



Willowview ELC – Winter 2024

Welcome to our latest newsletter at Willowview ELC.

With only a few weeks to go until our Winter break we are all feeling very festive. Here's an update on what's been happening and the plan for the next few weeks.

Festive Celebrations



We took part in the St Conan's Christmas Tree Festival in Lochawe again last weekend. Well done to everyone who made decorations and helped create Olaf and his wonderful sleigh. We loved reading all about the family traditions you have at this time of the year.

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Thursday 12th December.

This year rather than one big Christmas event for parents/carers we are going to be holding a series of stay and play sessions (with a festive singalong) as we feel this is a more relaxed environment for all our learners. Each session will last 30 minutes and parents/carers should choose one session from the available dates to ensure everyone is able to attend. The sessions will be on Friday 13th Dec from 9.30am-10am, Monday 16th Dec from 9.30am-10am, Tuesday 17th Dec from 2-2.30pm and Wednesday 18th Dec from 2-2.30pm.

We will be having a Christmas party for the children on Thursday 19th December from 10am-11.30am. If your child doesn't attend on that day they are very welcome to come along for the duration of the party.

On Friday 20th December we will be having a Christmas jumper day with face-painting and tattoos – we will also be celebrating Rachael as it will be her last day with us at nursery.

On Monday 23rd December (for those on 48-week pattern) we will be having a pyjama and movie day.



Communication

Please keep an eye on your emails over the next month as we will be sending out questionnaires asking for your feedback and input.

We will also continue to communicate information via Seesaw.

If you need a new scan code please get in touch.



Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who put textiles into our Rag Bag Bin in the carpark. We raised £64.50 from our recent collection. We also raised £28 from the Christmas cards.

Thanks for all the donations already received for the hampers. We will be making these up at the start of the week and selling raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn on 17th December.

Your donations will help us buy resources for activities and fund special events like our Christmas celebrations.



Medicine

If your child needs to take medicine whilst at nursery please ensure you complete a medicine form with the office.

The medicine must either be prescribed by a GP or have a chemist label on it which states the dosage. Thank you



Toys from Home

We understand that your child may need to bring a comforter from home when they first start to help them settle however we have quite a large number of toys being brought in and there is a risk of them being lost or broken. Please encourage your child to leave them at home. Thank you.



Dates for your diary

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| Thur 12th Dec | ▶ Christmas lunch |
| Fri 13th Dec | ▶ Festive stay & play session 1 (9.30am-10am) |
| Mon 16th Dec | ▶ Festive stay & play session 2 (9.30am-10am) |
| Tue 17th Dec | ▶ Festive stay & play session 3 (2pm-2.30pm) |
| Wed 18th Dec | ▶ Festive stay & play session 3 (2pm-2.30pm) |
| Thur 19th Dec | ▶ Christmas party (10am-11.30am) ALL CHILDREN INVITED |
| Fri 20th Dec | ▶ Christmas Jumper / Face-painting / Tattoos – Rachael's last day |
| Sat 21st Dec – Sun 5th Jan | Christmas holidays for children on 38 week model (term-time) . Centre closes at 3.30pm on Friday 20 th Dec and children return on Monday 6 th Jan from 8.45am |
| Tue 24th Dec – Thur 2nd Jan | ▶ Christmas holidays for children on 48 week model Centre closes at 3.30pm on Monday 23 rd Dec and children return on Friday 3 rd Jan from 8.45am |



Reminders

- If your child is absent please contact us either by phone or email by **9.45am** so we can update our team (there is an answering machine for out-of-hours as well so you can leave a message if that's easier).
- Please label all clothing and footwear with your child's name to avoid any confusion. Please send several layers for this time of the year including hats, scarfs and gloves. Having clean, dry clothes of their own allows children to feel comfortable in expressing and meeting their needs.
- If a different person is going to be picking up your child than the person that dropped them off please let us know and ensure they are given the password - they will be asked for it. This is for all parents, carers and other relatives, even if it is someone who collects on a regular basis. This is for the safety of your child and is part of our child protection protocol.

We appreciate your assistance in following our procedures to make Willowview ELC a happy and healthy space for everyone.



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