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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

This will be our last newsletter for this session and mine as the Head Teacher of Elphinstone.

This wee school has much to offer the community, the staff and the pupils. It has been a pleasure to work with all stakeholders over the past 6 years to move the school forward.

There is a great, committed and efficient staff team here at 'Elphy'. The pupils are confident and eager to engage in all their learning. Our support of parents body adds value to the rich learning here at Elphinstone.

May you go from strength to strength under new leadership. There will always be a 'wee Elf' in my heart.

Best wishes

Heather

Leisurewear for next session

Remember to order your child's new school sweatshirts etc for August 2018 soon.
Don't leave it too late.

Anyone unable to order online should contact the school.

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Summer Term 2017-2018 dates

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

- 1 May Chess club continues till 29 May + French Clubs continues to 5 June
- 2 May Kerbcraft for P1-2 pupils continues weekly till 30 May
- 3 May P3-4 Swimming lessons continue weekly till end of June
- 3 May Running Club continues till 14 June
- 7 May HOLIDAY
- 8 May IN SERVICE DAY
- 11 May P3-4 Football
- 14 May Arts and Crafts Club continues until 18 June
- 16 May Open Morning + P1-2 Bake Sale
- 21 May HOLIDAY
- 22 MAY Bikeability for P5-7 starts weekly
- 24 May Mini Mudder event
- 25 May Small School Sports day— certain children
- 28 May Rag Bag Collection Date— Pop any bags into our Textile banks before this date.
- 29 May Playgroup Bake Sale
- 31 May Parent Council meeting 5-6.30 p.m.
- 1 June Summer Blessing—Tranent Parish Church— Parents and carers welcome to attend
- 4 June P5-7 John Muir Birthplace trip
- 6 June P7 Leavers Assembly
- 8 June Sports Day
- 11-15 June Transition week
- 13+14 June P7 Induction days at Ross High
- 13 June New P1 Parent meeting
- 20 June Nursery Bake Sale
- 21 June Back up Sports Afternoon + Parent Council meeting 5-6.30 p.m.
- 27 June School Walk followed by lunch and Loose Parts party
- 29 June Last Day of Term



Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair raised £307 in FREE BOOKS for our school!
Thank you to everyone who supported this venture.

School Edubuzz and Twitter

Check out our website regularly <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.



Check out Twitter tweets @elphytweets

Summer Blessing 1 June 2018
Tranent Parish Church

All parents and carers are welcome to join us at Tranent Parish Church on Friday 1 June 2018 at 10.00 for our Summer Blessing.

Pantomime December 2018



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

Jack and the Beanstalk

at
the Brunton Theatre
18 Dec 2018

Tickets will cost £8.50 per child payable now!!!

Transport costs will be charged nearer the date.

Tickets must be paid by 14th June 2018 otherwise your child's place will be cancelled.

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



FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL...

We had a really good meeting in March, when some of the P7's came along to talk to us about a variety of projects they are involved with.

We would like to thank Ben, Huw, Lewis, Logan, Rebecca, Rhys and Theo, for coming along and giving us presentations.

They told us all about

- * Skills clubs*
- * East Lothian summit*
- * Read, write count*
- * Playground supervisors*
 - * Tutti fruity*
 - * Pupil Council*
 - * ECO*
 - * JRSO*
- * Google classroom*

They all spoke with confidence and passion, and it was really interesting for us to hear their perspective on so many areas.

We also received thank you letters from pupils and the school staff, for the funding they received from the parent council, for a new laminator, Lego boards and an easel for P1/2.

It's great to hear that the fundraising that all our families have supported us with, is being used to benefit everyone in the school.

We also received a direct request from a pupil for funding for a giant chess board, which we were able to approve.

We can only achieve all of this because of the support the families give to our fundraising events.

Our plans so far for this year are

- * Sponsored Mini Mudder 24th May*
- * Stalls at the Summer Fayre 25th August*
- * Christmas Fayre (date to be arranged)*

We are always looking for new ideas, so please either come along to one of our meetings, or speak to one of your reps.

Future meetings are
31st May
21st June





News
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other
groups
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Our
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News from the Community

Baby Peep continues this term with a double group 12.45-1.45 and 2-3pm. So far this term we have made musical shakers and had a sensory afternoon with Leigh McCrum the Countryside Ranger. Youth club will restart 26th April for an 8 week term to 14th June. During this term all youth clubs across East Lothian are being reviewed as part of a wider service review. This will involve unannounced visits from ELC staff and speaking to the children about their experience in club.

A request was made to start a parent and toddler group on a Tuesday afternoon in the lounge. We would like to help get this started. If anyone feels they want to be part of this please contact me below. Lena Hutton 01875 824 138 or lhutton@eastlothian.gov.uk

News from the Playgroup

Time has just flown by and we are now into May. Playgroup has had a few new starts after our return from the break. They have all settled in really well. We welcome new applications so if you have a child who is coming up for 2 years old/ know someone who does email elphinstonepgmanager@gmail.com for an application or alternatively pop in and pick one up, Monday to Friday 9.00-11.30am.

We will be hosting a bake sale on Tuesday the 29th of May at 9.15 am. We are hoping to raise as much funds as possible for Ward 2, Sick Kids Hospital and CCLASP. This is to help show our support to the parents of one of our children, Finlay Leishman. They wish to raise as much money as possible for all the support they have received from them and continue to provide their family with. We hope that you will all help show your support through attending the bake sale and handing in any donations of yummy cakes the day before/morning of the sale. All help in making this bake sale a success is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.