



### Important dates

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## Important Dates

- 6 May P6-7 orienteering at Vogrie
- 11-15 May WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
- 11 May P7 photo-EL News
- 13 May P1-2/Nursery Bake Sale
- 18 May IN SERVICE
- May Date to be confirmed P1-2 Assembly
- 27 May Small Schools Sports Meadowbank- certain children
- 1-5 June P6-7 Camp week
- 8-12 June Pre schoolers-P1 Transition Week
- 10 + 11 June P7 RHS Induction days
- 11 June Playgroup Bake Sale
- 17 June 5.30 p.m. Parent Council mtg
- 18 June P1-7 Trip to Highland Show, Edinburgh
- 25 June Rag Bag Collection Day
- 29 June Tri Schools Sports @ Saltoun PS -Parents and carers invited-details to follow
- 1 July P1-7 Walk to Ormiston Park + picnic lunch + Parent Council fun and games.
- 2 July P7 Leavers Assembly
- 3 July All dismiss @ 12.00
- 19 Aug All restart @ 8.50 a.m.

## Message from the Head Teacher

*Dear Families*

*This will be our last newsletter for this session and it is full of dates and activities for our busy Summer term. It will soon be time to say goodbye to our Primary 7's as they prepare for Ross High and other High Schools and we welcome our Pre-schoolers into P1!*

*Our pupils have worked hard this year and I am pleased with the positive feedback from teachers as well as what I see when I am in classes. This is also reflected in their attainment. Our family ethos prevails and I am always so proud of how well all pupils interact with each other and the kindness and sincerity I witness across ages and stages.*

*You will receive a link for our Annual Survey next week. The Survey is carried out on survey Monkey and we will close the survey on Friday 15th May. We welcome your input as this forms part of our school improvement plan for next session.*

*Did you know ...you can sign up on our Edubuzz site and you will receive a text message alert every time something is put on our school website!*

*I hope you all have a wonderful Summer break over July and August.*

*Best wishes from all the staff at Elphinstone,*

## Leisurewear for next session

### Have you remembered to order for your child?

Leisurewear can now be ordered online at

[www.border-embroideries.co.uk](http://www.border-embroideries.co.uk)

for delivery to the school.

**Remember to order for your children soon the school holidays are not that far away and the school will be closed during the holidays.**

**Anyone who is unable to order online should request an order form from school before 29 May 2015.**

### Dates for your Diaries:

Great News! Tri-Schools will be held again this year! The battle of the Clans continues! This year it will be hosted on the **Sports field at Saltoun Primary School**. We will keep to the same format as previous years. You are all welcome to come along and spectate. Fingers crossed for sunny weather for the day.! Dust off your picnic baskets and deck chairs too! **Monday 29th June** and a back -up day for the Tuesday 30th June if the weather is dreadful on Monday. Approximate timing 9.30 -3.00. More details to follow.

On Wednesday **1st July** we are organising a **Family walk to Ormiston Park** followed by a picnic and games with the Parent Council. Again you are all very welcome. More details to follow. Approximate timing would be from 10.00 - 15.00.

### Congratulations!

Well done to Kelvin Jones who was the winner of the prize for reading our March-April 2015 newsletter and returning the slip.

Will it be your child this time?



## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

11-15 May 2015

'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 and avoid traffic congestion at the school gates.

## School Edubuzz

Check out our website..... <http://www.edubuzz.org/elphinstone/> it's exciting, inviting and updated regularly.

Sign up for e mail alerts by clicking the link on the right hand side of the Edubuzz page.

He's Behind YOU !!!!!!!!

Pantomime December 2015

**We are booked for all P1-7 children next session to go to see**

**Jack and the Beanstalk**

at

the Brunton Theatre

on

Monday 14 December 2015

Tickets cost is £7.00 per child plus Transport costs which will be charged nearer the date.

**Tickets must be paid for by 5th June 2015 otherwise your child's place will be cancelled.**

More details regarding payment will be issued in the next few days.



## Scotland's BIG nature festival is back 23-24 May

Scotland's BIG nature festival is back 23-24 May, Levenhall Links, Musselburgh! There's loads to keep wildlife lovers and families entertained all weekend. This award-winning festival has gone from strength to strength - boasting a packed programme covering everything from specialist wildlife talks, walks and demos, loads of children's activities like story telling, puppet shows, bug bioblitz, pond dipping, willow weaving and loads more ways to give your intrepid wildlife explorers a really wild day out!

This year RSPB has teamed up with East Lothian Council and have a fantastic new venue, renown for its open spaces and wildlife, overlooking the Firth of Forth and part of the John Muir Way. Over 100 exhibitors offer something for everybody, from the latest wildlife technology, fantastic science, art, books, and much more.

Visitors can enjoy great locally sourced artisan food and drink, and a farmers market in association with Scotland Year of Food and Drink, and live entertainment. For more information or to buy tickets please visit [www.bignaturefestival.org.uk](http://www.bignaturefestival.org.uk) (adults £12 Children £2 under 5's free).



## Swimming

The children in P4 will continue with their swimming lessons at the Loch Centre Pool every Thursday until the end of this term.



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## FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL...

### May Update

Although the weather can't decide what to do thoughts are turning to the run in to summer. A short update below of discussion from the last meeting and what is planned this term...

### Events

A super disco was held to mark the end of last term. The children certainly had fun and thanks to your generosity and some kind sponsorship the event ran break even. We hope to be able to organise another disco for Halloween.

Due to time constraints we have opted not to run a family fun afternoon on the 29<sup>th</sup> May instead all of our efforts will focus on an activity for the 1<sup>st</sup> July instead. The plan is for a family walk to Ormiston with a picnic and fun and games. If you would like to help organise then please get in touch.

**Parent Council Funds** – At the last meeting we had a discussion about what potentially the parent council funds could be spent on. There were some great ideas such as gardening equipment for the pupils; the writing and recording of a school song; other playground equipment etc. We are really keen to hear ideas from across the parent forum. Any thoughts then please get in touch.

### Dates

Here is the final meeting date for the Parent Council through to the summer:  
Wednesday 17th June 5.30-6.30

Please come along if you can and childcare will be provided...

Jacqui Stone, Chair  
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### *News from the Playgroup*

Hi All

We hope that everyone enjoyed our Easter break. We said farewell and good luck to a few of our children and hope they are settling into nursery life. We have a couple of new children who will be starting with us over the next few weeks. This will mean that we will be full again. We ask that anyone interested in sending their child to Playgroup gets their application in early so that their child can be added to the waiting list. We are also pleased to announce that we have a new Secretary Vicky Buchanan and that Ashley MacPherson is our new Administrator. They are both enjoying their new roles and would like to thank you all for your kind words and patience at this settling in period.

Thanks, Elphinstone Playgroup Committee