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ELC Newsletter **January/February**

Happy New Year and welcome to our January/ February Newsletter

The children have all had a super return to nursery after the Christmas holidays and are enjoying seeing friends and playing with new and familiar resources. Our new starts are all settling in really well and are becoming familiar with nursery routines, staff and the other children. Well done everyone!

New Headteacher

We have been delighted to welcome our new Headteacher Mr Maunder into nursery. He is already becoming a regular visitor, getting to know the children and staff – and we look forward to working with him going forward.

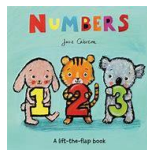
Lovely News!

Miss Lauder, one of our ELC practitioners has some lovely news to share with parents and children – she is expecting a baby in June. Congratulations Miss Lauder, we are all delighted for you.



Playing with Music Sessions

All of our 2 year olds and our new 3 year olds and their parents are invited to our “Playing With Music” Sessions in the Early Years Centre on Thursday afternoons from 1.30 – 3.00pm. These start this Thursday 18th February and will run until April. They will be delivered by a music therapist, a speech and language therapist and Mrs Landells.



Peep Nursery Sessions – January - March 2024

We are continuing our Peep Nursery Number sessions this term. We have invited children and parents/carers from the Pink and Yellow groups for the January to March sessions which start next Tuesday 23rd January. We will be running more sessions from March, hopefully at a different time as we know we have lots of working parents who find Tuesday mornings difficult. We are also planning to offer a Number Stay and Play Session during the February holiday for those who have been unable to make it during term time. Further information to follow.





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Children's Personal Plan Reviews January/February 2024

Over the next 2 weeks, key workers will be in the playground before pick-up time to check over and update your child's Personal Plan with you. This is important so that we have the correct information to support your child – including contact details, medical information, any changes to home circumstances etc. Thank you for your help.



Burns Day – 25th January

We will be celebrating Burns Day on 25th January. Children can wear a touch of tartan to nursery and can choose haggis, neeps and tatties for lunch (vegetarian haggis is available too). We will be having Scottish snacks at snack-time next week and will be doing some Scottish home-baking. Our story of the week will be in Scots and we may even try learning a Burns poem for rhyme of the week, as well as Scottish songs.



Nursery lending library launch – Tuesday 30th January

We will be launching our new Nursery Lending Library on Tuesday 30th January with a Story Time Stay and Play session in Early Years Centre from 2.00 -3.00pm. We will be reading stories, singing some songs and doing a wee craft to take home and use at your own story time. National Story Telling Week is the week beginning 29th January and we will share some super resources to make story reading easier. We will put out a sign-up sheet next week as places will be limited.



End of the Day Stay and Play Sessions from February 2024

Last term we put out an online survey to parents asking about when you would like to come into nursery to spend time with your child. The majority of parents indicated that they would like to come in at the end of the day before pick-up. As a result, from Tuesday 6th February we will be offering weekly stay and play sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2.40 - 3.10pm if you wish, you can come in and join your child for story and song time and our soft finish table-top activities at the end of the day. There is no obligation to attend and these are drop-in sessions so you do not need to sign up beforehand. However, if they prove



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very busy we may have to put up a sign-up sheet. We are excited to welcome you in to spend regular time with your child in the setting, and see what they have been getting up to.



ALLERGY ALERT

Can we just remind you that we have a child attending nursery who has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis due to a serious allergic reaction to mango, pineapple and lentils and beans.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND MANGO, PINEAPPLE or LENTILS OR BEANS INTO NURSERY IN YOUR CHILD'S SNACK OR LUNCH, or any products containing these items (smoothies, yoghurt etc).

Thank you so much for your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.

NB: If your child develops an allergic reaction to any substance or foodstuff, please alert nursery immediately so that we can update their Personal Plan, share with all staff and ensure that they do not come into contact with the item while in our care. Thank you.

Warm clothing and changes of clothes

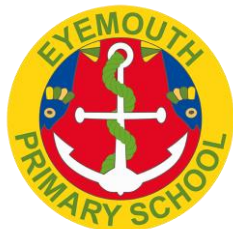
Please can you ensure that your child has at least one full change of clothes in their bag on a Monday and extra pants and socks if possible. Please can you also make sure your child is warmly dressed in layers of clothes you don't mind getting messy. As we are an indoor/ outdoor setting the playroom can sometimes be a little chilly and an extra fleece or jumper makes a big difference.

Please ensure all these clothes are labelled, particularly nursery sweatshirts. Thank you.



Holiday Childcare February 2024

The half term holidays run during the week commencing 12th February. If you require childcare during this time please remember that you can book your child into nursery. Fees are £5.50 per hour or per part hour and places are available from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Please ask a member of staff for more information if you are interested. Bookings must be made by Friday 26th January to allow for staffing. Nursery will be open as usual for 50 week children.



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Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Weeks beginning 22 nd /29 th January	Personal plan reviews
Thursday 18 th January 1.30 -3.00pm Early Years Centre	Play with Music starts for 2 year olds and new 3 year olds and their parents/carers
Tuesday 23 rd January 8.45-10.30am Early Years Centre	Peep Number starts for Pink and Yellow group
Thursday 25 th January	Burns Day – children to wear a touch of tartan
Friday 26 th January	Bookings must be made for holiday childcare for February holidays.
Tuesday 30 th January 2.00 -3.00pm	Story Time Stay and Play and launch of the ELC Lending Library
Tuesday 6 th and Wednesday 7 th February (then ongoing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays)	Drop in stay and play sessions at the end of the nursery day 2.40 - 3.10pm
Friday 9 th February	Last day for term time children
February Holiday - day/date tbc	Number Fun Stay and Play information to follow
Tuesday 20 th February	Term-time children return to nursery

And Finally

If you have any concerns regarding your child, or have any questions please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff, or phone (018907 50692 or 01835 826 834 (ext 6834)) and ask to speak to Mrs Macdonald (Senior Early Years Officer) or Mrs Watson (Early Years Officer) – or check the Early Learning and Childcare pages on our website www.eyemouthprimary.co.uk

With all best wishes, The Eyemouth ELC Hub Team