

AVIEMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL/ELC NEWSLETTER



School Vision: Always Learning, Always Growing, Always Positive
ELC Vision: Play and learn together.

Welcome back

We have been delighted to welcome everyone back to school and nursery following the summer break. A special welcome to our new Nursery and Primary 1 children as well as new families joining us in other stages of the school too.

Staffing

We welcome two new members of staff to our team this session. Catriona Sutton takes up the role of PT ASN and will lead our ASN team as well as teach in Rainbow and Bothy. Lynne Finnie joins us as a P7 teacher, job sharing with Mrs Creber. Mrs Lynne Williams is also returning as a PSA on a supply basis.

We were sorry to say goodbye to two members of staff from our nursery at the end of last session. Jade Jacob has taken up a post in Abernethy Nursery and Alison Mair has moved to Kingussie Nursery. Both were very popular with our nursery children, providing lots of fun and energy. We thank them both for their contribution to our nursery and wish them well.

Kenny Rogan is also moving on next month from the role of clerical in our nursery. He has been an asset to our team and we will miss his friendly, approachable nature and efficiency. Kenny's post is currently advertised.

Classes for this session

P1 – Ms Eilidh Ross/Mrs Chenelle McMaster
P1/2 - Ms Sulekha Millar
P2/3 – Mrs Tracy Lewis/Mrs Anona Johnstone
P3/4 - Mrs Sandra McIntyre
P4 – Mrs Miriam Swinton/ Mrs Gael Tannock-Josey
P4/5 – Mrs Siobhan Pentland
P5/6 – Mrs Aileen Hull
P6 - Mrs Sofie O'Brien/ Mr Joseph Wilkins
P7 – Mrs Jess Creber/Mrs Lynne Finnie
PT ASN Rainbow and Bothy - Mrs Catriona Sutton
ASN Nursery/Lower wing - Mrs Kate Johnson
ASN Upper wing – Miss Emma Killan



CCR (class contact reduction) is the planning and preparation time for teaching staff. This equates to 30 minutes a day. Teachers in P1-3 classes have this time from 2:45-3:15 after children have left. For P4-7 classes this time is accommodated during the school week and organised depending on staff entitlement taking into account part-time staff/job shares. In P3/4 Mrs McMaster will teach the class on a Wednesday afternoon. In P4 Mrs Swinton and Mrs Tannock-Josey will cover each other's time. In P4/5-P7 Mr Wilkins will teach classes during this time. Some teachers (this session Mrs Pentland and Mrs Hull) choose to accumulate this time so that Mr Wilkins will teach the class for a whole day once per fortnight.

Learning this Term

Our priority this term will be the three main areas of the curriculum, Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. All classes will also work on the topic of 'Equalities, Rights and Diversity'

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 available from Friday 27th August.

We will continue to post Home Learning Grids on Google Classrooms (as well as sending home paper copies.) Please ensure your child has accepted the invitation to join their new classroom.

Events this Term



- **M&M Productions** are hoping to visit school on 1st September, Covid restrictions allowing, for a performance of 'The Wizard of Oz.' There will be three performances over the day so that classes do not all gather together at once.



- **Roald Dahl Day** is on the 13th September. As this is an in-service day we will celebrate Roald Dahl, his stories and reading in general on Friday 10th September. We invite your child to come to school wearing something yellow, Roald's favourite colour.

- **Photographs** – The Press and Journal have invited us to send our own Primary 1 for publication. We will be taking the photo on Monday 23rd August. Next term a photographer is booked for individual and family photos (school and nursery) on Thursday 4th November, Covid restrictions allowing.
- **Flu immunisations** – Flu immunisations will be taking place on October 25th. Children will be coming home with consent forms next week. Please ensure they are completed and returned on time (within 7 days of receipt.) If you would like more information please see www.nhsinform.scot/flu



Communication

At the moment we are only able to have essential visitors in school, including parents/carers. If you have any questions please get in touch with us via phone (01479813120 for school and 01479810738 for nursery) or via email (Aviemore.primary@highland.gov.uk or Aviemore.nursery@highland.gov.uk) We are happy to answer any questions so please do not hesitate. You can also message our Facebook account although this is not monitored regularly throughout the day. We will not respond to queries on community sites and would ask that concerns are raised with us in the first instance before using these forums.

If your child is absent please phone or email us as early as possible. You can also text 07860 009041. (Do not reply to the number we text you from if you receive a message – we will not receive these.)

Parent Council



Our first Parent Council Meeting this session will be on Thursday 2nd September at 6pm. We will be looking for new committee members at the AGM in October. Please consider giving some of your time to support school and nursery through this forum. The Parent Council is instrumental in fundraising for our school as well as providing an essential link between school and the parent community.

Our School Lottery

In June the Parent Council set up our own weekly school lottery. It works in the following way:

- Tickets are purchased online
- There is a draw every Saturday. Winners are notified via email.
- Nationally there is one Jackpot winner every week (prize £25000)
- There is also one local cash prize winner every week (Aviemore Primary supporter). The more tickets that are purchased the bigger the local cash prize.
- Every week funds are raised for our school.

In the last 10 weekly draws the lottery has:

- Raised £381.60 to Aviemore Primary
- There have been 10 local cash prize winners

We hope that by the end of this academic year the lottery will raise at least £2000 to go towards school trips and anything else that the school requires throughout the year. Thank you for your support over the school holidays. If you want to support our school please consider buying lottery tickets and sharing our lottery with friends and family. Tickets are easy to buy at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk. See leaflet attached to 'Latest News' email.

Covid updates

Most guidelines remain the same for now and changes are to be phased in gradually. Staying the same:

- Only one parent/carer per family to drop off and collect from school/nursery. Please wear a face covering and do not gather.
- Handwashing routines, cleaning and ventilation will remain the same in classes.
- Children can still come to school on P.E days dressed for P.E rather than changing clothes. Teachers will let you know this week when P.E days for your child's class will be.
- No large gatherings e.g assembly and house meeting.
- No parental visitors unless essential to transition for new Nursery or P1 pupils.
- Children should only bring essential items from home. Please discourage your child from bringing in toys/teddies. Children can bring a pencil case (as this year we do not have individual packs for children) however there are resources in the class.
- Blended placements can take place (but should be suspended if positive cases occur.)
- Adults are still required to wear a face covering in the shared areas of the school. Children are welcome to wear a face covering if they wish but do not need to.
- Staff are taking part in voluntary lateral flow testing.

Things that are changing:

- Children can now take part in music, drama, P.E and dance both indoors and outdoors with safety mitigations in place regarding ventilation and hygiene.
- Children no longer need to stay strictly in class bubbles so will be able to mix with friends in other classes. However break times will still be staggered to create space in the playground. Every effort has been made to ensure children from different classes but the same year group are able to play together. Lunch time is also split so that half of the children eat lunch in the hall at one time and half play in the playground, swapping over halfway through.
- Children should wear uniform to school every day as intimated before the holidays. We would still appreciate children wearing clean clothing to school each day to minimise risk.
- Children who are identified as contacts can end isolation after a negative PCR test instead of remaining in isolation for 10 days. (The same is the case for double vaccinated adults.)
- School trips can be reintroduced with appropriate risk assessing.

Reminders

- **Parking** – no parent should park in the school or nursery turning circles, these are for **drop off only**.
- **Punctuality** – please ensure your child arrives on time. This is even more crucial at the moment as access to the building is limited.
- **Snack** – please remember to provide your child with a healthy snack for break time at school. Tuckshop is not operating at the moment. Snack is provided at nursery.
- **Allergies** – please ensure we are aware if your child has any allergies. Some classes plan to do food tasting this term and it is essential we are aware of any issues.
- **Indoor shoes** – please ensure your child brings a pair of indoor shoes to school that can be left here and used for activities such as P.E (e.g no slippers)
- **Nursery clothing** – Please come prepared for all weathers. Remember waterproof clothing even on days it is not raining. On sunny days please apply suncream at home and we will top up at nursery as needed.



Dates for your Diary



An Annual Overview of provisional dates for the year is also attached to the 'Latest News' email and posted on our website.

School closes

Fri 8th October 2021
Wed 22nd December 2021
Fri 1st April 2022
Thurs 30th June 2022

School re-opens

Mon 25th October 2021
Thurs 6th January 2022
Tues 19th April 2022
Tues 16th August 2022

Other closures

Mon & Tues	13 th & 14 th September 2021	In-service days
Mon & Tues	21 st & 22 nd February 2022	Holiday
Wed	23 rd February 2022	In-service day
Mon	2 nd May 2022	Holiday
Thurs	5 th May 2022	In-service day

Our School Values

Aviemore Primary

Values are:

Inclusion

Everyone learning and happy

Motivated

Open-minded

Respectful, resilient and responsible

Exploring new things

Aviemore ELC Values:

Aviemore ELC

Values are...

Inclusion

Everyone works together

Making friendships

Opportunities to play and learn

Respecting everyone

Exploring new things

Miss E MacCallum
Headteacher

20th August 2021

