



# GLEN URQUHART CHILDCARE CENTRE

## August 2016 NEWSLETTER

### Welcome

A warm welcome to all the new families that have joined us in August and to all of our now "big ones"! We are delighted to see that all the children have settled in. Our focus for learning has been 'getting to know each other' with the children now expressing a keen interest in learning more about animals and colours. Please remember to have a look on the Early Learning and Childcare notice board in the foyer to see weekly plans, snack menus and events planned.

### Reminders:

**Centre telephone**

**numbers:**

**450679 or 459225**

**07506478858** (operational for holiday club) **Please telephone the centre if your child will not be attending.**

**Spare Clothes:** Please leave a change of clothes on your child's peg. **Please remember trainers and shorts for gym hall days.**

**Sickness/Diarrhoea:** If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea we ask that they do not attend the centre for a period of **48hours** from the last episode of sickness/diarrhoea.

**Lunches Available:** We can provide a lunch for a fee of £2. This includes a drink, a sandwich, a cereal bar, yoghurt and piece of fruit.

**Changes to personal details:** Please see Sheila in the office if you have any changes to contact details, i.e. address, telephone numbers /email.

**Uniforms available:** We have nursery t-shirts (£7.50) and sweatshirts (£10.50) available in sizes ages 3-4 and 5-6.

### **600 funded hours of ELCC**

The new flexible model of delivering the funded Early Learning and Childcare for the 3 and 4 year old's has commenced. We have seen a good uptake of parents opting for a mix of hours through the week and the children have adapted very well to their new hours. We remind parents that these hours have now been added to registers and are now a permanent booking. Any changes to these funded hours of ELCC will need to be put in writing and will be at the discretion of the center management as to whether or not a change will be granted. Parents are reminded that subject to availability they can add on hours to their permanent bookings which will be charged at **£4.50 per hour.**

### **New Fee structure**

As of 1st September we will be introducing a new fee structure. All hours will be charged at £4.50 and we will no longer be charging £5 for breakfast and lunch club.

### **Stay, Play and Learn**

Parents are warmly invited to stay and join in with the children's learning. The sessions that have taken place so far have been enjoyed by children, parents and staff. Please take time to look through the folder beside the Stay, Play and Learn poster to read the feedback from visits to date. We are always looking for new ideas and skills to share with the nursery children at our out of school club. Please speak to a member of staff or add your name to the poster outside the Nursery room, if you are able to join us and share skills.

### **Forest School**

In line with the new flexible model of delivering the Early Learning and Childcare we will be adopting a more flexible approach to accessing the forest with the children. This will mean that we may no longer be having set forest school days every week and will be visiting the woods on a more spontaneous basis. For this reason we ask that your child is always prepared to go out to the woods, We have red waterproof suits and wellies readily available for your child but if you prefer please leave suitable footwear and clothing on your child's peg. This is to ensure that all children have the opportunity to access forest school. Staff will be looking at their keyworker groups and ensuring that all children have equal opportunities.

### **Nut Free!**

We aim to make Glén Urquhart Childcare Centre a nut free centre. This will mean no food products containing nuts are to be brought into the building. We hope this will reduce the risk of any child who may have or may develop an allergy to nuts coming into contact with them. We ask parents:

- \* When preparing packed lunches please do not include any food containing nuts (e.g.: peanut butter, cereal bars)
- \* If bringing in cake, biscuits, cookies to nursery please ensure the list of ingredients do not contain nuts

### **Fundraising Updates:**

The following amounts were raised over the past few months:

- ◆ £300 from the annual Brown Trout Fishing competition
- ◆ £142.40 from the rag bag contributions
- ◆ £125.50 from Tempest photography
- ◆ £712.92 from the Leavers Concert in June

**We wish to thank all those involved in raising this much needed money for the centre.**

### **Arts and Craft activities at GOOSC:**

We ask that children attending GOOSC please bring in an old shirt in order to protect school clothes whilst participating in arts and crafts. We ask that you label the shirt with your child's name and it be left in GOOSC.