



# Lanark Primary ELC Newsletter

## December 2018



What a busy month December is for us! The children are full of excitement about Christmas and are loving dressing up as elves in Santa's workshop with costumes and magical bell slippers! Everyone has been working hard to learn the songs and stage directions for our Nativity and they can't wait to perform to family members on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am and 2pm. Please stay and join us after each performance for refreshments at the back of the hall!

As always, if you have any concerns or issues, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's key worker or any member of our team.

*The Staff Team*



### Rag Bag

Our ECO Pupil Leadership team would like to thank all parents/carers who handed in a Rag Bag. They raised £106 from this initiative for school/ELC funds - a fantastic amount, well done!



### Enrolment for New P1s August 2019

Enrolments for children who are 5 years of age between 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and the end of February 2020, will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January** from 8:30am-10:30am and 2pm-4pm. If you have any difficulties coming within these times, please telephone the school and we will do our best to accommodate you. Remember to bring along your child's **full birth certificate** and **two** proofs of address. Please note, it must be the parent or legal guardian who comes to enrol.



### ELC Chit Chat Group

Thank you to all parents/carers who came along to our last meeting. At this meeting, we discussed how we could encourage more parents/carers to join us and agreed that we would seek the views of everyone. As a result, we are going to organise a consultation exercise to see what would work best for all parents/carers from both sessions. We look forward to working in partnership with you. Have a look at our display board in the foyer containing the minutes of the last meeting.



### Parent Council Christmas Gift Sale

Many thanks to all parents, carers and family members who attended last week's gift sale with the children. Our ELC learners enjoyed choosing their gifts and getting them wrapped too! Approximately £2000 was raised- an amazing amount. Well done to our fantastic Parent Council, parent volunteers and friends who made this such a successful event!

### Trip to Gouldings



On **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**, both sessions in the ELC will join together to visit Santa at Gouldings- this outing has been funded by the money raised from the Sponsored Wriggle.

The children should be brought to the gym hall to be signed in on this day, entering through the outside doors at 1pm, with the bus leaving shortly after. We will return for approximately 4pm and parents should sign their child out back in the gym hall. On this day, there will be no AM session in the playroom due to the timing of our visit. Please ensure you have returned your child's permission slip.

### Forest Kindergarten

The children have been enjoying a range of outdoor activities and have developed many skills, especially in risk assessing, fire safety and team working.

"I liked listening to the story of **Goldilocks and the Three Bears.**" (Ayla)

"We were playing with the ropes, they are fun." (Lucas)

"I liked making porridge with the pots." (Grace)

Thank you to all parents/carers who came along to our last session and joined in with their child, the feedback we received was very positive. We will be planning sessions for next term and will inform you of these dates once known.

### December Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to:

Isla Scott  
Archie Blair  
Lewis Wardrop  
Dani Jamieson  
India Jamieson



### Learning Focus

This month in the ELC the children will be learning about Christmas. There are lots of exciting learning experiences planned for them. It is such a magical time to be in the playroom!

### Celebrating Success

Well done to three of our learners who won a colouring competition organised by the Scottish National Fat Stock Club, who held their 'Live Scotland' event recently at Lanark Market. Well done to:

Grace Hadden (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Lacie Donnelly (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Morgan McKechnie (3<sup>rd</sup>)



## Easy Fundraising

Shop online and raise funds for Lanark Primary School and ELC using the website [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). It is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores including Amazon, NEXT, Debenhams, John Lewis HMV and over 500 others. Just use the links on the easyfundraising site whenever you shop online and at no extra cost to you, we'll receive a free donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make. It really is that simple!

### **What do I do?**

Just follow these steps, it's FREE and it's easy as 1-2-3!

1. To start please register so easyfundraising know which cause you want to support. Just click the link <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lanarkps>
2. Next, login using your username/password. This is how the system recognises who you are and which cause benefits when you make purchases.
3. Finally, click any of the retailer links provided and then shop just as you would normally.

That's all you need to do - apart from remembering to return to the easyfundraising site and login next time you are going to shop online! Providing your login and using the retailer links provided, easyfundraising will track all your transactions and pay the school the appropriate donations. These will then be displayed in your easyfundraising account (which you can access online).

### Lending Library Rota

Thank you to all parents/carers who have given up their time to come in and help us run our lending library every Friday. A new rota will be put up in January, so please add your name if you can help out any Friday.

### Gentle Reminder

Can you please provide and wear indoor shoes on your child while they are in the playroom? With the winter weather forecast, we want to keep our carpets as clean as possible, thank you!



### Diary Dates

ELC Christmas Nativity	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December at 10am/2pm
ELC Trip to Gouldings	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 1pm
ELC Christmas Parties	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December (AM & PM)
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December (Close at 2:30pm)
<b>SCHOOL &amp; ELC RE-OPEN</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Enrolment Week	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January at 8:30am-10:30am and 2pm-4pm
Bookbug Sessions	Will resume Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January at 11:15am and 3:30pm

