



*Vision: Always Learning, Always Growing, Always Positive*

**Welcome back to school and nursery following the festive break. We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations and had a restful holiday, ready for the term ahead!**

### **Learning This Term**

This term the topic focus for all classes will be Scotland for the first few weeks back to encompass Burns Night. Following that the class topics will be:

P1 - Our Local Community

P1/2 - Space

P2/3 - Space

P3/4 - Technology

P4 - Space

P4/5 - Space

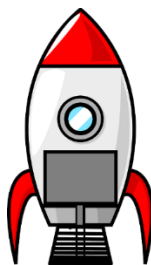
P5/6 - Space

P6 - Space

P7 - Space

Rainbow - Space

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) available from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January.



### **Staffing Update**

We are delighted to share news with you that two of our staff are expecting babies in April. Catriona Sutton (PT ASN) is looking forward to welcoming her second daughter and Cherry Donaldson (PSA) is expecting a second son. Both will start maternity leave later this term. However, Catriona will be taking medical advice to work from home in the meantime.

We are sad to say goodbye to Emma Best, an EYP in our nursery. Emma is moving to Aberdeen to start a new post in a brand new nursery. We thank her for her hard work and wish her well in her exciting new journey. Emma's post is currently advertised. Sally Garrow has also moved on to a post at Abernethy nursery. We thank her for her contribution to our team. We welcome Mrs Ewelina Mirossayova and Miss Alisha Beaton to nursery as supply PSA and support worker.

We have been given additional covid recovery teacher time and from February will welcome Mrs Emma Wright to school every Monday and Tuesday. Emma will focus on working with key year groups: P1, P4 and P7 (where the end of a level is the expected standard) and will deliver music and health and wellbeing lessons allowing teachers to offer additional literacy and numeracy support to individuals and groups in their class.

We are delighted to welcome Georgie Smith as a second year student teacher from the University of Aberdeen to Primary 4 for the next month.

### **Interim Report**

An interim report on your child's progress will be issued on the 11<sup>th</sup> February. This will give an overview of progress and in particular learning traits, positive relationships and attendance. Our full end of year reports will be sent out in term 4. If you wish to find out more about your child's learning and view their profile folder at home please email us for a request slip.

## Event this term



We will be celebrating World Book Day (3<sup>rd</sup>), Comic Relief (18<sup>th</sup>) and Lots of Socks, Downs Syndrome Awareness Day (21<sup>st</sup>) this term.



Ptarmigan will be planning our Comic Relief fundraiser and will share plans nearer the time. We will also let you know our plans for celebrating World Book Day later in the term.

For Downs Syndrome Awareness Day on March 21<sup>st</sup> we will invite children (and staff!) to come to school and nursery dressed in odd socks or brightly coloured socks. We will be learning about the significance of the date (three signifying the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome) and raising awareness of Downs Syndrome. If you wish to buy socks from Downs Syndrome International to help raise funds you can do so here: <https://lotsofsocks.worlddownsyndromeday.org/collections/lotsofsocks-socks>



## SMT drop-ins

A reminder that our SMT drop-ins take place every Monday from 4:30-5pm on Google Meet using the code APSSMT. This is an opportunity to chat to our Senior Management Team and share any thoughts/ideas or ask general school/nursery questions (as other parents may be there it isn't to discuss specific concerns re your own child.)

Miss MacCallum will be joined by Mrs McMaster most weeks and each of our Principal Teachers will be available to discuss their remits on the following dates:

17<sup>th</sup> January - Ms Ross will be available to discuss nursery transition and literacy.

31<sup>st</sup> January - Mrs Sutton will be available to talk about ASN.

14<sup>th</sup> February - Mrs Creber will be joined by Robert Quigley, Collaborative Lead Officer for Highland Council, to deliver a presentation on internet safety with a follow up on internet gaming on the 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Miss MacCallum will also deliver a presentation on the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators following feedback from last term's parent/carer survey at the drop-in on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

## Covid Update

As anticipated, we are experiencing some staff absence at the start of this term. We will endeavour to keep things as settled as possible for all children, however there may be changes to the staff working with your child.

Please see the attached QA sheet for latest advice regarding testing and isolation. We will keep you up to date with advice as we receive it.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support in dealing with covid disruptions.

## Dates for your Diary

### January

- 6<sup>th</sup> Return to school/nursery
- 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly - Pupil Groups
- 21<sup>st</sup> Assembly - Mrs McMaster (Scotland/Burns)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Parent Council meeting at 8pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Star Assembly



### February

- 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly - P4 - Chinese New Year
- 11<sup>th</sup> Interim Reports issued.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Assembly - Reflective
- 18<sup>th</sup> Star Assembly
- 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Holiday
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Inset (school and nursery closed to pupils)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Assembly - P7 - Gender Equality

*Join us weekly, Friday at 11am, for assemblies on Google Meet using the code AviemoreAssembly*

### March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> World Book Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly - P2/3 - World Book Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Star Assembly
- 18<sup>th</sup> Comic Relief (Ptarmigan Enterprise)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly - P5/6 - Sport Relief/Lots of Socks
- 21<sup>st</sup> Lots of Socks (Down's Syndrome Awareness Day)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Assembly - P4/5 - Autism Awareness Week

Other dates such as Open events TBC depending on Covid guidance nearer the time.

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Assembly and end of term.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Return to school/nursery

**School and nursery closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April and reopens on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**



***Our Values**  
Aviemore Primary  
Values are:  
Inclusion  
Everyone learning and happy  
Motivated  
Opportunities to play and learn  
Respectful, resilient and responsible  
Exploring new things*