



Elphinstone Primary—Community Newsletter January 2014

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Dear Families,

Happy new Year to you all! I trust you had a relaxing time with your loved ones over the festive season. It was good to see all pupils in on Monday 6th January with no absences - a good start to the year! All pupils have been very settled and busy from the start of the school day. **The team and I will be closely monitoring behaviour especially at transition times (breaks and lunchtime) to avoid any disputes. We model the behaviour we expect our pupils to use in school and ask that you do the same at home to support us in this regard. Mutual respect is the cornerstone of all our relationships in Elphinstone and I shall be reinforcing this at all times.**

Our January targets as agreed with the children are:

- **RESPECT; each other, adults, creatures, equipment, school property and yourself!**

We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Berry on Friday 10th January as our playground supervisor after 13 years of dedicated service. I would like to thank her for all the fun and laughter she has spread across the playground in this time! I am in the process of recruiting a new supervisor. Mrs Berry continues to be our Auxiliary/ SEN Aux.

I try to get out in the playground before and after each school day to chat to parents, if there is ever any problem or concern, please do not hesitate to phone for an appointment or catch me when I am out.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2014,
Heather

Important Dates

16 Jan ICT After School Club starts

23 Jan a.m. Bake Sale Play group

23 Jan- 1.30-2.30 p.m. Scottish Open Afternoon



Unwanted Jigsaws

Are you looking for a new home for any jigsaws your children no longer play with at home?

Then the school would like to use them so long as ALL the pieces are there!!!

Please hand any jigsaws into the school office.
Thank you



Emergency Contact Numbers

Please keep the school informed of any changes to all emergency numbers. This is particularly important with our text messaging system.

25 Jan-PC -Burns Supper -Miners Welfare Club

10-14 Feb HOLIDAY

17 Feb In-Service

24 Feb eve Parent Council mtg



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Come along and enjoy our
Scottish
Open
Afternoon

Thursday 23 January 2014

1.30–2.30 p.m.

P1-2 will be performing songs and
reciting poems

P3-5 will be dancing and reading
poems and

P6-7 will be reciting poems in
groups.



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Happy New year to all !

News

A reminder that PEEP starts next week with PEEP babies 0-6 months from 9.30-10.30, then PEEP movers and shakers for those just getting on their feet to eighteen months from 10.45- 11.45. These sessions are free and include tea and coffee.

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A new course has been written by me and Recharge youth project called 'The Teen Question'. This 6 week course is aimed at parents of children just entering their teen years (so P7 to S1) and it covers, emotional and physical changes talking to your teen internet safety building empathy and resilience dealing with conflict if you are interested the course starts on 24th Feb at Recharge from 1-2.45pm. it's free and coffee/tea is provided. Call me to book a place.

other

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

groups

Parent Council News

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Happy New Year everyone!

We are holding our second Burns Night supper and Ceilidh on Saturday 25th January in the Elphinstone Miners Club. Last year, those who came had a great time dancing to the brilliant Ceilidh band and we hope to make it a fun family evening again. Details have already been issued in the message bags but please save the date!

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All the children will be pleased to hear that we are nearly ready to install the Trim Trail. We are just waiting for the final permissions and official order to be placed by the Council and then Legacy 2014 will release the funds so we can go ahead and get the equipment built! We will then be looking at stage two and ordering new equipment for the Nursery play area. Funding from Awards for All and Support from the Start will give us nearly £7000 to spend on this area.

Communi-
nity

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on the 20th February starting at 7pm in the School Hall. I hope you will be able to join us.

Helen

Playgroup News

We hope everyone enjoyed their festive break. We would like to welcome back all our playgroup children and say a big hello to all our new starts.

During the month of January all parents will be asked to fill in an update of details form. It is very important that this is completed and handed back to the playgroup no later than 31st January.

Kind Regards
Jennifer McCallum
Playgroup Manager