



Heriot ELC
Where everyone's learning
Newsletter 1
Monday 11th September 2023



Welcome back to a new session at Heriot ELC. We look forward to working with you in the year ahead. A special welcome to all the new children joining us this session.

Staff

A warm welcome to Mrs Louise Harding who has joined us as Senior Early Learning and Childcare Officer.

Our ELC Staff:

Miss Hilary Paterson	Head Teacher
Mrs Tracey McNally	Depute Head Teacher
Miss Ashlie McLaughlan	Equity and Excellence Lead
Mrs Louise Harding	Early Learning and Childcare Officer (Senior)
Mrs Maria Cox	Early Learning and Childcare Officer
Ms Karen McManus	Early Learning and Childcare Officer
Miss Lauren McKenzie	Early Learning and Childcare Officer
Mrs Gillian Carswell	Early Learning and Childcare Officer
Miss Jennifer Erroch	Early Learning and Childcare Officer
Mrs Kelly Thomson	Early Years Support Worker

Seesaw

We use Seesaw to share photos of learning experiences, send links to help extend learning at home and to share other important information with our families. Staff will respond to messages between 8.30am-9am and between 3pm-4pm. If you have to contact the staff during the nursery day, please call the school office on 0300 300 0158.

Absences

If your child is unable to attend nursery, we ask that you inform us as soon as possible. Please phone the school office and a message will be passed on to the ELC staff.



Keeping us up to date

Please ensure you keep us informed of any changes to your address, phone number or circumstances by notifying the school office on the number above. ELC staff will ask you to check your child's care plan at the start of each term and update as required.

Home Time Routine

This session, we would like to encourage our parents/carers to come into the playroom at the end of the day to collect the children from their key workers. This will allow staff to pass on relevant information about the children in their groups. Children can be collected between 2.45pm and 3pm. Please let us know if someone else is picking up your child and ensure they know the password you gave when completing your child's plan.

Website

Our website is regularly updated with information and can be accessed via the main school page - www.heriot.renfrewshire.sch.uk.

We also have our own X (Twitter) page - <https://twitter.com/HeriotPrimary>.

Lunches

Children have the option of ordering a school lunch or bring a packed lunch from home. The nursery menu can be found at

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/12221/Nursery-school-lunch-menus>.

If your child opts for a packed lunch, please do not overload it with goodies as some of our children are reluctant to leave the lunch table until they have eaten everything in their bag!



Please note that Heriot ELC is a nut-free establishment and foods containing nuts must not be included in packed lunches.

Donations

Parents often choose to make a weekly donation of £3 to supplement our resources throughout the year including snacks, craft materials and treats for the children. Some parents/carers have requested a wish to pay termly, in advance. If you wish to do this, £27 will cover until our October break (for those who have attended since the start of term). Donations should be put into an envelope with your child's name on it and handed to the staff member at the nursery door. Donations are voluntary and without your continued support, the nursery would not be as well-resourced as it is. Thank you!

Uniform and Spare Clothing

Nursery uniform sweatshirts and polo-shirts are available to purchase from the school office. Unfortunately, the supplier has increased the price, so sweatshirts are now £9.50, and polo-shirts are £7.50. Please label all items of clothing and bags. Children should have a change of clothes in their bag in case they have to be changed. Our supply of spare clothes is running very low.

Nursery Garden

If you are available to give up some time to help maintain the nursery garden it would be very much appreciated. Please speak to nursery staff if you think you can spare a few hours.



A full list of holidays for session 2023 - 2024 can be found below.

School and ELC In-service days

- Monday 14th August 2023
- Tuesday 15th August 2023
- Monday 23rd October 2023
- Wednesday 14th February 2024
- Thursday 2nd May 2024

First Term	Return date for Teachers	Monday 14th August 2023 (IS)
	In-service Day	Tuesday 15th August 2023 (IS)
	Return of Pupils	Wednesday 16th August 2023
	September Weekend	Friday 22nd September 2023 and Monday 25th September 2023 (inclusive)
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 26th September 2023
	Schools closed	Monday 16th October 2023 to Monday 23rd October 2023 (inclusive)
	Return date for Teachers	Monday 23rd October 2023 (IS)
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 24th October 2023
	St Andrew's Day	Thursday 30th November 2023
	Schools re-open	Friday 1st December 2023
	Christmas / New Year Schools closed	Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024 (inclusive)
	Second Term	Schools re-open
Mid Term break		Monday 12th February 2024 to Wednesday 14th February 2024 (inclusive)
Return date for Teachers		Wednesday 14th February 2024 (IS)
Schools re-open		Thursday 15th February 2024
Spring Holiday Schools closed		Friday 29 th March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024 (inclusive)
Third Term	Schools re-open	Monday 15th April 2024
	In-service Day	Thursday 2nd May 2024 (IS)
	Schools closed	Monday 6th May 2024
	Local Holiday	Friday 24 th May 2024 - Monday 27th May 2024 (inclusive)
	Schools re-open	Tuesday 28th May 2024
	Last day of session	Thursday 27th June 2024

Staff return Friday 14 August 2024