



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers and community of Our Lady's Early Learning and Childcare Centre,

Following parental consultation earlier this session we now have a School App to support communication. Information has been sent out via email but please ask in ELCC if you require a leaflet to download this. Also, in the New Year we will be launching our new website—details will follow soon!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Scott all the best for her maternity leave. The team and the children will miss her but we look forward to meeting Baby Scott soon!

Mrs Lynne Mendes
Acting Headteacher

ELCC Annual Trip

Please check your usual lines of correspondence for information regarding our annual trip. This year we are going to Stanley Active Kids Adventure Park.

This is a great learning experience for children with large climbing frames, mini-diggers, go-karts, swings, trampolines, giant slides, jelly bellies and crazy golf.



Stanley Active Kids is a large outdoor park with a variety of farm animals that children can get up close and personal with.

We are asking parents to contribute the cost of the entrance fee of £7 for children at the moment and we are working on raising money for the coaches, snacks and lunches.

Christmas has Arrived

Children and staff have been very busy preparing for the up and coming Christmas activities. They have been singing songs, learning dances, making Christmas crafts and costumes. We have noticed the good work you are putting in at home to practise songs and bring in costumes too. Thank you so much for your continued support.

We will have one Christmas Concert where all children and families will be invited to on Monday 17th December 2018 at 2:30pm. All families and those children who do not usually attend this session will be invited to come in from 2:00pm. This will give children the opportunity to get ready and families will have an opportunity to have a drink, mince pie and peruse the fundraising stalls.



Entrance fee will be £2 each, this will include a drink and mince pie. Children have been making a variety of Christmas decorations that will be individually priced and reindeer hot chocolate. A photo booth will be open following the performances and cost £1.50 a photo. There will also be some Christmas challenges to keep you entertained.

To keep the entertainment going, we will have one Christmas Party on Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 1:30pm. Again all children are welcome to join us at this time. A very special guest will be making an appearance and families will be invited in at 2:45pm to join in with the excitement.



Snow cups, a Christmas wish tree and quiz sheet will be available to purchase and play from this week. All monies raised will go towards the ELCC trip in June.

ELCC Entrance Doors



Parents will know that the safety and security of our children is paramount. We have been aware of some teething problems with our new doors, which are now resolved. However, it is important for you to report if the doors are not functioning as they should.

Our procedure is to have a member of staff greet parents and children at the door at the start of each session. Due to this, the door is only open for 10 minutes so we can monitor who is coming and going from the building. Out with this time, parents must enter through the main school entrance. You must call in at the school office, register your child and choose a lunch if your child stays the full day.

At the end of the session the doors open for 7 minutes to allow for pick up. From 11:53-12:00noon (morning session), 3:08pm-3:15pm (full day session) and 3:38-3:45pm (PM session).

Thank you

Thank you for all of you who donated tissues to the ELCC. As usual our parents are very supportive and it shows by the amount of boxes we received! We have enough to keep us going for the next while. Very much appreciated.

Goodbye

As I am about to go off on maternity leave I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and families for their support this year. I will miss the children when I am off, however, will call in for visits to catch up on the fantastic progress they will make.

I will return to Our Lady's ELCC in the 2019/2020 school year to continue to work with our professional, dedicated team and inspiring children. Thanks again, Mrs Scott.

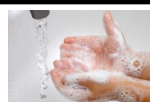
PEEP

A new session of PEEP (Parents Early Education Partnership) will begin in the new term. Mrs Duncan will host the ten week programme of engaging and exciting activities designed to support parents and children to learn together.

We have had very positive feedback from the parents who have been involved in programme in the past.

Look out for flyers and posters to tell you more about this opportunity, including details of dates and times.

Handwashing



A quick reminder to encourage all children to wash their hands before their session starts to avoid spread of germs and infection.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Day	Event
17th December 2018	Monday PM	Christmas Concert 2:30pm
18th December 2018	Tuesday PM	Christmas Party 1:30pm
20th December 2018	Thursday AM	Visit Goodlyburn Nursery for Songs around the Christmas Tree
21st December 2018	Friday	Last day of term two—school closes at 12 noon
7th January 2019	Monday	First day of term three
13th February 2019	Wednesday	In-service day. ELCC closed
14th-15th February	Thur, Fri	Holidays

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