

Douglas Primary School & ELC

NEWSLETTER 1 - Sep 2023

ELC NEWS



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WELCOME BACK

It has been wonderful to welcome all our pupils back to the ELC and our new starts are settling in well.



STAFFING

We are currently in the process of recruiting a new member of staff to cover Mairi's maternity leave and a Thursday, Friday vacancy that has arisen due to Andrene moving to part time. month.

NEW STARTS

We are looking forward to welcoming a number of new pupils to Douglas ELC over the coming months.

Can I please remind you that the transition into our ELC will be made on an individual basis and to meet the needs of your child. Some children may settle quickly and attend full sessions and others may build this up over a period of time. We will plan this around what is best for your child.

Should you have any questions about your child's transition please do not hesitate to talk to our team leaders, Katie and Nicola.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

We would like to remind you that we have a wide variety of methods to communicate with you these include:

- ELC Noticeboard (in cloakroom)
- School & ELC App
- School & ELC Website
- Learning Journals
- Twitter/Facebook Group
- Newsletters
- Letters
- Email
- Text Message/Telephone

If you are unsure of any of the above methods of communication please see the details listed or contact the school office on 01555 851224 or gw14douglaspsoffice@glow.sch.uk

We would like to continue to operate as a paperless school and ELC and provide communication through the online channels listed above.

Certain letters and forms such as Annual Data Checks and Permission Forms will still be issued as a paper copy in the ELC only.

Annual Data forms have been issued to all pupils and we would ask that you return them ASAP if you have not done so already.

If you are unable to access any of the online methods to receive our communication then please contact the school office and a paper copy will be made for you and sent home



Our Facebook group is called 'Douglas Primary & ELC' Simply log into your account and then search for the group using the search tool. Once you have found it select the request to join button. We will process any requests sent ASAP.



Our Twitter page/X is called 'Douglas Primary & ELC' Our tag is @DouglasPrimary The page is open to all followers.

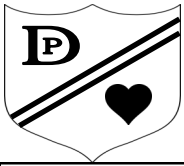


Please search for the app in your Apple or Google Play Stores. Once downloaded enter the following details to access our school and ELC
Username: DouglasPS
PIN: 8512

CARE PLANS

Can we please remind you to return your child's care plan as soon as possible if you haven't done so already.

The care plans allow us to gather a range of information in order to best meet the needs of your child. These will continue to be reviewed throughout the year.



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WEATHER

Sunny Days

Although Autumn is fast approaching we have still experienced a few sunny days lately. We have a supply of Ambre Solaire factor 50 suntan lotion that we can use on the children. However if you would prefer to send your own in with your child then please do so and we will keep in their individual trays.



Please can you also send your child to the ELC with a sunhat as we currently do not have a supply of spare ones to lend out.

CHANGE OF CLOTHING

If you haven't done so already could we please ask you to hand in a change of clothes for you child, this will be kept in the nursery in case a change is required.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Each month we will be sending home an overview of the core skills that we will be aiming to cover within the ELC, this will be sent along with the newsletter.

There will also be a new monthly challenge for home. Further details will be issued on this shortly.

Hopefully it will give you a greater insight into the nursery curriculum and allow you to see how your child's learning journal is linked to our planning.

LABELLING & TRAYS

Could we please ask you to check your child's tray at the end of each session and for you to label all your children's belongings especially ELC jumpers and t-shirts.



LEARNING JOURNALS

We will be continuing to use Learning Journals within the ELC. The journals provide you with updates on your child's learning and allows you to share achievements from home and comment on your child's work.

Your child's learning journal will be updated at least once per week so that you can see the learning that is taking place in the ELC.

The learning journals are set up using your personal email and each time an observation is recorded in the ELC you should receive an email notification.

New parents will be issued with a permission letter for Learning Journals when your child starts within the ELC.

If you are already signed up and having issues accessing your child's journal please let a member of the ELC staff team know.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find a link below to a calendar for all the term 1 holidays and events that we have planned so far. There will be additional dates such as trips that will be added as the term progresses.

[Calendar Link](#)

We aim to send out a calendar at the start of each term in order to give you as much notice as possible of events that will be taking place.

A paper copy will also be issued so that you have it to reference easily at home. Please take a moment to highlight the dates that are relevant to you and your child.

STAY & PLAY SESSIONS

You will see from the calendar that we plan to hold a monthly 'Stay & Play'. The first one is at the end of this month and is an opportunity for you to see the ELC environment and meet the staff.

Throughout the session we will have a range of themes for our session, with information on how you can also support your child's development at home.

WELLBEING INDICATOR OF THE MONTH

SAFE

