

# THE ESA ECHO

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## COMMUNICATION

The ESA now has a dedicated e-mail address for sending out information and updates to you. If you wish to be added to the **ESA Mailing List** please send an e-mail stating your name and your child/children's school year/s to [esaupdates@gmail.com](mailto:esaupdates@gmail.com) and help us to ease the workload for the School Office. Don't forget to add this e-mail address to your Contacts to avoid any messages ending up in your Spam/Junk folders.



We hope that this will help us to form stronger bonds between the ESA, school and you.

You can also use this e-mail address to send in any suggestions you may have for fundraising ideas or future events; we really would love to hear from you because as we keep saying, the ESA really cannot run without your support.

## ESA COMMITTEE 2011/12

The ESA AGM was held on Wednesday 19 October 2011. Despite very low numbers in attendance, we were still able to appoint a new Committee to take the ESA forward throughout the school year. Therefore, we are very happy to announce that the current ESA Officers are:

**CHAIR:** Dan Catt  
**VICE-CHAIR:** Kerri Hancock  
**TREASURER:** Natalie Gooch  
**SECRETARY:** Kelly-Jane Erkin

We are still looking for more Committee Members if you feel you are able to spare a few hours here and there for the ESA. If you think that you would like to become an Officer sometime in the future, why not "shadow" one of the current officers to find out what it is all about.

You can contact any of the ESA Officers via the School Office or via e-mail at [esaupdates@gmail.com](mailto:esaupdates@gmail.com).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Committee for all their hard work over the last year with special mentions to Susan Godby and Zoe Drew who stepped down from their roles at joint secretary recently.

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

- The next ESA Meeting is planned for Wednesday 9 November at 6:15pm, at school, and we would love to see you there.
- A few years ago we used to have a cake stall in the playground on the last Friday of every month which helped towards the end total at the close of each school year. We have therefore decided to give this another go and would like to ask for your help.

The first of these is planned for **Friday 26 November** after school and we would be very grateful if you or your child/children could make a plate of cupcakes or fairy cakes which we can sell on the stall. We all know how much the little ones love making cakes and decorating them so what better time to get the rolling pin out. If you would like to provide some cakes for us to sell at the Cake Sale; please hand them in to the School Office on the Friday morning (26 November) where a member of the Committee will be waiting to greet you. Hopefully, if successful, we can continue with this throughout the coming months.



- Mrs McCallum and the Teaching Staff have confirmed that there will be a Christmas Fayre after school on Thursday 8 December. Further information will be sent out regarding this in due course. The ESA will be taking care of refreshments that day and if you are able to offer any help or assistance, please let us know.
- The Christmas Disco will take place on Tuesday 13 December. Unfortunately, due to other school events and a hectic schedule for our disco providers, this is the only date available. Fancy Dress will be optional for this event and we look forward to seeing the children all dressed up.

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## WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING?

- A little while ago, one of the classes asked the ESA to help with the purchase of some hand bells. These have proven so popular that the ESA are now funding the purchase of another set for the school.



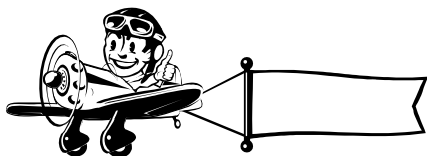
- We have been approached by Miss Oram with a request to refurbish the Reception Play Area and we are happy to report that the ESA has approved this so watch that space!



We would love to have a list of people we can call on to help us man the door, take ticket money, help with food...could you be one of those? You do not have to be able to attend Committee Meetings, but you are vital to the running of each and every event.

If you think you are able to be one of these event helpers, please e-mail [esaupdates@gmail.com](mailto:esaupdates@gmail.com) with your details to let us know or contact us through the School Office.

## ADVERTISING WITH THE ESA



There are opportunities available for any parents who wish to advertise their business or service on the ESA Notice Board. If you would like any further information regarding this please contact us by e-mail to [esaupdates@gmail.com](mailto:esaupdates@gmail.com).

## DIARY DATES



**Wednesday 9 November**  
ESA Committee Meeting

**Friday 25 November**  
Cake Sale

**Thursday 8 December**  
Christmas Fayre

**Tuesday 13 December**  
Christmas Disco

**February 2012**  
Freaky Fridays

**Saturday 23 June 2012**  
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Don't forget though that you can keep up-to-date with ESA information by visiting our page on the School website ([www.elmcofeprimaryschool.com/ESA.html](http://www.elmcofeprimaryschool.com/ESA.html)) or checking the Notice Board by the ramp outside the Year 2 classroom.

That's all for this month but don't forget, the ESA is here to raise funds for your school. Everyone involved gives their time voluntarily and free of charge. If there is something regarding the ESA that you are not happy with, please let us know in the hope that we can do something about it. We are not perfect, and make mistakes like everyone else, but we do try our very best for your children and the school. There is always more than can be done but without continued parental support, some things are just not possible.

Have a safe and happy Halloween

