



Willowview ELC – Spring 2024

Welcome to our latest newsletter at Willowview ELC.

Christmas seems a distant memory already and we are well into our new term with lots of exciting play and new friendships being made.



Clothing

As you can never guarantee what the weather will bring in Argyll please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately and layers are a great way to go with some spare clothes kept at nursery. In particular a warm jumper or fleece for under waterproofs.

Having clean, dry clothes of their own allows children to feel comfortable in expressing and meeting their needs.

As with all items kept at nursery please label any clothes with your child's name to avoid any confusion.

If you are having a clear-out of clothes that are too small then any joggers, t-shirts, pants, socks and a few jumpers would be gratefully received.



Medicine

If your child needs to take medicine whilst at nursery please ensure you complete a medicine form with the office.

The medicine must either be prescribed by a GP or have a chemist label on it which states the dosage. Thank you



Nursery Uniform

A few parents recently have asked about the nursery uniform. We have a jade green polo shirt and a sky blue sweatshirt available.

These are completely optional so there is no requirement to purchase these – it is only if you want to. They can be purchased from a company called Schoolwear Made Easy on this link

<https://schoolwearmadeeasy.com/collections/willowview-nursery>

If you would like to see a sample just ask at the office. The link is also available on the nursery website at www.willowview.argyll-bute.gov.uk



Toys from Home

We understand that your child may need to bring in something from home when they first start to comfort them and help them settle. However we would encourage families to leave toys at home (or if they need to bring them please leave in their bag till bedtime) to avoid things being lost or damaged whilst at nursery.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



Rag Bag Recycling

We have ordered a textile bin for the nursery through the Rag Bag scheme. This scheme increases awareness about recycling for the children and helping reduce the amount of material going into landfill. It also has the added bonus of raising funds for the nursery. We hope to have the bin in place in the next 6 weeks. If you are having a clear-out then please consider dropping them into nursery once the bin is in place (or we can hold it here until the bin arrives). They accept wearable clothes, paired shoes, handbags and belts.



Dates for your diary

Mon 12th - Mon 19th Feb	▶ February break for children on 38-week model (termtime) . Children return on Tuesday 20 th February at 8.45am
Mon 19th Feb	▶ Inservice training for staff. Closed for <u>all</u> children. Centre reopens at 8.45am on Tuesday 20 th February at 8.45am
Thur 7th Mar	▶ World Book Day – option to dress up as your favourite character from a book
Fri 15th Mar	▶ Comic Relief Day – no money being collected but option to dress in red, fancy dress, pajamas or have funny hair. Anything goes!
Fri 29th Mar – Sun 14th Apr EASTER HOLIDAYS	▶ Easter holidays for children on 38-week model (term-time) . Centre closes at 3.30pm on Thursday 28 th March and children return on Monday 15 th April from 8.45am
Fri 29th Mar – Mon 1st April EASTER WEEKEND	▶ Easter weekend for children on 48-week model . Centre closes at 3.30pm on Thursday 28 th March and children return on Tuesday 2 nd April from 8.45am.



Reminders

- If your child is absent please contact us either by phone or email by **9.45am** so we can update our team (there is an answering machine for out-of-hours as well so you can leave a message if that's easier).
- Don't forget to check the daily board to see today's learning, the story and what was for lunch.
- If a different person is going to be picking up your child than the person that dropped them off please let us know and ensure they are given the password - they will be asked for it. This is for all parents, carers and other relatives, even if it is someone who collects on a regular basis. This is for the safety of your child and is part of our child protection protocol.

We appreciate your assistance in following our procedures to make Willowview a happy and healthy space for everyone.



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