



Elphinstone Primary School

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Welcome Back!

I am delighted to welcome you all back to school as your new Head Teacher. It is a joy to be in school with the children and to start to get to know our families. The children have settled back well and they are all happy in school. I'm sure there are many sleepy heads after their first full day back! We are very happy to welcome our new nursery children who are starting this week. I am sure that this is going to be a great year where we all learn lots together.



At the start of this year we are welcoming two other new staff. Mrs Melanie McVay (see photo on the right!) has started as a Nursery Nurse in our nursery and Miss Amy Nicolson will be our new PE Specialist (see photo on the left!) Miss Nicolson will be starting with us after the September weekend.



Getting Ready for P.E.!!

As Autumn is approaching, could we please ask that you add some warm clothes to your child's PE kit e.g. joggers and a zipper. Space for PE is limited in school and staff would like to take the children outdoors for



PE as much as possible. If they have a pair of outdoor shoes that are suitable for PE, it would be great if you could also pop them in too. It would be good for all children to have a water bottle with them in school to keep them hydrated. Water is available all day in school that children can use to fill up their bottles.

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Our School Values

During the in-service days the staff worked together to look at our Curriculum Rationale and re-visit all the things that make Elphinstone Primary School special and unique! We are excited to continue this over the school year and will shortly be asking parents/carers and community partners for their input and ideas. As part of our discussion, we have all been thinking about our current school values and how we can break them down further. If we are going to be a school where...

"Everyone knows each other in this loving school and it feels like a family." what values must we all show? If **everyone** in our school community displays the values of....

Happiness **Co-operation** **Determination**
Respect **Honesty** **Kindness**

then we will truly make Elphinstone Primary School a loving place to be and feel like a safe family. These values underpin the expectation of behaviours we all want to see and feel in our school and community. This has been shared with all of the children in school through our Welcome Assembly. From today, Value Vouchers will be given out to children in school (classroom and playground) when staff see children displaying our values. The children will take their vouchers home to share with their family...please ask why they got it! The class teacher will tally the scores of the whole class over a week and share the total each week at assembly. The winning class will get 15 minutes extra playtime on a Friday. We would like to buy special play equipment for our Value Voucher winners. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

"Sharing, caring and working together, helping to make the world a better place." ~



School Lunches



As you know, school lunches are free for all Primary 1-3 pupils. A couple of our P1s have come to school with a packed lunch but have really fancied what was on offer at school dinners so have had that instead! There has been a slight price increase this year on the cost of P4-P7 school meals. Each meal now costs £2. If you are entitled to free school meals and have not yet applied, or if your circumstances have changed and you may now be eligible for free school meals, please pop in to the main office and we will happily give you a form to complete.



The Daily Mile for children and families will start again after the September weekend. This is a great opportunity for us all to get together while being active at the same time! We are currently thinking of the best way to organise it and we will let you know the arrangements soon.



I would like to thank all of the staff, children, families and community partners for making my first week as Head Teacher at the 'wee school on the hill' such a positive and welcoming experience. I am excited to lead the school forward in collaboration with you all. I always have an open door so if I can help or support you in any way, please do not hesitate to pop in to school or email me at acameron@elphinstone.elcschool.org.uk. Thanks! **Mrs Cameron.**

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