



Elphinstone Primary Community Newsletter September 2017



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News from Nursery

A warm welcome to our new children who have settled in very quickly. Our pre schoolers have returned keen and eager to learn and as ever are into everything! We are learning about Jack and the Beanstalk, and magnets, as well as looking at the harvested wheat from the fields around school. We have also begun our weekly visits to the woods which we hope to carry on all year. Although we have smaller numbers this year we have big plans so watch this space!

News from P1/2

The new P1's have all settled really well into the daily routines in our classroom and P2 are being excellent role models. The children have been working on a classroom charter in which they have chosen the ways in which we will ensure our classroom is a happy environment for everyone. We have also started back with our phonics and number work. Our topic this term will be 'The Weather'. We will also be learning all about Harvest. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Harvest Assembly.

News from P3-4

Miss Daniela Lioia is covering P3-4 class in Mrs Hamilton's absence. Daniela is enjoying getting to know the children. The pupils have started learning about life in the ocean, linked to the UNs Global Goals.

What we have learned so far in P5/6/7.

At the beginning of term we did a forensic science investigation to find out who stole the Osprey eggs. We looked at evidence collected from the scene of the crime and from 4 suspects and eventually agreed who the criminal was. We discussed which science skills we used during our investigation and what jobs the real investigators might have had. We have also been learning about the 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development. Pupils from P3-P7 worked in groups to think about problems in the community, Scotland and the World and then we matched the problems with the global goals.

For our Interdisciplinary Learning we have learned about electrical circuits and have used light bulbs, switches, buzzers and have used motors to make a fan. Well done Ryan, Max and Mason for creating the best fan design. Next week we will begin our research into where our electricity comes from with a visit to Torness Power Station.

We are all really missing Mrs Williams and Mrs Hamilton in school and send both of them our best wishes.

We look forward to when they are both able to return to school.



Please note that these dates may be subject to change

- 15 Sept HOLIDAY
- 18 Sept HOLIDAY
- 20 Sept P5-7 start Rugby for 4 weeks
- 21 Sept 5.00 p.m. AGM Parent Council— All Welcome
- 29 Sept JRSO Launch— certain pupils
- 2 Oct 2 p.m. Harvest Assembly— Parents and Carers welcome
- 16-20 Oct HOLIDAY
- 23 Oct In-Service
- 8 Nov School photographer— Individual + family groups
- 14 Nov 4.30-6.30 p.m. Parental Consultations
- 15 Nov 3.30-5.30 p.m. Parental Consultations
- 16 Nov Flu Vaccinations
- 12 Dec Dress Rehearsal
- 12 Dec Panto trip p.m.
- 13 Dec afternoon NATIVITY
- 14 Dec eve performance NATIVITY



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Information and Consent Forms

At the start of every session there is always lots of information for parents. Where possible we will be using the Groupcall Messenger Service to e mail newsletters and flyers etc however please still remember to check your child's message bag **DAILY** and read all the correspondence which is e mailed or sent out. Please ensure all consents are completed and returned to school the next day. The Authority encourages everyone to use the online payment system however you may still pay by cheque payable to East Lothian Council or by cash for trips, milk, nursery snack.

School Edubuzz Site



Sign up for e mail alerts. It is easy-by logging onto: <http://www.edubuzz.org/elphinstone/> and on the right hand side of the site enter your email address in the Subscribe by e mail box. Lots of information as well as Newsletters are posted regularly on our website. Each class also has a class site to check out what the children have been up to.

Elphinstone Office Bearers Session 2017-2018



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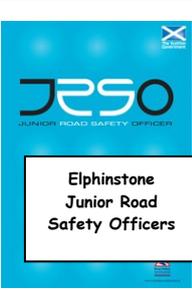
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Alex Swinton P2
Tilly Stanton P3
Eve Houchin P4
Grace Fleming P5
Benjamin Cuthill P7

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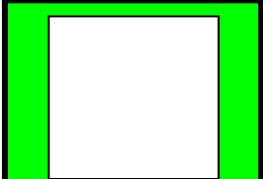
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East Lothian URGENTLY looking for more Foster Carers!

Are you who they're looking for?

Look out for the new East Lothian 'Are you who they're looking for' fostering campaign being launched this August. Posters should be appearing on lampposts, offices, walls and windows across the county, trying to get more people to take up this excellent career. There'll also be lots of social media, so we're hoping that everyone will do their best for East Lothian's children and young people - even if you can't foster, please share the message as widely as you can (on social media, by putting up posters or just good old word of mouth).

East Lothian Council's Education and Children's Services spokesperson Councillor Shamin Akhtar said:

'We have children and young people who need foster carers urgently. We had a brilliant response to our campaign at Christmas and the foster carers recruited then have completed their home visits, disclosure checks and training and are now taking on their first young people. However, demand is always growing and we need more people to come forward very soon and give their love and support to some vulnerable children and young people who really, really need them.

'As you know, we set great store in East Lothian in keeping our looked-after children in or very close to East Lothian, so that very vulnerable children don't have to change schools or lose touch with their friends and wider families. Not every fostering agency thinks this is important but we do - we really see the value in not sending children far away from everyone and everything they know. So, I'd just like to say how grateful I am to all our foster carers for choosing to Foster East Lothian and for the fantastic job they do - they make a difference every day. I hope that there will be a number of people reading this article now who will also be able to make that difference and be the ones that our children so desperately need.'

FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL...

Welcome back to the new term!

Thanks to everyone who donated, helped out on or bought tickets at our Parent Council Tombola at the Summer Fair last week. We raised a total of £240.00!

The next Parent Council Meeting is on Thursday 21st September at 5pm. This will be the **AGM** and all parents are invited. It would be great to see new parents and carers at the meeting to find out more about the role of the Parent Council and our plans for this coming year. More details will be sent out nearer the meeting but please put the date in your diaries.

We hope everyone is enjoying being back and has a great school year in their new classes!





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News from the Community

Following some really successful events over the summer we are all in gear to get the new school year off to a flying start!

Youth Club. The new youth club dates are 24th Aug to 12th Oct.

Baby Peep. This group restarted on the 28th August and continues through to 4th December 1.15 on a Monday. This group is suitable from birth until wee ones are on the move.

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 Wednesday 6th September in Ross High School library 6.15-8.15 Please email cldfaside@eastlothian.gov.uk to book a place.

Lena Hutton 01875 824 138 or lhutton@eastlothian.gov.uk

News from the Playgroup

We are glad to return to playgroup after the summer break and see all the children again. It is exciting hearing all their holiday stories.

Over the next few weeks we are going to be busy settling in new starts. There are still limited spaces available from September for certain days. If you are interested in your child getting a place at playgroup and are not already on the waiting list we would advise you to pop in and get an application or alternatively email elphinstonepgmanager@gmail.com .

We would like to thank all parents for their help and continued support on their duty days. I would also like to take the opportunity once again to thank all parents/carers who handed in gifts. We were overwhelmed with everyone's kindness before the summer break. We are all excited for what the new term will bring for playgroup.

*Kind Regards
Nancy, Isabel & Ashley*