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Wallace Hall Academy, Primary and ELC

"Together we grow, learn and achieve"

Head Teacher: Barry Graham

Our staffing this term is as follows:

Nursery Teacher Mrs LF Smith Mrs McDiarmid DHT (Tues morning)

Nursery Nurse Lead Practitioner Miss L Weir (Mon, Tuesday, Thurs, Fri)

Nursery Nurse practitioner Miss S McGinley (Mon-Fri Mornings)

Nursery Nurse Mrs D Frame (Wed)

Early Years Support Worker Mrs W Marchbank (Mon-Fri 10.45-1.45)

ASL Assistant Ms J Gray (Tues PM)

Childcare student Morgan Tate (Mon)

WHA Students Emma and Chloe (Mon PM, Tues 11.30-1.00 and Thursday 11.00-1.00)

Session Times

A quick reminder of our session times

AM soft start 8.45am-9.00am. The ELC entrance will then close. If your child arrives after this time, please enter the ELC via the main Primary School Office.

AM session 9.00-11.55. Soft Pick up. The ELC entrance will open again for collection of AM children from 11.40-11.55 AM

PM soft start 12.15-12.30pm. The ELC entrance will then close. If your child arrives after this time, please enter the ELC via the main Primary School Office.

PM session 12.15-3.25pm. Soft pick up. The ELC entrance will open again for collection of PM children from 3.10-3.25pm

If your child attends a "Back to Back session" and is with us all day the session times are as follows:

Soft start 8.50-9.00am. Pick up 3.10pm prompt.

New Lunch arrangements

Please remember to order the week before if you wish your child to have a school lunch. Lunch costs £1.90 per day. Please enclose your child's money in a sealed envelope (no change is given) along with their completed menu sheet. Clearly mark on the front of the envelope their name, meal choice, the day they are having lunch and post in the box in the foyer **NO LATER THAN THE PREVIOUS FRIDAY**.

Menus rotate on a three-week cycle and these can also be found displayed in the foyer for collection from now on.

If your child brings their own packed lunch, please transfer it into a ELC lunch box by the snack pig and place it in the ELC fridge at the start of a session.

Please remember to take uneaten items, drinks bottles and containers home at the end of the day.

These will be laid out in the Playroom for collection at 3.10pm.

Christmas Lunch Friday 6th December

Christmas Lunch is available to order for children who stay with us all day on **Fri 6th Dec**. Please place and pay for your order by Mon 25th. Blank order slips are in the ELC foyer.



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Christmas Party Monday 9th December

It is our intention to hold one Christmas party this year for all 34 of our current children. The party will be held on Monday 9th December from 1.00-3.10pm.

If your child attends on a Monday Afternoon they should attend their normal session on Mon 9th (12.15-3.10) in their party clothes.

Children who attend WHELC all day on a Monday should attend their sessions as normal. Bring Party clothes in a bag for the afternoon and staff will change children ready to party at 1.00pm

Children who do not attend WH ELC on a Monday are invited to attend from 1.00-3.10pm Come in party clothes

Children who attend WH ELC on Monday Morning will swop session on this day and attend the afternoon session from 12.15-3.10pm We will offer the full session but the party itself will start at 1.00pm. Come in party clothes. If your child needs to attend on Mon morning for childcare/training/work purposes, please speak to Mrs Smith

As there will be a larger number of children on this day our "Special visitor" will visit children in the Primary Gym Hall at approx. 2.45pm. Parents are invited to return back to WHPS through the main entrance where you will be escorted to the Primary Gym Hall to see your child receive their gift from Santa.

All children will then be escorted back to Nursery where parents can pick up from the ELC entrance at approx. 3.10pm

Celebration of Learning: Christmas Friday 13th December

Each year at WH ELC we hold a "Celebration of Learning" biannually. Lots of research has been done lately about the benefits of quality parental engagement with children to develop their optimum learning opportunities and how this enhances their ability to make positive connections towards their own learning.

Our first celebration concerns Christmas. Parents/Carers are invited to attend WH ELC from **10.15-11.30 (AM session)** and from **2.00-3.15 (PM session)**

If your child attends all day on a Friday, you can pick which session you want to join.

If your children does not attend on Friday, we would very much like Parents/Grandparents/Childminders to join us during the times stated above to take part in the various activities we will have planned around the room in addition to your child's funded sessions that week.

If a parent is not able to attend it would be great for another adult to come so all children have someone to show round the Environment and share in joint learning together.

Grandparents/Aunties/Uncles/Childminders all welcome. A Christmas snack will also be on offer for young and old(er) alike! We look forward to everyone joining us.



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Activity Sacks

Activity sacks will be available soon on a group rota basis for children to develop their literacy/numeracy skills at home with a Parent/carer. The sacks contain various materials for your child to enjoy.

Please look after the Activity Sacks as we would like many children to enjoy the experience of taking one home. The contents are itemised on a label attached to the sack to make it easier to know what it should contain. You may keep your Activity sack for **one week** before returning it to Nursery for the next person to enjoy.

Wallace Hall Animals

If you are going on a special adventure you can also ask to take a Wallace Hall Animal with you. Ask staff for more details.

Letter Pouches

Your Child has their own pouch in the Cloakroom area of the Nursery. Please remember to check this pouch regularly as it will contain letters, leaflets, communication about any events happening in school. We carry out the majority of our communication by e-mail but sometimes paper copies are also necessary and useful. Your child's own work will be stored in this pouch too for taking home.

Christmas Post

There will be a letter box with session name lists attached for posting Christmas cards to friends from Monday 2nd December in the Nursery Cloak Room

Class Dojo

After taking advice on our weekly Home link newsletter and trialling various forms in which to provide Parents/Carers with weekly learning and general information we have decided to adopt the "Class Dojo" format. You will find a letter in your child's pouch will provided you with a unique code to sign up and install the app on your phone or tablet. We aim to post picture and occasional letters/info about what is going on in Nursery. Any questions please ask. Please note if you don't sign up you will not be able to access this information.

Christmas Carol Service Thursday 19th December

This will take place in Thornhill Parish church. ELC children are not performing a specific song but we will be attending the service. Once again parents/carers/relatives are all welcome to attend. If your child does not attend on a Thursday, you and your child are welcome to join us in the church. Please note additional children are not within our ratio's parents/carers still have responsibility for your child in the church. If your child wants to come and sit with us in the front pews they are more than welcome.



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Wanted!

There is a "Wanted Board" in the cloakroom area highlighting the items we would like donated to us for use with the children. Please keep an eye on it and help when you can.

Encouraging Independence

We encourage children to be as independent as possible. It would be helpful, therefore, if parents could supply coats and shoes that the children can cope with themselves. Children find shoes with Velcro fastening easier than shoes with laces. Outdoor shoes should be put into the shoe bags on the pegs. Wellingtons also make good outdoor shoes because most of the children can slip them on themselves. Wellingtons can be left at Nursery if you wish.

Outdoor Learning

Unfortunately, the Woodland area ELC had been visiting for Wellie Wednesday/Tough Mudder Thursday has succumbed to Red Larch disease and as a result 2/3 of the area has been felled. We will continue to visit a much smaller Woodland area in the grounds of Thornhill Parish Church but this too has been felled in recent weeks. One of our main development areas this session is to enhance and re-invent our own ELC Garden. Be assured that your child will still be offered the opportunity to engage in outdoor play on a daily basis at Nursery. As soon as the woodland recovers we will be back! As part of the outdoor development Miss Weir is after large utensils, spoons, ladles, slotted spoons, tongs etc. if anyone can donate these we would be very grateful.

Please ensure that all items of clothing and shoes/sand shoes/plimsolls/wellies are named.

Please note that Crocs are not suitable for Nursery

Snack contributions

Here at Wallace Hall ELC we pride ourselves on providing varied, interesting and healthy snacks for our young learners. Snack contribution is voluntary and is set at 50p per session. All contributions are greatly appreciated and are put to good use every week.

Diary dates:

WH ELC and Primary Christmas Lunch Friday 6th December (available to children who stay all day on a Friday)

WH ELC, Primary and Academy Christmas Fayre Saturday 7th December 2.00-4.00pm

New starts induction evening Monday 16th December 3.45-4.45pm

WH ELC Christmas Party for **ALL** children Monday 9th December

WH ELC Celebration of Christmas Parents/carers invited to attend and take part in a variety of learning based practical activities with your child. 10.15-11.30 AM 2.00-3.15 PM

WH ELC and Primary Christmas Carol Service Wednesday 18th December 1.30PM Thornhill Parish church.

Last day of term Friday 20th December

First day of term three Wednesday 8th December 2020



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