



Nursery Feb / March Newsletter

It has been a busy beginning of the year at East Calder and we are really looking forward to the better weather and lighter nights. February has been a busy month and we have had lots of fun experiencing Chinese New Year, Valentine's day and Pancake day. We have also been busy with Stay and Play and making Mother's day cards.



Our experiences and opportunities

Our recent focus has been on People who help us, Senses, focusing on Forest Kindergarten outdoors in the garden and the up and coming season of spring. We have also:

- continued to participate in small sessions with Mrs Hider in the garden, promoting forest kindergarten
- celebrating World Book day and dressing up as our favourite characters
- participating in skills time
- exploring senses and touching, smelling, tasting different fruit and vegetables
- visits from a nurse and a policemen to talk about their jobs as part of our people who help us interest
- making cards for the special people in our lives (Mother's day and Valentine's)
- changing our home corner into a vets and a doctor's surgery to 'care' for our pets and other people



"We learn to play, we play to learn"



'Skills Time' in Nursery



We have recently re-introduced 'Skills time' formally known as group time. During Skills time, the children come together with their key worker and peers from their group to participate in an activity for approx 15 mins. Activities cover the various curricular areas ie, Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Well being and can take the form of a game, listening to a story, a maths activity, setting the table for lunch or an outdoor experience in the garden. Skills time takes place on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and afternoon. On Mondays, the children participate in Book bugs in the morning and Yoga in the afternoon and on Fridays, they participate in Forest Kindergarten schooling in the garden.



Learning about our Wellbeing



Focus character - Sally Safe

Sally knows that her mum and dad help to keep her safe at home. Teachers and the ELC ladies keep us safe at school / within the ELC setting.

Ways I am safe in ELC:

The staff create a safe and stimulating environment that I can explore safely.

We have routines and 'rules' when participating in particular activities such as goggles for the work bench, only building blocks as high as our shoulders, walking feet indoors etc.

When on outings, we learning the green cross code and use it to cross the road.

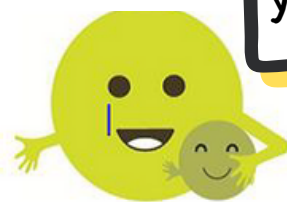
Ways I can be safe at Home:

Having a safe and comfortable environment to live in

Tidying behind myself so other and myself don't fall

Following our family rules and routines at home

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



safe



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Good Friday
Friday 29th March 2024 - Nursery Closed



Easter Monday
Monday 1st April 2024 - Nursery closed

Monday 1st April 2024
April Fool's day

Monday 22nd April
Earth Day

Tuesday 23rd April
St George's day



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

NEWS

We would like to say a great big thank you to the parents council who donated sand to us for our outdoor sand pit! Thank you!



We would also like to say welcome to Miss Fell and Mrs Poland who have joined the East Calder Family.

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.



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. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.



DIETARY

Due to some of our children having food allergies, we must ask that **NO NUTS** or **EGG** 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.**