



Sunnyside ELC Newsletter

March / April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our children back to the ELC. The children have all settled so well and have shown how resilient they are.

5 Important Steps

- Please wear a face covering at drop off /pick up in the car park or playground
- Keep 2 metres apart from other adults by choosing one parent to do drop off/pick up
- Keep 2 metres apart from other adults whether you are waiting for your child, or walking to or from school/ELC and avoid gathering in groups with other parents
- Avoid car sharing and limit use of public transport
- Self-isolate if anyone in your household has symptom. Follow the Test and Protect guidance on self-isolation and testing.

Staffing Changes

Unfortunately we have had to say a sad goodbye to Mrs Fiona Haughton as she has moved on to pastures new. Mrs Haughton was with the nursery for 19 years and worked with many of your children. We wish Fiona all the best in her new venture.

- Mrs Julie Williamson works Wednesday - Friday.
- Mrs McCulloch works Monday - Thursday

We have also welcomed 3 new members to our ELC team.

- Mrs Gail Taylor - Lily Group
- Miss Lauren Barclay - Poppy Group
- Ms Lisa Graham - Rose Group

Communication with Parents

Sensory Room Consultation

You may remember we consulted with you to ask for your views on a sensory room being developed for your children to be able to access whilst in the nursery. I am delighted to inform you that we were successful in our funding application and I hope to have the sensory room ready in a few months.

Learning Journals

We are using the learning journals as our main platform of communication to parents. If you are having any difficulty accessing your child's journal please let one of the team know, enabling us to sort out any issues.

Blog

Every Friday on your child's Learning Journal there will be a weekly blog added. This allows both parents and staff to link children's learning from what they have been focusing on during the week. A maximum of three potential activities will be provided for you to do at home with you child. Please add moments from home so staff can see what activities you have chosen to do.

Website

All our newsletters will be uploaded to the website along with other information relating to your child's learning so please keep checking.

Twitter

Look out for our weekly tweets on @sunnyside_ps twitter page.

Literacy

We are now focussing on 'Five Minutes Peace' as our March core book.

*The more that you read,
The more things you will know,
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.*

---Dr. Seuss

Virtual Healthy Eating Cooking Group

Our fortnightly virtual cooking group will resume on Wednesday 10th March via the learning journals.

Virtual PEEP Sessions

PEEP is a play based session between parents and their children to encourage bond/attachment and learning together. Hopefully we will see as many parents as possible will join us virtually to have fun and learn new things. Our sessions will begin week commencing Wednesday 3rd March via your child's learning journal. Please upload any pictures to your child's journal so we can see all your hard work.

LIFT- Language is Fun Together

We are launching our interactive slides on the school website. This will support families at home to develop children's

language. The information and videos are in collaboration with speech and language in Forth Valley.

Child's Voice – The children were asked what they enjoy about coming to Sunnyside ELC?

Some of the responses were:

- "Making pictures and playing outside with my friends"
- "Drawing"
- "I like playing with playdough"
- "Garden & bikes"
- "Like my friends"

Important Dates:

- Thursday 1st April - ELC Easter Party
- Thursday 1st April at 2.45pm - ELC closes for the Easter break.
- Monday 19th April at 8.45am - ELC reopens



If there is anything you would like to discuss further or any questions please do not hesitate in giving us a call.

***Duty of Candor:** There is nothing to report in relation to this, this year.

Yours sincerely,

Denise Penman
Headteacher