

## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

*This will be our last newsletter for this session and has all the important dates for this busy term to diarise.*

*I am very proud of all the powerful learning and enriched experiences our pupils have had this year. It is evident in their work, their attitude and how they are able to talk about their strengths and next steps. It is at this time of year we self-evaluate in order to plan for next session, that we realise how much has been accomplished in school and out.*

*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 also hoping that during May there may be an opportunity for parents/carers to come into school to review our school's vision, values and aims.*

*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.*



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

*Best wishes from all the staff at Elphinstone,  
Heather*

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## 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 2017. Anyone unable to order online should request an order form from school before 31 May 2017.

### OPTION 1

**Delivery Option: Free delivery to school**  
**For Guaranteed Delivery: On 27th June 2017**  
**Order before : 5th June 2017**



**BEFORE  
SUMMER**

### OPTION 2

**Delivery Option: Free Delivery to school**  
**For Guaranteed Delivery: On 14th August 2017**  
**Order between 5th June and 24th July 2017**



**AFTER  
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### OPTION 3

**Home Delivery**

Orders will take up to 21 working days



**DURING  
SUMMER**



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Berwickshire | TD10 6XJ  
T 01361 810304 | E [info@border-embroideries.co.uk](mailto:info@border-embroideries.co.uk)

## Term 3 2016-2017 dates

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

- 1 May HOLIDAY
- 2 May Run Jump Throw club starts for P3-4 weekly till 6 June
- 3 May P6-7 Bake Sale
- 4 May Running Club continues weekly till 15 June
- 5 May Play Scotland filming in the playground
- 8 May P1-7 Gardening— Children to wear clothes for gardening
- 8 May P3-5 Football
- 9 May Visit from Head of Education
- 11 May 2 x P6 pupils Little + Large Cookery comp
- 11 May Parent Council meeting 5-6.30 p.m.
- 22 May IN-SERVICE
- 24 May Small Schools Sports event— certain pupils
- 24 May Archery Club for P6-7 weekly till 28 June
- 31 May Mini Mudder event— details will follow
- 7 June Nursery Bake Sale
- 12-16 June Transition Week
- 14+15 June P7 Ross High Induction Days
- 16 June Open Morning (Learning Stories)- times to follow
- 20 June SPORTS DAY 11.00-2.30 p.m.
- 22 June Parent Council meeting 5-6.30 p.m.
- 27 June Back up Sports Day
- 28 June P7 Leavers Assembly
- 30 June Last Day of Term

## Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair raised  
£325  
in FREE BOOKS for our school!  
Thank you  
to everyone who supported this venture.

## 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 2017

We are in the process of booking for P1-7 children next session to go to see

## Beauty and the Beast

at

the Brunton Theatre

Date still to be confirmed.

Tickets will cost £8.00 per child payable this term.

Transport costs will be charged nearer the date.

Tickets must be paid by 14th June 2017 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.



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## FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL...

Every parent and carer of all our primary school and nursery children is invited to attend parent council meetings which take place in the school. Childcare is provided - just bring your children along with you on the night. The meetings are friendly and you will be made very welcome.

Please come along, have a cuppa, find out more and give your ideas for what the Parent Council does to support the school and enhance learning. If you can't come to the meeting and you have ideas or opinions to share, please do get in touch beforehand by email [jude@judithdunn.co.uk](mailto:jude@judithdunn.co.uk) or 0777 635 6380. **Look forward to seeing you there!**

Also please like our Facebook page **Elphinstone Primary School Parent Council** for updates.

The highlight of the last meeting in March was a presentation by some P6/7 pupils on various “**National initiatives**”. Ben, Alistair, Huw, Theo, Aaron and Lewis talked about the background of the National Improvement Framework, what it entails and how it fits in with the School Improvement Plan. The pupils also talked about the skills clubs they run which included:

**Harry Potter skills club** – one example here was the club members making wand which shows how important co-operation and mentoring would be to wizards.

**Construction club** – this uses Lego to encourage skills in the designing, building and testing of both a car and a boat. The skills needed for this were for example co-operation, competition, creativity and technical skills.

**Rugby club** - skills needed were movement, competition, resilience, leadership and problem solving to mention a few

**Cooking and baking club** - the main skills needed were maths, reading, resilience and risk taking.

**ICT club** – in this club computer skills were important as well as confidence. Pupils taking part had made their own computer game using an algorithm.

The presentation was finished off with a Trolls video. The message in the song advocated the importance of a positive attitude, self-belief, resilience and perseverance.

The parent council wants to say thank you to all the pupils who took part for a very interesting evening.

### **Date of next meeting:**

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on **Thursday 11 May 2017 from 5.00pm-6.30pm.**



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### *News from the Community*

*A couple of the courses below start before this newsletter is published but that would not prevent anyone from joining if they were interested. Just email: [cldfaside@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:cldfaside@eastlothian.gov.uk) for details*

**Youth Club.** *Our new session commences 27th April for an 8 week term to the 15th June.*

**Baby Peep.** *This group has restarted and we welcomed a few new parents. If you would like to join this group and have a baby between 0-1yr approx then come along on a Mondays 1.15pm*

**Raising Teens with Confidence.** *This 6 week course is aimed at parents for children age 10 and above and particularly those in transition to High School this year. The next block of this starts On 26th April from 1pm at Sanderson's Wynd. Please email [cldfaside@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:cldfaside@eastlothian.gov.uk) to book a place. We are also planning an ESCAPE course for parents commencing in May, this is for parents of High School pupils interested in looking at parenting techniques with their teens. If you are interested email above.*

*Raising Children with Confidence is a 6 week course for parents with younger children looking at emotional wellbeing, stress, resilience and more. We are starting a new block on Tuesday 9th May at Sandersons Wynd 1pm. Please email [cldfaside@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:cldfaside@eastlothian.gov.uk) to book a place.*

***The community centre will be shut on 4th May for Local authority elections and then again on June 8th for a General Election therefore all activities on those days are cancelled. We appreciate your patience in this matter.***

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

### *News from the Playgroup*

We hope everyone is enjoying being back after the holidays. At playgroup we are enjoying settling in some new starts. We hope that our April leavers are enjoying settling into their nurseries. We wish them all the best in their new adventure. The children are enjoying the better weather with more outdoor activities planned so please keep an eye on our notice boards for what we will be getting up to.

We still have spaces available so if you have a child who is 2 years old or is coming up for two years old message [elphinstone-playgroup@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elphinstone-playgroup@yahoo.co.uk) for an application form. It is important to get your child's name on the waiting list early to get a space.