

# Danderhall ELC Newsletter

November 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

## New Starts

We would like to say a warm welcome to all the new children who have joined us over the last month. They are all beginning to settle well and make new friendship groups.



### Oak Room

The Oak room have been very busy this last month learning about Autumn, Harvest, Halloween and more recently we have been learning about fire safety. The children have been exploring a variety of activities to support their learning.



### Pine Room

The Pine room have been learning about Autumn and supporting the children in recognising the different colours they see during this season. The children have been keen to support the staff in preparing their own snack by cutting up fruit and helping to prepare the cups and plates.



### Maple room

The Maple room as well as learning about Autumn, have been learning about families and how they are made up, we would like to ask the children to bring in pictures from home of their families to support in group discussions and our display boards.

## New Staff

This term we have welcomed some new staff members. Jeba Ansary a Learning assistant based in the Maple room, Sheree Black a Learning assistant based in the Oak room and Miriam Mells who is the new Early years Practitioner based in the Oak room.

Over the next few weeks we also have Sharon McKenzie joining the Pine room as a Learning assistant and James Sutherland as the new Early Years practitioner in the Pine room.

## Reminder

Please can we ask parents to label children's clothes as we already have a collection of unnamed items.

As the weather is now getting cold and wet please can you ensure your child comes to the ELC with appropriate clothing ie winter coats, hats, scarfs, gloves, wellies.



We would appreciate it if the children could refrain from bringing toys in from home as this can cause arguments within the setting and some children can become upset if these toys get lost or broken.

## Drop off and pick up

Drop off 830am Monday - Friday

Pick up 310pm Monday - Thursday

Pick up 1150 - Friday



## **IMPORTANT UPDATE:**

Week commencing 20th November we will be changing our drop off procedure, we will now be welcoming the children into the ELC via the main ELC door where parents can take their child through the atrium to their room where a member of staff will greet them at the door. We are now asking if parents can leave their child at the door with a member of staff who will support them in putting their belongings away. This is to support in safeguarding the children and to ensure the children can start their learning as soon as they enter the ELC environment.

The main ELC entrance is also used by the P1 pupils who will be entering the building at 8:50am. If you are arriving at the ELC around this time please can you hang back and let the teachers take the P1 classes in first before attempting to enter the ELC.

Pick up will remain the same where you will collect your child from their designated garden door where parents can come into the rooms and collect their child.

### Illnesses

As we are approaching winter the sickness bugs seem to be on the rise, can we ask all parents to ensure their child is well enough to attend the ELC. Attending the ELC when they are not well increases the bugs within the setting causing other children and staff to become unwell. Please can we remind all parents that if their child has sickness or diarrhoea there is a 48hr exclusion period from their last episode.



Due to the rise in illnesses we are also asking that if any older siblings are escorting you to drop off/pick up a child from the ELC that they remain outside. This also supports us in safeguarding the children within the setting as well.

### Christmas

With Christmas fast approaching we have a number of dates for your diaries.

- 7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper day - Children can come ELC wearing a Christmas jumper (this is not essential).
- 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch - Children may wear a Christmas jumper if they wish again this is not essential.
- 12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas songs at the church hall (more details to follow).



- 13<sup>th</sup> December 9-10:30 we will be holding a Christmas craft session where you are welcome to come along and join your child in creating some lovely Christmas craft.
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - ELC Christmas sing a long- come and listen to the children sing some Christmas songs and if you know the words please join in.
  - Oak room 2pm
  - Maple room 2:15pm
  - Pine room 2:30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas party morning- Children can come dressed in something festive and enjoy a party snack and playing games.



Finally, we would like to ask if any parent/carers have any tissues or wipes they would like to donate to the ELC we would really appreciate it

Kind Regards

Danderhall ELC team