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November 2025

Welcome to Wallace Hall ELC's Newsletter

Purpose of the Newsletter

We will publish a newsletter once a term, to detail any significant changes and events in the ELC.

Appropriate clothing

As we are entering colder and wetter months, please could we remind you all to ensure your child comes to the ELC with the appropriate clothing, and also plenty changes of clothes in their blue bag. It is also very helpful if your child's items are labelled with their name.

Nut Free School

This is a gentle reminder that we aim to be a nut free ELC. Please check anything that your child brings in their packed lunch does not contain nuts. This includes cereal bars and Nutella.

Students

We would like to welcome Miss Wark to the ELC. Miss Wark is a student from Dumfries and Galloway College, completing her placement. We are looking forward to having her with us for this year!

Christmas festivities

As we are drawing closer to December, we are preparing for the festive season in the ELC. Full details are in the 'Dates for your Diary' at the end of this newsletter.

You will see we are having a 'Christmas Fun Day' on Wednesday 17th December. We are going to trial this for this year and we would appreciate any feedback you could provide for us.

In the morning, we will have our usual ELC Christmas Party. We then have our Christmas Lunch to enjoy, and finally a Christmas movie afternoon at the Old School Thornhill.

If your child does not attend ELC on that day you will receive a message about alternative arrangements, should you wish your child to take part.

These activities are completely voluntary, so if any parent/carer wishes their child not to take part in these festive activities, please make Miss Park aware as far in advanced as possible so that we can plan alternative arrangements.

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Illness/absence

Although it is not compulsory for a child to attend ELC, we still require to be informed if your child will not be in, the reasoning and when you expect them to be back. This is in line with our Duty of Care as practitioners. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to see any of our policies relating to this. We ask that you follow these to ensure your child is fit and well to be attending the ELC.

Can we also ask that you make us aware of anything your child may have even if there is no isolation period for it, such as head lice. Such things can spread quickly in an environment such as the ELC, so it's really important we are aware.

ELC Uniform

Uniform order forms are available in the cloakroom. Our uniform is optional and was introduced following feedback from parents/carers.

If you have any uniform that no longer fits/no one to pass down to, we would be happy to take these to add to our swap shop.

Parental Engagement and Home Links

Lending Library

At the front entrance of the ELC, we have a lending library. Children are welcome to borrow a book for up to 2 weeks, which can be recorded in the yellow folder.

PEEP (Families learning together) sessions and Bookbug sessions – These sessions will be starting W.C 3rd November. Sign up sheets are on our new 'parent information' notice board.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks.

Judi Park
ELC Manager

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Dates for your Diary!

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| <p>Thursday 13th November</p> <p>School Photos</p> | <p>An email has been sent out about plans for this, as well as a Dojo post.</p> |
| <p>Friday 14th November</p> <p>Children in Need</p> | <p>Children are invited to attend ELC that day in spots, sparkles or sporty to raise money for Children in Need. There will be games and activities all week for this, and if you would like to donate to Children in Need we will have a donations box out in the ELC cloakroom.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 10th December - 1.30pm</p> <p>Christmas Show</p> | <p>The Primary are putting on a school show this year called, 'Lights, Camel, Action!'</p> <p>The ELC are not part of the show, however during the afternoon performance we will be singing a few songs. If you would like to come and watch, more details will be released nearer the time.</p> |
| <p>Friday 12th December - 9am - 10.30am</p> <p>Christmas Craft Open Morning</p> | <p>PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE FROM THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER</p> <p>At our open morning, we are inviting you to make some Christmas crafts with your children, which you can then take home!</p> <p>We will not be charging a set fee for this, but a donation box will be displayed in the ELC, to raise money for the ELC.</p> <p>Sign-up sheets will be displayed in the cloakroom, and we would love to see you even if your child does not attend ELC that morning.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 17th December</p> <p>Christmas fun day</p> | <p>Details in Newsletter, however timings are as follows;</p> <p>Party - 9am - 11.30am Lunch - 12noon - 1.30pm Film - 1.30pm - 3pm</p> |
| <p>Friday 19th December</p> <p>Last day of term</p> | <p>This will be the last day of ELC for the holidays, and we will return Tuesday 6th of January.</p> |

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