**Lainshaw Early Childhood Centre**

**September Newsletter**

A big welcome back to all our returning children and a warm welcome to all our new children and families joining us. All of our children have settled really quickly into the ECC and are enjoying exploring the playrooms and outdoors.



**Groups**

We have introduced new group names and these are:

* Ladybird Group – Natalie/Sarah/Leanne/Gayle
* Zebra Group – Leanne/Gayle (From January)
* Panda Group – Dawn
* Penguin Group - Debbie
* Kangaroo Group - Lorraine
* Monkey Group – Ruth
* Giraffe Group – Carole
* Lion Group – Karen
* Parrot Group - Hayley

**Dropping Off and Collection of Children**

Opening hours – 9am-3pm

AM Session – 9am-12:30pm (3-5 years)

AM session 9am-11:30am (2-3 years)

PM session 12:30-3pm (2-3 years)

* Doors will open at 8:50am/2:50pm to allow for the drop off/collection of siblings from school.
* The 3-5 children will enter via the ECC doors where a member of staff will be situated to direct them to their group areas.
* Parents will be invited in at home time to collect their child from their group area.
* The 2-3 children will continue to enter and leave via the 2-3 garden area ***(can we please remind parents not to open the gate to the garden area due to safety requirements)***

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**Parent Council Meeting -**

You are welcome to join any meeting and ZOOM login details are available from the chairperson, John Semple, who is contactable via email: lainshawps.pc@gmail.com

**Learning Journals**

Staff have now all received training to implement the Learning Journals for all children. Parent log in details will be sent out within the next week and we aim to go live with our first posts on Thursday 15th September!



**ECC Clothing**

* We have a variety of nearly new jumpers/polo shirts in the ECC looking for new homes. These can be found in our main foyer please have a look.
* Please label any of your own child’s clothing, this is to prevent it from becoming lost or mixed up with others clothing, thank you.

**Communication**

* If you require information to be sent out to 2 parents can you please inform the ECC. This may include reports, newsletters, event information or log in details for Journals.
* Can you please update any telephone numbers, address changes or collection details for your child. If you contact the ECC office to update thank you.

**Lunches & Drinking water**

* Lunches will be served from 11:45am-12:15pm
* We have now moved our lunch time into the ECC playrooms with the purchase of new tables and chairs.
* East Ayrshire provides every child with a choice of 2 main meals, this is accompanied with either a soup or pudding rotated daily.
* A 3 week menu plan can be found on our ECC App.
* We are encouraging all children to experience the lunch time meals and

 therefor we are not encouraging packed lunches where possible.

* Where possible we ask if all children (2-3/3-5) can leave a water bottle in the ECC which will be filled up daily with fresh drinking water. Please do not send juice in for your child.



**Settling Reports**

Settling reports for all new children joining Lainshaw ECC will be held W/B 3rd October from 3:15pm. These will be done via telephone call with your child’s keyworker :

* Monday – Ladybirds/Monkeys/Lions
* Tuesday – Ladybirds/Kangaroos
* Wednesday – Penguins/Giraffes
* Thursday – Parrots/Pandas

Specific times will be allocated to parents on Thursday 8th September.

**PEEP Sessions**

We will be starting our PEEP sessions in September with our Community Practitioner Hazel Wills. These sessions will focus on “routines” and will be held in the ECC staff room. Parents will attend with their child.

Session Dates & Times:

Thursday 15th September – 9:15-10:15am

Friday 23rd September – 9:15-10:15am

Tuesday 27th September – 9:15-10:15am

\*To get the most from PEEP sessions we ask that you are able to join for all 3 sessions. Please speak to your child’s keyworker or contact the ECC office if you wish to put your name forward for the sessions.

**BLOG**

We will be uploading weekly photographs of the children onto the ECC BLOG. This will show some of the experiences both indoors and out that the children have had fun participating in for that week. These will be uploaded on a Friday evening for you to see.

**Communication Links**

* ECC School App – Username: Lainshaw

 Password: 2016

* Lainshaw ECC BLOG: <https://blog.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/ealainshawpseccmain2018/>
* Lainshaw ECC Telephone Number: 01560 483653
* Email: Jason.johnstone@eastayrshire.org.uk (Head Teacher)

 Lynne.ogilvy@eastayrshire.org.uk (Acting Depute Manager)

**Dates for diary**

* September weekend – ECC closed Friday 16th & Monday 19th September children return on Tuesday 20th September.
* Monday 3rd October – Settling reports for all new start children from 3:15pm via telephone call
* October Holiday – Monday 17th – Friday 21st October
* Monday 24th October – In-service day for staff – ECC closed children return on Tuesday 25th October
* Friday 28th October – Halloween Parties – times to follow
* W/B 28th November – Parents meetings in the ECC as follows (times to be confirmed):

 Monday – Monkeys/Ladybirds

 Tuesday – Lions/Ladybirds

 Wednesday – Parrots

 Thursday – Penguins

 Friday – Kangaroos

 Tuesday 6th December – Pandas

 Wednesday 7th December – Giraffes

* Friday 16th December – Christmas Sing-a-long – Parents invited in (times to follow)
* Wednesday 21st December – Christmas Parties
* Christmas Holidays – ECC closed Monday 26th December – Friday 6th January – Children return on Monday 9th January.
* February Holiday – ECC closed Thursday 9th February – Wednesday 15th February – Children return on Thursday 16th February.
* Thursday 30th March – Easter Extravaganza (more information to follow)
* Easter holidays – Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April
* May Holidays – Monday 1st May – ECC closed
* Friday 26th – Monday 29th May – ECC Closed
* Summer Holidays – ECC closes Friday 30th June
* Transition Report Parent Meetings – W/B 15th May 2023 (times to follow)
* Wednesday 31st May – Sports Day (more information to follow)
* Ladybird Room Summer Celebration – Friday 23rd June
* Wednesday 28th June – Graduation for Pre School Children (more information to follow)
* Friday 30th June – ECC Closes for summer Holidays