



# Elphinstone Primary –Community Newsletter August/September 20142014

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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Families

Welcome back to a new school year! The year has started on a positive note with happy, healthy bairns!

Mrs Thomson has joined us in a dual role, Principal teacher and class teacher in P6/7. I am very pleased to have another member of management to run the school. Mrs Paterson has returned from maternity leave and is teaching in P1/2 with Mrs Collier. We also welcome our new starts in the Nursery and Logan Stone in Primary 1.

All staff have attended a Co-operative learning course during the In-Service days (including the Sunday before!) This is a key focus on our School Improvement plan and we will be sharing this with you at our Curriculum evening which will be held on Thursday 9th October. More details to follow. We hope to see you there!

We are placing greater emphasis on full school uniform, girls hair tied back (preferably at all times but a must during PE) and full PE kit in school at all times. Named personal belongings and full PE kits will reduce the amount of time we use sorting these things out before we can settle down and learn. Your support is greatly appreciated in this regard.

The school is in a good place with settled staff, a full management team, a clear School improvement plan and eager and enthusiastic pupils and parents/carers!

We will achieve great things together this year!

All the best,  
Heather

## Important Dates

- 1 Sept– P1 children attend ALL DAY from today
- 12 Sept HOLIDAY
- 15 Sept HOLIDAY
- 18 Sept 7 p.m. AGM Parent Council- ALL WELCOME
- 9 Oct Curriculum Evening- details to follow
- 13-19 Oct HOLIDAY
- 20 Oct In-Service Day



Written Communication with Mrs Williams

Please send all written communication for Mrs Williams via the school office whether it is by letter or e mail.

For your information the school e mail address is :

[elphinstone.ps@elphinstone.elcschool.org.uk](mailto:elphinstone.ps@elphinstone.elcschool.org.uk)

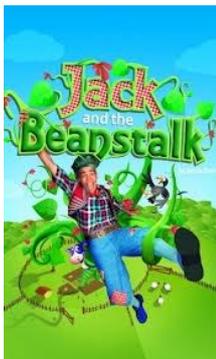


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## Information and Consent Forms



At the start of every session there is always lots of information for parents. Please remember to check your child's message bag **DAILY** and read all the correspondence which is sent out. Please ensure all consents are completed and returned to school the next day together with the appropriate payment.



### Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk 15 December 2014

We are booked for all P1-7 children to go to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Brunton Theatre on Monday 15 December 2014

The cost per child will be £10.00 which includes £6.75 for the entrance ticket and £3.25 towards the transport costs. The school will be subsidising the rest of the transport on this occasion. Parents will have the opportunity to pay for this trip between now and 30 November 2014. More details regarding payment will be issued soon.

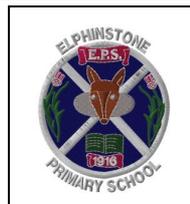
### Elphinstone Office Bearers Session 2014-15



Logan Stone P1  
Faith Lusk P2  
Darcy Bell P3  
Rebekkah Love P4  
Shane Fleming P5  
Aaron Scott P6  
Erin Skinner P7



Lauren Fraser P6  
Hayley Ross P6

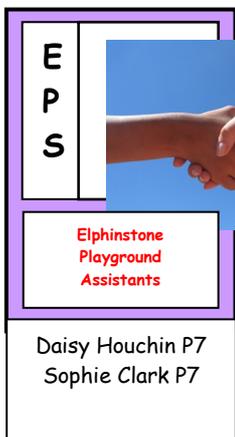


P7 Prefects

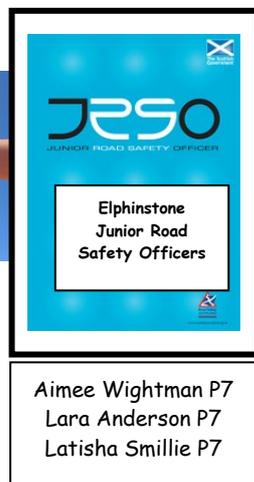
Sophie Clark  
Charlotte Dunn  
Josh Gilchrist  
Erin Skinner  
Aimee Wightman  
Lara Anderson  
Amalea Jones



Eve Houchin P1  
Max Alexander P2  
Abigail Townsley P2  
Aaron Carr P3  
Logan Hunman P4  
Ailsa Thompson P5  
Jessica Stable P6  
Charlotte Dunn P7



Daisy Houchin P7  
Sophie Clark P7



Aimee Wightman P7  
Lara Anderson P7  
Latisha Smillie P7



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## *News from the Community*

I hope everyone had a great summer!

There are a number of new groups starting for all ages in the community  
Starting with the babies and working our way up...

**PEEP baby 0-9months Tuesdays from 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 1-2.30 FREE**

**PEEP on the move (9months-2yrs) From 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 9.30-11 FREE**

Raising Children with Confidence course starts Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1-3pm for 7 weeks. FREE

Youth club will not return until October due to budget constraints.

Yoga 1-2.30 on Wednesdays starting 17<sup>th</sup> September

Fitness insanity class with Pamela £5 more details soon

Sporting memories group for men. 12-1.30pm on Thursdays. FREE with pie and Bovril at half time!

See Tranent Support from the Start on Facebook for more details!

**Lena Hutton 01875 824 138 or lhutton@eastlothian.gov.uk**

News  
from  
other  
groups  
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Our  
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## *News from the Parent Council*

Thanks to everyone who came to the Family Fun day. The weather held out and it seemed like everyone enjoyed themselves. The parent council ran the BBQ again and thanks to everyone who helped out! The Community Centre group is already thinking about next years event and is thinking of ways to make the day even better - maybe having some family fun races. If you have ideas for making the day better or would like to help organise part of the event, please let us know.

The **Parent Council AGM is on Thursday 18th September in the school hall at 7pm.** I will be stepping down as chair and a few other members will also be stepping down from the PC so new members are really needed to provide a parents voice at the school and the wider education authority. Please come along!

We have also been thinking about having an other Mini Mudder - the sponsored obstacle event we held last September. If anyone is keen to help Megan with designing & setting up the obstacle course, or supervising the course on the day (or serving refreshments to spectators) please let us know. The kids and adults all seemed to enjoy themselves last year and it would be great to make this an annual event!

Finally, we are through to the final short list of the Skipton Building Society Grassroots Giving awards. Like the Bank of Scotland fund last year, we need to vote for our school and get as many friends and relatives to do the same so we have a chance of getting more money from the fund. I will put details on the website and send a note round as soon as I have the voting details.

*Helen*

## *News from the Playgroup*

Well it's a new term and that means a new start for the playgroup. We want to wish all the children who have left us over the summer the very best of luck in their new adventure in nursery. We also want to say a big WELCOME to all the children who will be joining us over the coming weeks and we look forward to meeting you all.

On a sadder note, over the summer we have said goodbye to Jennifer McCallum our manager. Jennifer has moved on to a new role and we wish her all the very best with her new career. We started the recruitment process over the summer break and we are happy to announce that we have a new manager joining us in a couple of weeks. So we'd like to welcome our new manager Katie Jack who will be taking up her role from mid-September.

Anyway we look forward to seeing you all at some point over this new term.

*Stuart Mackenzie*, Elphinstone Playgroup Secretary.