

Forehill Early Years Centre

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Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Kelly McGill will be joining the team as an early years practitioner once all relevant checks are completed. Toni McPherson will also be joining our team as an early years support worker starting 7th October.

Shared Learning

Thank you to all our wonderful families who visited our shared learning event in September. This was extremely successful with Very positive feedback. Almost all our families enjoyed the relaxed approach to explore the centre with their child both indoors and outdoors.

"Seeing G play and interact with her friends and teachers, she loved showing me around."

"P enjoyed showing his mum around outdoors and the mud kitchen, we had fun playing with the magnatiles together."

"I liked the free flow; it shows the reality of the nursery day."

"Getting to see the typical nursery day, showing mummy and daddy around playing in the kitchen, sand and paint."

Our next few shared learning experiences will be on October 6th and 8th, these will be much smaller groups with a focus on our Improvement Plan Priority 2 with a focus on how we implement nurture within the centre. Sign-up sheets are at the front office.

November's shared learning will be on 3rd and 4th November with a focus on Outdoor learning.

EYC Gates

Our garden gates will be open from 8am – 9.05am for our morning drop off.

Lunch time pick up will be from 12.35pm – 12.45pm. Children should be collected from the main entrance.

Our garden gates will re-open at 2.50pm – 3.05pm for all term time pickups.

All pickups after 3.05pm should enter through the main entrance. Please remember to press the PLAYROOM buzzer so staff know you are waiting.

The EYC telephone number from 8am – 4pm is 01292 612461. From 4pm – 5.30pm the telephone number is 01292 436760.

PLEASE DO NOT OPEN OUR CARPARK GATES ONCE CLOSED – THE CAR PARK IS FOR STAFF ONLY OR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS.

Family PEEP Sessions

Our family sessions with Elaine Clinton will start on Thursday 22nd October for 4 weeks at 9am. Please join us with your child to have lots of fun together. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front desk, but you are more than welcome to drop in!

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

We have our first parent/carers feedback survey of the year, and we really appreciate your views. This helps the centre gather information to move forward with your views and make a plan to move forward in our journey.

Please complete the survey by accessing the link that was shared on our app or type into your browser: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/hk6xzfefVj>

Thank you for your time.

Brilliant Books

Staff will send your child's brilliant book for you to update and look at with your child over the next few weeks. Please add to your child's books and if you need any photographs printed send them to the EYC email box or draw in the book with your child!

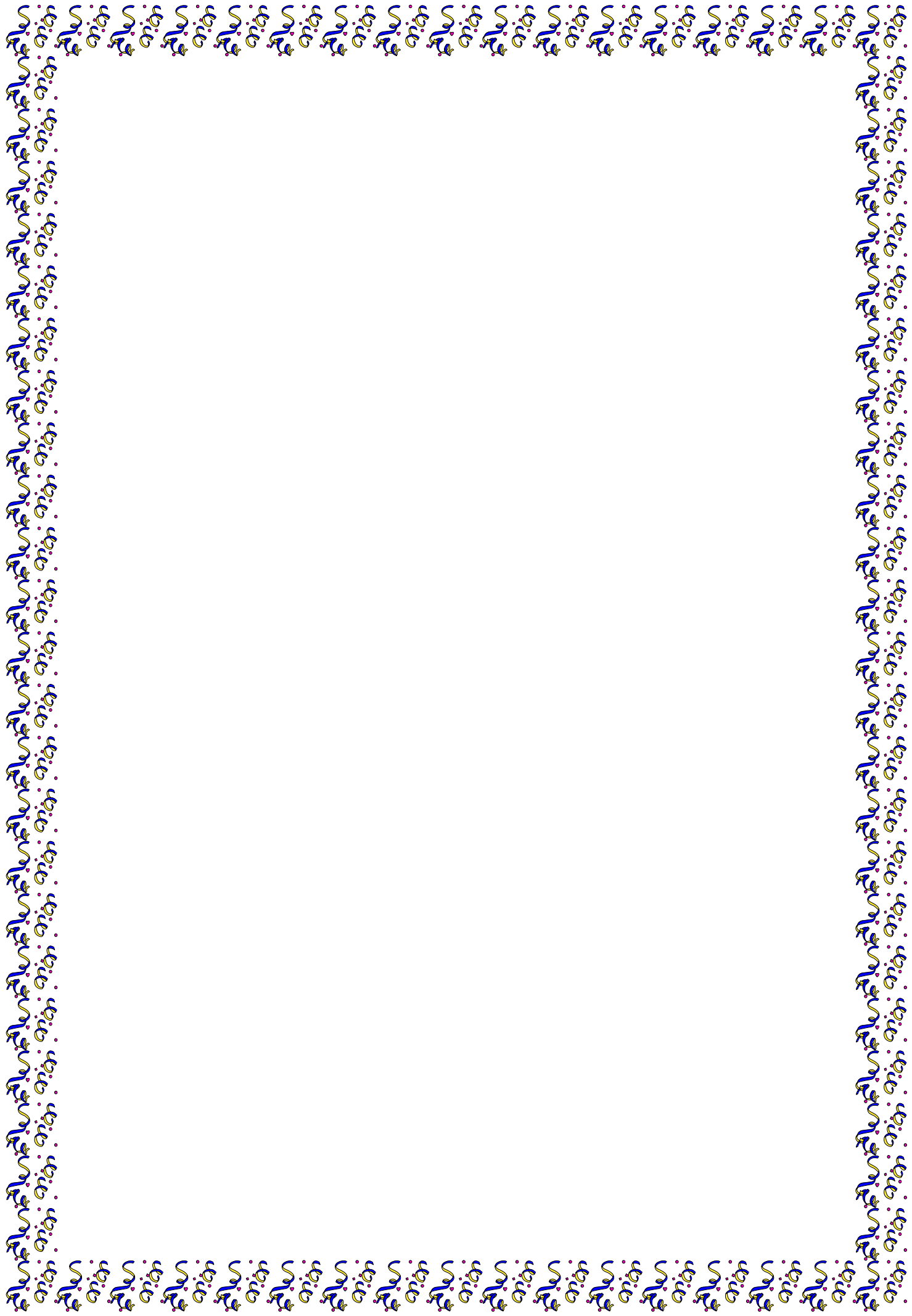
Achievements

The centre has an achievement wall for all children to display any achievements they have made in the centre and out with. Please send us an email with some pictures attached so we can add your child's to the wall. This helps develop their self-esteem and a sense of pride and community with their peers. Achievements might include sleeping in their own bed, trying new foods, demonstrating our values of safe, fun, kind and loved.

Home links!

After the October week each child should receive a home link to complete with a family member at home. These can include literacy, numeracy, STEM, and our new values activities! Please ensure you complete the short form inside and email some photos if you can! These short learning experiences at home will support your children's development.





Halloween

We are looking forward to having some spooky fun at the end of the month to celebrate Halloween! The centre will provide experiences for children across 3 days to ensure that every child can be included in celebrating and dressing up. From Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th all children can dress up if they wish. The centre will provide a variety of fun experiences throughout the day including dancing, games, and crafts. Please do not bring any costume accessories into the centre as we cannot ensure they will not get lost.

Pumpkin patch

FOREHILL PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISING GROUP ARE HOLDING OUR ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH EVENT ON - SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 1-4PM (last entry 3pm) £4.50 PER CHILD (includes: 1 Pumpkin/treat bag/indoor pumpkin decorating)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN THE FUN, PLEASE RETURN THE SLIP WITH EXACT MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE TO THE SCHOOL BY THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
Please note the trail is held outdoors Tea/coffee/Tuck shop will be available inside the gym hall.

Forest Kindergarten

Sarah, Vicky, and Lynn will be running our Forest Kindergarten sessions again this year at Castlehill woods. Please be reassured that we are running these more regularly this year and we will inform you when it is your child's turn to attend.

All children should wear a waterproof suit and wellies and dress appropriately for the weather. Children will return to the centre for lunch and parents will be invited along to the 3rd session of the 3-week block. We look forward to having lots of fun in our local community!

Important Dates for your diary

October Holiday Week – **Monday 12th Centre Closed.** Tuesday 13th – Friday 16th (open for 52-week children only.)

- **Tuesday 6th and Thurs 8th** – Shared Learning
- **Monday 19th October** – In-service day for staff – EYC closed.
- **Thursday 22nd / 29th October** – PEEP with Elaine
- **Monday 26th October** – Coffee and Chat – all parents welcome/ **Primary 1 registration week.**
- **Wednesday 28th October** – Nasal flu spray.
- **Wednesday 28th/29th/30th October** – Halloween activities

November

- **Tuesday 3rd and Wed 4th Nov** – Shared Learning
- **Thursday 5th /12th** – PEEP
- **Monday 9th to Friday 13th Nov** – Personal Care Plan meetings to discuss progress with parents/carers.
- **Friday 20th Nov** – Coffee and Chat – all parents.