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## Message from the Head Teacher

*Dear Families*

*This will be our last newsletter for this year. Please take heed of all the dates for our busy summer term. Mrs Campbell and Mrs Braby are organising the 'Elphinstone Primary Games' for our home teams to participate in during breaks. The pupils are very excited about this!*

*This year has been a productive one in all aspects of school life and there is a positive 'can do' attitude within the school. I am ever proud of how well all pupils interact with each other on the whole, and the respect and pride they show in relation to their school and to the adults that work with them.*

*You will soon receive a link for our Annual Survey. We welcome your input as always, as this forms part of our school improvement plan for next session. I am delighted that our Parent Council is up and running again with good turnouts at the meetings. There are some great ideas for fundraising which will benefit all pupils. Your help and support would be greatly appreciated at these events I'm sure.*

*We focus on transitions at this time of year to ensure that our Pre-schooler's and Primary 7's enjoy a seamless move to their new environment. We also support all other year groups in their transition to the next primary class.*

*Yet again, we have secured funding to provide for a full day, whole school outing for P1-7. This year we are heading to North Berwick to enjoy the sea and the sand, a picnic and workshops at the Seabird Centre. This is a way of celebrating our family-ethos as a small school.*

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

*Best wishes from all the staff at Elphinstone,*

Important Dates this term- see page 2

## Leisurewear for next session- [www.beschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.beschoolwear.co.uk)

Have you ordered your child's new school sweatshirts etc for August? **Anyone unable to order online should request an order form from school before 30 May 2016..**

### OPTION 1

**Delivery Option: Free delivery to school**

**For Guaranteed Delivery: On 28th June 2016**

**Order before : 12th June 2016**



**BEFORE SUMMER**

### OPTION 2

**Delivery Option: Free Delivery to school**

**For Guaranteed Delivery: On 9th August 2016**

**Order before: 24th July 2016**



**AFTER SUMMER**

### OPTION 3

**Deivery Option: Delivery to Home £4.99**

**Guaranteed Delivery: Within 14-21 days**

**Average Delivery: Within 10-14 days**

**Order : Any time**



**DURING SUMMER**



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## Summer Term 2016 dates

- 4 May P5-7 Orienteering competition @ Vogrie
- 5 May School open—Election Day
- 11 May P1-2 Bake Sale + P3-4 Football
- 18 May P3-4 Football
- 23 May In-Service Day
- 24 May P1-7 trip to Seabird Centre— Free -all funded
- 25 May Selected pupils Small Schools Sports event at Meadowmill
- 25 May Parent Council meeting 5-6.30 p.m. all welcome/childcare provided
  
- 2 June Mini Mudder ( a.m. Nursery + P1-2, p.m. P3-7)
- Week beginning 6 June—Transition week for Nursery to P1
- 8 June 11.00 a.m. P1 talk for new P1 (Aug) parents followed by taster lunch for pre schoolers in the hall
- 8 + 9 June P 7 Transition Days at Ross High
- 14 June Tri School Sports Day @ Meadowmill
- 15 June Nursery Bake Sale
- 29 June P7 leavers assembly-P7 parents only
  
- 1 July Last Day of term

P1-2 + P3-4 Assembly dates still to be confirmed

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

*Heather Williams*  
Head Teacher



Congratulations!

Well done to Evie Gregory who was the winner of the prize for reading our March-April 2016 newsletter and returning the slip.  
Will it be your child this time?

### 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 2016

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

**Aladdin**

at

the Brunton Theatre

on

Monday 21st December 2016

Tickets cost is £7.50 per child payable this term plus Transport costs which will be charged nearer the date.

**Tickets must be paid for by 8th June 2016 otherwise your child's place will be cancelled.** More details regarding payment will be issued in the next few days.

### Swimming

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



## *Tri-School Sports Day 2016*



Elphinstone, Saltoun  
and Humbie  
Primary Schools



### *Where??*

Meadowmill Sports Centre  
Athletics Track

### *When??*

Tuesday 14th June 2016  
9.15am - 2.30pm

### *Who??*

Everyone in Primary 1- 7

### *7 Events across the Day*

60m Hurdles, Boccia, Throw the Welly, Javelin, Street  
Luge, High and Long Jump



McHaggis

versus



McSporran

2 Clans competing over 7 events  
Who will win the Tri-Schools Cup?!?!

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## FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL...

### May Update

Thanks to everyone who came along to the last Parent Council Meeting. The minutes from this meeting are now available on the Parent Council page on the School's Edubuzz site.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th May at 5pm. As usual there will be free childcare so please come along and bring the kids.

We are pleased to say that the Mini Mudder is back! On the 2nd June we will be setting up an obstacle course down Bellyford Lane to the Railway path. The Nursery and P1/2 pupils will be doing the course in the morning and the rest of the school in the afternoon. Unfortunately it won't be quite as 'muddy' as in previous years as we have the wonderful new path, but we still hope to make it a challenging and fun course for the kids to complete. Any help on the day would be appreciated to set out the course and bring it back following the event. If you are new to the school check out photos from previous years on the Edubuzz website! Please speak to Megan Houchin if you can help. Sponsorship forms and more info will be sent out in early May.

Rob Moore and Nicola Gregory are also setting up a fundraising subgroup. We hope to have a date for bag packing and will let you know as soon as possible and there are more ideas in the pipeline. The priorities for fundraising are to help fund future travel for school trips and to also pay for a 'playpod' for the school. The Parent Council is also applying for grants to help cover the costs of these too. As ever, the more parents and carers who can help, the more money can be raised for the school!

Hope to see everyone on the 25th May!

Helen Spencer and Judith Dunn





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### *News from the Community*

Following the responses to the adult education questionnaire a new **Fitness Class** will begin on 11h May for four weeks from 5-6pm with Amanda Wilson. The cost is £5 each week Amanda will introduce a new style of fitness routine and following the taster participants can decide which class they would like to see continue.

The **Play Talk read Bus** will be visiting the community centre and school on 4th May running two sessions 10-1 and 2-4. This is a great opportunity for parents/ carers and children to get on the bus for some free arts and crafts, stories and songs.

We anticipate also being able to offer a **first aid and food hygiene course in June**, this would offer parents and local volunteers the opportunity to gain certification that lasts three years.

A pilot for the new **Raising Teens with Confidence course** ran in Tranent last term and ten parents attended. This course is of use to parents with children age 10+ We are starting a new course on 26th April but still have some places available. This runs in the George Johnstone Centre 6.30-8.30 on a Tuesday. Likewise a new Raising Children with Confidence course begins on the 27th April 12.30-2.30 at Sanderson's Wynd.

Although this notice will be beyond this date if any parent is interested please email [cldfaside@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:cldfaside@eastlothian.gov.uk) and you can join the groups.

**Youth club** runs for an eight week term to June and ends with a trip.

**Baby peep** continues on a Monday from 1.15pm. Currently we have 16-20 parents per week.

**OLD ELPHINSTONE.** We have also had an offer from John Gray Centre Haddington to offer a 'Your Village Your History' presentation of old photos of Elphinstone and a short film followed by tea and cake! Please feel free to bring along memories, memorabilia and photos! This will take place on 25th May at 1.30-2.30 in the community centre lounge.

*Lena Hutton 01875 824 138 or [lhutton@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:lhutton@eastlothian.gov.uk)*

### *News from the Playgroup*

Playgroup has a couple of new starts in the coming weeks. It is great to see the playgroup flourish and to welcome all these new faces. If you have a child coming up for 2 years old or a friend who does then please get an application in ASAP as our waiting list is filling up again for the rest of the year. You can do this by emailing [elphinstonepgmanager@gmail.com](mailto:elphinstonepgmanager@gmail.com) and requesting an application form from Ashley MacPherson or alternatively pop in and pick one up between 9.00 and 9.30 am, Monday to Friday.

We are looking forward to the coming months and hopefully better weather so that the children can enjoy our outside play area. We are looking for donations of bikes/ scooters so if your child has outgrown their old bike/ scooter why not donate it to the playgroup where we will make good use of it and it will provide other children with hours of fun. We are looking for donations of bikes and scooters which are in a used good condition and suitable for 2-3 years old.

The community support alongside all our parents/carers is fundamental in the long term success of the playgroup and we once again would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing support.