

Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



Sharing the Learning

It has been lovely welcoming all of our families back after what we hope was a wonderful October break for everyone. The children have settled back into ELC well and we have welcomed more new friends.



We have started the term with learning how to keep ourselves healthy and safe at meal times. This has included us exploring different foods and practicing good hygiene. We are also developing our understanding that there are some foods that people are not able to eat. The iPads have further enhanced our learning by allowing us to find out where in the world different foods come from.

The block area has been very busy, with the children building some fantastic structures and developing their own race tracks for the monster trucks. What a great way to develop our maths, science and technology skills!

With Susan's help we have revisited how to make play dough and are really enjoying making this to use in different areas of the ELC to further enhance our play.



Parking in and around the building

The school and ELC have had a request to ask that families do not use Harley Gardens (across Broomhill road) to park. As this car park is intended solely for residents, this situation sometimes makes it difficult for people living there to find parking themselves. Can I remind families once more to avoid using the Harley Gardens car park for school-related drop-offs and pick-ups? The residents there would be very appreciative of this.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Alison to our team. Alison joins us as an Early Years Officer and have responsibility for the Red Group, Monday to Friday.

Spare Clothing

At ELC we can get a bit wet and muddy whilst we play and explore. All children should come to ELC with a change of clothes. These can be left in a bag of their peg and should be clearly labelled with the child's name. Our lost property section within ELC is getting bigger – please ensure that all of your children's belongings have their name on them so that these can be reunited with their owner.



Snacks in bags

Can we please ask that children do not bring any snacks to ELC in their bag? We have children both in ELC and school who have severe allergies which can be life threatening. Children often like to share things with their friends and find it difficult to leave snacks in their bag until home time. By not bringing snacks to ELC it supports staff in limiting the risk to our

Junk modelling

We are very grateful to everyone who supplies us with lots of boxes and juice bottles for our junk modelling. Unfortunately due to children's allergies there are some items we can no longer accept. The list below shows this in more detail:

We can accept; <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Boxes- Kitchen Roll tubes- Milk lids (that have been well washed)- Juice Bottles (that have been well washed)- Offcuts of fabric- Sauce bottles (that have been well washed)- Buttons- Ribbon- Old Greetings cards- Postcards- Used tissue boxes- Supermarket magazines, toy catalogues	We cannot accept: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Egg cartons- Mayonnaise or salad cream bottles- Coleslaw tubs- Tubs that have contained dips- Toilet roll tubes- Milk cartons
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Family Engagement

Following on from Parental Feedback we received at the end of term, we have increased the number of Stay and Play events we now hold within ELC. Please see a reminder of these in the Key Dates section below.

Antonine's Christmas Fayre

The ELC will be operating a bottle stall at this year's Christmas Fayre. Any donations of bottles of any kind would be most appreciated. These can include shampoo, juice or alcohol.

ELC Times

Please note that our ELC opening times are from 8.45am till 2.45pm. We operate a soft pick up where the doors open at 2.30pm but can we please ask that all children are collected by 2.45pm? We appreciate that unforeseen circumstances can happen, causing plans to change last minute and ask that you contact the ELC by 2.45pm to make them aware and able to notify the children in advance.



Changes to information

We understand that from time to time contact details and information can change. Can we please ask that you ensure that the ELC are kept up to date with any changes in details?

Absence Procedure

Can we please ask all parents/carers to inform us if your child will be absent from ELC. This can be done via either email or telephone.

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Key Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Week beginning 4 th November 2024	Stay and Play Around the Fire Pit sessions – more information to follow regarding specific day and times for each group
Friday 29 th November 2024	In-service day – ELC closed to children
Wednesday 4 th December 2024	Antonine Christmas Fayre 6-8.00pm
Week beginning 9 th December 2024	Children’s reviews with key worker (Blue, Green and Orange groups)
Friday 13 th December 2024 at 1.30pm	Sibling Sing Along Event
Friday 13 th December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Week beginning 16 th December 2024	Children’s reviews with key worker (Red, Yellow and Purple groups)
Friday 20 th December 2024	ELC Christmas Party AM ELC closes at 1.30pm
Monday 6 th January 2025	ELC reopens at 8.45am
Friday 14 th February 2025 – Monday 17 th February 2025	Holiday – ELC closed
Tuesday 18 th February 2025	In-Service Day – ELC closed for children
Wednesday 19 th February 2025	ELC reopens at 8.45am
Week beginning 10 th March 2025	Stay and Play – more information to follow regarding specific day and times for each group
Thursday 3 rd April 2025	Sibling Sing Along Event
Friday 4 th April 2025	In-Service Day – ELC closed