

Douglas Primary School & ELC

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ELC NEWS



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STAFFING

As you may be aware Mairi will be finishing up soon for her maternity leave. We are in the process of recruiting a temporary member of staff to cover her leave and also a new part time member of staff to replace Mary who retired at the summer.

We will share who the successful candidates are once interviews have taken place.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent/carer Consultations. It was lovely to see you all and be able to provide feedback on how your child is progressing in the ELC.

If you were unable to make your appointment but would still like to discuss your child's progress with their keyworker then please speak to Nicola or your child's keyworker.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

We have booked a new school photographer for school & ELC photographs on Monday 17th November.

Individual, sibling and family photographs will be taken on the day for all pupils, however there is no obligation for you to purchase any of the prints.



BOOKBUG



We are delighted to announce that Miss Brown will be running a block of Bookbug Sessions on a Tuesday afternoon at 2pm in the school Living Library.

Bookbug provides an opportunity to discover the benefits of sharing stories, songs and rhymes with babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers to give them the best start in life.

The sessions will run on a Tuesday up until the Christmas holidays. If you have a child in the ELC or a younger sibling who has not yet started we would be delighted to welcome you along to join in with any of the sessions. We also welcome anyone in the village with children who do not attend the ELC.

If attending please enter via the main school entrance rather than the ELC.

CLOTHING

As the weather is changing and Winter is approaching can we please ask you to ensure that your child comes to the ELC dressed appropriately for the weather forecast. As you know the children have access to the outdoor learning spaces everyday and need to be dressed appropriately for the elements.

SPEECH & LANGUAGE SUPPORT

Please remember that if you do have concerns regarding your child's speech and language development to talk to your child's key worker or contact the local speech & language enquiry line. Details for the enquiry line can be found below:

Parents and carers of children and young people living in Lanarkshire can use our enquiry service for advice and assistance. We have an open referral system which means anyone, including parents, can ask for assistance from our service.

Please contact the service in the following ways:

Call 01698 687 606 (leave a message and we will call you back)

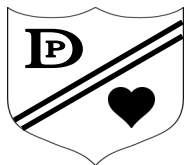
Email: sltenquiry@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk (email a message and a phone number and we will call you)

X: [@SLTSouthLan](https://twitter.com/SLTSouthLan)

Facebook: [Speech and Language Therapy NHS Lanarkshire](https://www.facebook.com/Speech-and-Language-Therapy-NHS-Lanarkshire)

PEANUT FREE ZONE

A reminder that both the school & ELC are peanut free zones as we have a number of children with related allergies. This includes items in packed lunches and snacks that may contain nuts such as some chocolate bars or sandwich spreads.



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PARENT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

The Parent Council AGM will be taking place on Friday 14th November at 2pm.

We currently have limited parents from the ELC within the group and would like all parents to be represented so if you are able to spare the time to come along and find out about the group it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are unable to attend the AGM but would like to find out more about the Parent Council then send an email to Douglas.Parent.Council@gmail.com and our secretary will be in touch with you.

Christmas Fair

The Parent Council Christmas Fair will be taking place on Friday 5th December in the morning.

As always the Parent Council are looking for donations for the tombola, so if you are having a pre-Christmas clear out and have any items that would be suitable for an adult or child then please hand them into the school office prior to the 6th of December.

Information regarding the Christmas raffle will be sent out shortly.



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.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Our Kindness Council has organised a dress down day on Friday 14th November for Children in Need.

Children can come dressed down or in pyjamas if they wish to do so. We would ask that you bring a donation along for doing so that will then be given to Children in Need.



STAY & PLAY

Our next Stay & Play session is set for Thursday 20th November with a focus on literacy.

We hope that the session will give you an insight into ways in which you can support your child's literacy development at home.

If there are any other areas of focus that you would like to see within the Stay & Play session please speak to Nicola and we can plan this for the sessions in the New Year.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

A reminder of dates in the diary - dates in red are new ones or changed ones that will not be on the Term 1 calendar, please add these to your paper copy of the calendar.

Friday 31st October
Halloween Fun Day

Monday 10th November
Inservice Day

Tuesday 11th November
Bookbug 2pm Library

Friday 14th November
Children in Need Day
Dress down/Pyjama Day

Monday 17th November
Photographer in (individual, family and class photos)

Tuesday 18th November
Bookbug 2pm Library

Thursday 20th November
Stay & Play Session—Literacy

Tuesday 25th November
Bookbug 2pm Library

WELLBEING INDICATOR OF THE MONTH

Healthy

