



Important dates

- Message from Mrs Williams
- Walk to School Week
- Nursery Children-Sun cream
- Pantomime 2014
- Club Golf Coaching
- Swimming
- Community News
- Parent Council News
- Tri School Sports Poster
- Home Start

Important Dates

1 May	Athletics Club
5 May	HOLIDAY
6 May	IN-SERVICE
12-16 May	WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
19 May	HOLIDAY
21 May Sports –	Small Schools Meadowbank-certain children
26 May	Film Club restarts certain children
5 June	P3-5 Bake Sale + Open Morning
9-13 June	Pre-schoolers/P1 Transition Week
11 + 12 June	P7 RHS Induction days
16-20 June	Commonwealth Games Activity Week
17 June–	P4 + P5 Primary Games Event-Details will follow
18 June– day-	Tri schools sports all day @ Meadowmill-see Poster
20 June–	Grand Opening of Trim Trail-All welcome
28 June	Summer Fayre
4 July	LAST DAY OF TERM
20 August	ALL RESTART

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Families

This will be our last newsletter for this year so sit back, relax and read on! Our Primary 7's will be gearing up for Ross High, our Preschoolers for P1 and everyone else for a new class next year. We say goodbye to Miss Callender this Friday and Miss Edmunds at the end of the session and thank them both for all they have contributed this year. We welcome Ms Collier back mid-May.

You will receive a jargon-free Parent/Carer Report at the end of this session on how we have achieved this year. You will also be asked to complete an online parent questionnaire . I urge you all to give feedback please as this forms part of our self-evaluation. Staff have recently completed a similar questionnaire about the workplace and we got 100% for everyone engaging in the survey and completing it (with very positive results I might add!)... so there's a challenge Families, can you equal our 100%!! Please always remember that you don't need to wait for a survey to give feedback. We operate an open door policy at our school and we pride ourselves on our genuine care and interest in the pastoral and academic needs of your children. For the last term I will be teaching for a large portion of the week so may not be able to see you immediately, but you are welcome to make an appointment. I endeavour to deal fairly, respectfully and consistently with all parents/carers and ask that you do the same.

The rest of this newsletter is filled with dates to inform you of the many activities going on this term. As always, you are very supportive and attend our events. We may need volunteers to help at our Tri-school Sport's day at Meadowmill in June. If you are interested please let me know.

I have enjoyed another year of headship at Elphinstone working with parents, pupils and other Agencies within our Learning community. I would like to highlight the productive year that the Parent Council has had in partnership with all parents of the school in fundraising and organising numerous events like the Mini-mudder and Burns supper. This has resulted in not only the Trim trail but thermoplastic surfaces for the playground and a lot of outdoor equipment for the Nursery. The Parent Council have also paid for the Text messaging service (that we can't do without now!) and transport for some small school events. All children have benefitted from this. My thanks also goes to all the parents in the school who have supported the parent council by collecting lots of money in sponsorship from family and friends.

Before I take up too much space in this newsletter I shall end off now and wish you, one and all, a very relaxing and fun-filled summer holiday.

Warm wishes now and always,

Heather



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

12-16 May 2013

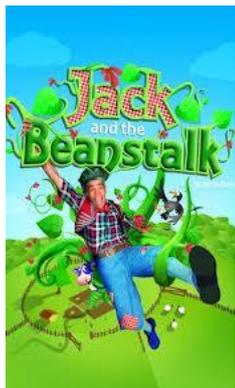
'Strider's 5 Day Walking Challenge'

I would encourage ALL FAMILIES to make a VERY BIG EFFORT to walk to school during Walk to School Week. If you live outwith the village I would encourage you to drop the children off a few streets away from the school and let them walk the rest of the way. This would keep everyone fit

Nursery Children-Summer term

We are hopeful of some summer weather in the next few weeks so:

- Please apply sun cream before you bring your child to Nursery.
- Please ensure it is a waterproof sun cream as the children play in the water.
- Also please send a hat along too.



He is Behind YOU !!!!!!!
Pantomime December 2014

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

Tickets cost £6.75 per child plus Transport costs.

ClubGolf Coaching

Lots of golf coaching options across East Lothian for children in P5+

All standards can be accommodated.

Would be great to fill all the spaces so your help would be appreciated.

<http://www.activeeastlothian.co.uk/news/looking-for-clubgolf-coaching-this-season-831>

Thank you!

Kate Green

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Click below for the 2014 East Lothian Junior Fixture List: <http://www.activeeastlothian.co.uk/news/2014-junior-golf-fixture-list-512>



Swimming

The children in P3/4/5 will continue with their swimming lessons at the Loch Centre Pool every Thursday until the end of this term.



News

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News from the Community

Dear parent/carer

Youth club restarts for the summer term on 1st May for 6 weeks. Unfortunately we have lost a significant amount in budgets so our term will be shorter this year.

We will also be offering PEEP on a Tuesday and Thursday for 6 weeks starting 6th May for parents with babies from birth. Both sessions will start at 1pm in the lounge.

We have had no response for Raising Children with Confidence so we will aim to try again after the summer break.

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News from the Parent Council

We can finally celebrate the opening of the Trim Trail which was finished last week. The kids are already having a great time playing on it and I would like to Thank everyone who helped raise money over the past year! We are also about to order the new nursery play equipment, with the Awards for All and Support from the Start grant and are hoping the work will be complete by the summer. It is a massive achievement to have raised £20k in just over 6 months from the many grant applications that were written and all the local fundraising everyone helped with! The P6/7 are planning a grand opening, provisionally on the 20th June - so please keep the date free if you can.

The summer fair is planned for Saturday 28th June - we are desperate for people to help - to set up in the morning and to help on the BBQ, raffle & face painting stalls. Please let Judith Dunn or I know if you could help for an hour. If we do not get enough volunteers it will not be able to go ahead.

As part of the school audit we are going to ask some questions about the Parent Council and what we should be doing in future. We have spent a lot of time fundraising over the past few years, but want to know if you think we should continue, what we should spend any money we raise on and how we could raise it. We also want to know what would make more people get involved - when meetings should be held & what topics you would like to discuss.

An Elphinstone Community Group has also recently been set up to help run the community centre and make it better used, to organise the summer fair and to look at ways to make the village a better place to live - for example better footpaths and lighting. If you would like to get involved please let me know and I can pass on the group details.

Helen

News from the Playgroup

Starting the week commencing 28th of April the playgroup children, parents and staff will be taking part in a sponsored welly walk to raise funds to replenish and replace the playgroup toys. There will be certificates for all children taking part and a prize for the child that raises the most money!

Don't forget that during May we have several holidays and closures. Please ensure you know when these are. Further information can be found on the May rota displayed on the playgroup notice board.