staff).
* As we are now approaching the Autumn term please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for the weather so that they can play outside on a daily basis.
* All children should also bring a change of clothes.

**Early Learning and Childcare**

**Dates for your Diary**

**ELC Closures**

Please be reminded that the Nursery will be closed on all in-service days and school holidays, dates are shown below for the rest of the academic year.

**School / OOSC Opens School / OOSC Closes**

Tuesday 20st August 2019 Friday 11th October 2019

Monday 28th October 2019 Friday 20st December 2019

Monday 6th January 2020 Friday 27th March 2020

Tuesday 14th April 2020 Thursday 2nd July 2020

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Other closures: Mon/Tues 16th/17th Sept 2019 Inset days

Mon/Tues 21st/22nd Nov 2019 Inset days

Mon/Tues 17th/18th Feb 2020 Holiday

Weds 19th Feb 2020 Inset day

Friday 8th May 2020 May Day

Monday 1rd June 2020 Inset day

**Additional dates:** Thursday 12th September Roald Dahl Day

![C:\Users\AmosK\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\6COR4RLO\entertainment-camera-still[1].png]() Wednesday 2nd October Stay and Play Morning/Afternoon

Thursday 31st October Nursery Halloween Party Wednesday 20th November Tempest Individual Photos

Friday 15th November Children in Need

![C:\Users\AmosK\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\7O3IT4AL\party1[1].png]() Wednesday 4th December Stay & Play Afternoon

Tuesday 10th December Nursery Christmas Concert

Friday 13th December Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 19th December Nursery Christmas Party

Monday 20st – Friday 25th January Nursery Parents Meetings

![C:\Users\AmosK\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\O7UH9I84\Red_Nose_logo[1].png]()End January date t.b.c. Enrolment for Primary 1

Thursday 5th March World Book Day

 Friday 13th March Sports Relief

Monday 16st March Stay and Play Morning

![C:\Users\AmosK\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\7O3IT4AL\0511-0812-0505-0161_Boy_Competing_in_a_Sack_Race_clipart_image[1].jpg]()Friday 20th March Lots of Socks Day

Thursday 26th March Easter party

Thursday 16th April Tempest Group Photos

Wednesday 13th May Nursery Sports Day

Wednesday 20th May Bad weather alternative for Sports Day

Thursday 4th June Stay and Play Afternoon

Wednesday 1st July Nursery End Year Presentation

**Aviemore ELC Values:**

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**V**alues are…

**I**nclusion

**E**veryone works together

**M**aking friendships

**O**pportunities to play and learn

**R**especting everyone

**E**xploring new things