



Nursery Newsletter Autumn 2023

October / November

Welcome to our most recent newsletter!

As the weather has changed, the children have been exploring the changes to the environment around them and the fact that it gets darker while they are still at Nursery! The children have enjoyed spending dark nights in the garden, experimenting with different lights and observing the moon!

Our experiences and opportunities

Our recent focus has been on Maths week, Autumnal activities and events and patterns.

- talking about positional language - in front, behind, under, over.
- the children participated in a lot of autumnal opportunities - making spiders, potions, table decorations, bird feeders, and leaf art.
- participated in dressing up week.
- spending time out in the local community and observing changes to the environment - we observed changes to trees, leaves etc.
- explored harvest foods - beetroots, carrots parsnips. We spoke about where they grow, size and colour.
- explored lots of different ways to create pattern - shape, colour, size, syllables



"We learn to play, we play to learn"



Dates for your Diary

Scottish Book Week

Monday 13 - 17th November



World Nursery Rhyme Week

Monday 13 - 17th November

Children in Need

Friday 17th November

Christmas Fayre (in the School Hall)

Friday 1st December

Stay and Play

W/c 11th December

Christmas Parties

Monday 18th December - Afternoon

Thursday 21st December - Morning

News

We are delighted to share that Miss Fleming's 2nd baby was born on Friday the 3rd November 2023. We would like to say a huge congratulations to her!

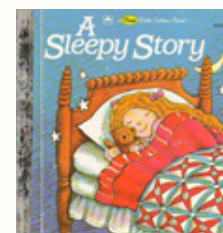


Mrs Walker will be taking early retirement as of the end of the year. Although she is very sad to be leaving East Calder, she is very excited about her new adventures!

Her last day will be 22nd December 2023.

Big Bedtime Read

The children are able to regularly choose a pack of 5 books from the ELC to enjoy reading at home. We hope that the book pack will enable families to spend a few quiet moments together sharing a story. All our books are labelled with a yellow smiley face so they don't get muddled up with other books at home. When your child is finished with a pack, please return and it can be exchanged for a new one. Look out for the QR code which gives you more information.



Children In Need

Thank you very much to everyone who took part in our fundraiser for 'Children In Need'.

Together we raised a massive £51.44!



Learning about our Wellbeing



Focus character - Responsible Ruairidh

Responsible Ruairidh has a black cat called 'Whiskers'. Ruairidh helps his mum give whiskers her food everyday. He also plays with Whiskers with her toys. Ruairidh helps to look after Whiskers.

Ways I am responsible in ELC:

Help to feed / care for the Guinea pigs

Tidy behind myself

Look after toys and resources

Caring for my friends and being kind

Ways I can be responsible at Home:

Help to feed / care / walk any pets

Help around the house with small chores

Tidy behind myself when I am finished playing with something

Can you share a photo on your online learning journal to show us how you are 'responsible' at home?



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Christmas Fayre

East Calder Primary Schools Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 1st December 2023 from 12:45pm. The children will be making calendars to sell at the Fayre in order to fund raise. Any calendars that are not sold on the day will be available to buy during the Stay 'n' Play week on the 11th December 2023.

Stay and Play

Our December stay and play will be w/c 11th December 2023.

We will have a fun array of activities for all to participate in including; Holly wreaths, reindeer food, Christmas decorations and Christmas lanterns. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Christmas Parties

Our children's Christmas parties will be on Monday 18th December 2023 in the afternoon and Thursday 21st December 2023 in the morning. Children who do not attend on either of these days will be invited to participate in one or the other. Timings for the parties will be confirmed and shared as soon as possible.

Session Times

AM Session

Monday to Thursday 07:47 – 12:30

Friday 08:00 – 11:47

Full day Session

Monday to Thursday 08:00 – 18:00

Short sessions

Monday to Thursday 12:45 – 16:00

Friday 08:00 – 11:20

PM Session

Monday to Thursday 12:30 – 18:14

Contact us

If you have anything you would like to talk about regarding your child's time with us, please don't hesitate to speak to any member of the team by telephoning the ELC on 01506 280200. We are here to help.

Dietary and Medical Needs

Due to some of our children having food allergies, we must ask that **NO NUTS** or **ANYTHING CONTAINING NUTS** are brought into the nursery or stored in children's bags.

Thank you for your support with this.

If your child requires any medication when they are in nursery, please speak to a member of staff so we have all the information we need and paperwork completed. No medication should be stored in your child's bag.

Absences

Please don't forget to notify us at Nursery (01506 280200) or the School office (01506 880810) if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

In the interest of Health and Hygiene, please be aware that should your child have a sickness and/or diarrhoea bug, they should not return to Nursery until 48hrs after all symptoms have stopped to prevent these bugs spreading.