



Elphinstone Primary-Community Newsletter October/November 2015

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Important Dates-(may be subject to change)

- 5 Oct AGM Parent Council
- 7 Oct Playgroup Bake Sale/
Harvest Assembly
- 8 Oct P3-7 Botany trip
- 12-16 Oct HOLIDAYS
- 19 Oct In-Service
- 21 Oct P5-7 Rugby Festival
- 27 + 28 Oct Parent Appts
- 30 Oct PC-Halloween Party
- 2 Nov P1-2 Parent Appts
P3-4 Outdoor visit
- 11 Nov School Photographer
- 16 Nov P5-7 Bushcraft trip
- 20 Nov Rag Bag Collection day
P1-7 Flu vaccinations
- 23 Nov P5-7 Bushcraft trip

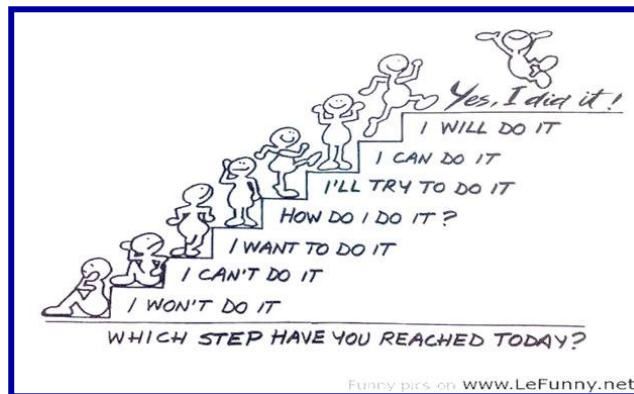
9 Dec p.m. Nativity
10 Dec eve Nativity

Dear families,

This year we are creating a new value system using the word yet. For example, instead of saying 'I can't' we will think about 'I'm not good at ...yet. or I can't doyet. or I tried but it didn't work yet. Carol Dweck's research shows that students who were desperate for grades but had a fixed mindset did not achieve as high grades as students who cared about learning, were not afraid to look silly or make mistakes, and who worked hard to figure out how to improve. We are encouraging our pupils to change their words thus changing their mindsets.

I have attached an information sheet from the National Parent Forum of Scotland explaining our curriculum. I thought you may find this interesting. I have also included a sheet about how we are addressing the curriculum in Elphinstone and the language we will use when reporting to parents/carers about their child's achievement.

So together we will reach the top step and say.....



Best wishes Heather

Important note from the head teacher

Please check the dates on the side column of our newsletter as they give you advance notice of what activities we have planned in Elphinstone.

Sometimes there are unexpected changes and cancellations but we try to avoid this as much as humanly possible.

Heather



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Congratulations!

Well done to Cole Aitken who was the winner of the prize for reading our Aug-Sept 2015 newsletter. Will it be your child this time?



Contacting the School

To make an appointment with your child's class/head teacher, pass on any messages or to report an absence etc please go to reception or phone the school on **01875 610358**.



Cauliflower Christmas Card Project

Your child will be designing a Christmas Card . These designs end up with professionally printed Christmas cards created by your child to give to family and friends at Christmas!!!!

Your child's design can be viewed **at the Parental Consultations at the end of October. Final orders must be handed into school by 2 November 2015** . Your order will then be returned to school by the end of November 2015 in plenty time for Christmas posting. Any commission received from the orders will help towards our school funds.



School Photographer 11 November 2015

Our School Photographer will be in school on 11 November 2015 from 8.45 a.m. to take individual and family photographs (Primary and Nursery children only).

An ideal Christmas gift for your family and friends.



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FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

AGM of the Parent Council

Everyone welcome to attend the AGM of the Parent Council
on Monday 5 October 2015
from 5.30-6.30 p.m.

Free childcare facilities available.



News from the Community

Welcome back to a new school term!

We have now sourced a new youth worker and club will resume normal times on 22nd October 2015.

PEEP baby will re commence after the October break on Monday 19th October (in service day) . During this block we will be looking at treasure baskets, books and a little Hallowe'en fun!

Youth club is currently on hold as Keith Tait has left to be a daddy! We are currently advertising for another worker. We will inform you as soon as the post is filled.

Community Learning and Development produce a yearly calendar of free training opportunities and this year's one has just been published. It is well worth a look as the training is all local and valuable with input from CLDS staff, Strive, Open university and more. Free Food hygiene, First Aid and more accredited training is on offer. The link is <http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/284/>

News from the Playgroup

At Playgroup we have had a fantastic time the last few weeks settling in our new starts. Who have all settled really well. It has also come to the time again when we will be saying goodbye to some of our children who are going to nursery. We would like to wish them all the best of luck. They will all be missed.

We have been making the most of the weather this week and have been enjoying our outside play area. The play area is an important part of the playgroup and the children look forward to going outside. We therefore have decided to update it with some new equipment and toys for the children so that upon their return after the break there will be a beautiful sensory garden. Keep your eyes peeled for the changes. We cannot wait to see the children's faces.

Finally we look forward to seeing everyone at the Playgroup Community Bake Sale on Wednesday 7 Oct 2015 prior to the Harvest Assembly.