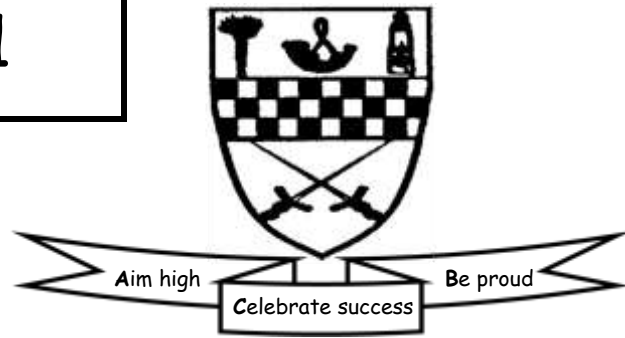


Mauricewood ELC Term 1



ELC News Letter Term 1 2023

Dear Parent/Carer/Childminder,

We hope you all had a lovely summer, regardless of the wet weather! We have enjoyed welcoming our children back to ELC and everyone has settled back into their routines really well. We would also like to welcome our new children who will be joining us over the next few months.

We would like to welcome back Mrs Tracy Shearer who has returned from Maternity leave and will be with us every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We would also like to welcome Mrs Anna Leask who has joined us as a second Senior EYP and will be with us every Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Lisa Stephen also returned to us from Maternity leave in June and will be with us every Monday and Tuesday. We said goodbye to Miss Carle Wilson at the end of term who was covering Maternity leave and has now taken up a post in an Edinburgh ELC setting. We would also like to welcome Mrs Emma Hamilton who will be supporting one of our children as a Learning Assistant.

We would ask that parents PLEASE label their children's clothing. This makes it a lot easier to identify lost property and helps staff support your child to put their own clothes on their peg. We do have a permanent marker in ELC so please ask if you wish to use it.

Can we please remind parents that the car park should not be used for drop off or pick up at ELC or school, the exception being children or adults who have a disability. This is to ensure the safety of all our children, parents and staff who use the car park to access the school building. If you have a disability please let us know and we can arrange a drop off time in the carpark as we only have 2 places available. We thank all our parents and carers for their co-operation and understanding in this matter.

We are looking forward to starting up our small groups and outings this term. We are always looking for parent/carers helpers for our trips to Aaron House and other exciting trips so please speak to a member of staff if you are available.

We run some small groups for children to encourage their emotional and social development and their gross motor skills. Some groups are to encourage sharing and speech and language sounds.

We would like to sign post you to some areas of ELC that we would like to remind you of. The white board in the foyer area will tell you what we have planned for the week ahead. We also have a lunch and snack menu on the wall in the foyer that you can see. We will have sheets up asking for parent helpers for trips etc. and our planning wall is within the large room. If your child has any interests at home please ask a member of staff to help you put this on a post it note on our planning wall. Also, can we please ask that you check your child's tray at the end of each session as important art work and paperwork will be placed in it. We have self-registration for the children but we would ask that **you** initial next to your child's name to sign them in each morning.

Dates for your Diary...

Mon 18 th Sept	Holiday
Wed 20 th Sept	Football Starts PM
Thurs 21 st Sept	Big Bed Time Read Launch. (Wear your P.J.s to nursery) Family Cooking Club 3.30-4.30pm - Everyone welcome!
W/C 25 th Sept	PE, Nature/Nurture Group, Circle Time, Music Time, Nature Play, Social Communication and Visits to Aaron House & Penicuik Library restart
Thu 28 th Sept	Family Book Bug Session 3.45-4.15pm All welcome
Wed 4 th Oct	Family Gardening Club 3-3.45pm - Everyone welcome
W/C 9 th Oct	Stay and Play Week all week
Tue 10 th Oct	Loose parts building day. All family members welcome! 10-11am and 2-3pm
Tue 10 th Oct	Parents meeting on Literacy 3-3.30pm - Everyone Welcome!
Thurs 12 th Oct	Sponsored Teddy Toddle 2-3pm
W/C 16 th Oct	Holiday all week. No ELC
Thurs 26 th Oct	Family Book Bug 3.45-4.15pm - Everyone Welcome!
Mon 30 th Oct	Family Cooking Club 3.30-4.30pm - Everyone Welcome!
Tue 31 st Oct	We will be having some traditional Hallowe'en games such as 'Dooking for Apples' and 'Doughnuts on a string'. We ask children do <u>NOT</u> dress up on this day as we have some children who find this too overwhelming.
Wed 8 th Nov	Last family gardening club until March 3-3.45pm. All Welcome!
Thurs 23 rd Nov	Family Cooking Club 3.30-4.30pm - All Welcome!
Thurs 30 th Nov	Family Book Bug 3.45-4.15pm - All Welcome!
Thurs 14 th Dec	Christmas Family Book Bug 3.45-4.15pm - All Welcome!
Mon 10 th Dec	Christmas Family Cooking Club 3.30-4.30pm - All Welcome! Christmas Party and Sing along will be this week. Further Info to follow.

**ELC finishes on Thursday 21st of December and will return on Tuesday
9th of January 2024**