



GLEN URQUHART CHILDCARE CENTRE

December 2016 NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to Marnie

The Centre would like to express a very warm welcome back to Marnie Mackenzie, Centre Manager. Marnie is currently working Monday to Friday from 9.30am—1.30pm and will be increasing hours in the near future. It is lovely to have her back with us and she is enjoying getting to know the new children and families as well as reacquainting herself with the familiar faces.

Care Inspectorate visit

We had an unannounced Care Inspectorate visit to our Holiday Club and nursery provision in August. We are delighted to have been awarded 5's (Very Good) in all areas inspected. To view the full report please log onto www.careinspectorate.com and select the option 'Find Care'. From there you will see a tab on the left hand side where you can enter the service name: Glen Urquhart Childcare Centre and service number: CS2003008606. Alternatively you will find a copy of the report on the notice board in the foyer.

Payment of fees survey

As the Bank of Scotland has now closed in the village we are looking at alternative ways of paying fees. This is to save us carrying very large amounts of cash into Inverness. We would appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete the survey you have been sent by email or visit our Facebook page where you will find the link to the survey.

Adverse Weather

We follow Glen Urquhart High Schools guidance if there is risk of closure due to adverse weather conditions. You can access this dial in service by:

Dialling Highland Councils access number **0870 054 6999**

Then enter the council code 04 followed by the schools own pin number 1060

You will now hear the schools name **GLEN URQUHART HIGH SCHOOL**.

You will then be taken to the main menu where you will be given four options:

Press 1 to hear the High School's message about the adverse weather. If you are informed that the High School is closed the Childcare Centre will also be closed.

Moray Firth Radio and BBC Radio Highland also give regular updates on such closures so again if you hear that the High School is closed this will mean the Childcare Centre will be as well.

Fundraising News

Bonfire night £274.02

Ragbag £78.40

Scentsy night £135.50

Collection boxes £49.77

Chilled Chestnut Christmas cards £70

Donation from Jack Merideth (Games Day) £250

Baxters Sponsored Run £941

A big thank you to all those involved with the various fundraising events.

Dates For Your Diary

Village Green Christmas Light Turn On: Tuesday 5th December @ 6.30pm. All welcome

Nursery/GOOSC Christmas Parties: Tuesday 20th December. All Welcome. If your child does not normally attend on this day please see a member of staff about booking them in. There will be party games and snack. As always, donations of food would be gratefully received. A poster will be displayed in the foyer shortly.

Nursery Concert/Christmas Fayre: We will be having our Christmas Concert on Thursday 22nd December at 11am in the Craigmorie Centre theatre.

Christmas Holidays: We will be closed from 6pm on Friday 23rd December 2016 until Monday 9th January 2017 when we will reopen at 8am.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward seeing you all



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, 5-6 and 6-7. Please see Sheila in the office if you would like to purchase any.