



Livingston Village Primary School

Newsletter

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School Update

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Open Door Policy

Communication with Staff.

In the first instance please contact your Class Teacher who will endeavor to respond to your concern and/or pass on to the HT or PT.

Attendance

It is important that you communicate with the school before going off on holiday. As West Lothian Council Policy indicates each child's attendance should be above 90%.

Thank you

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

The days are passing very quickly and our October break is all but a distant memory now. In school we are trying to make the most of those rare sunny days before winter is upon us.

We had a very successful Halloween Disco this week with strong attendance, especially from the lower school. Many thanks to all the helpers and parents who worked hard on decorating the school, serving the food and clearing up at the end. It was a real team effort. I think we may be finding '100s & 1000s sweets for weeks to come! The costumes were amazing and we were particularly impressed by the talented dancers. Some children had all the right moves and won the dancing competitions. Our congratulations go to them.

We are delighted to tell you about our new web site which is now up and running. Check it out at <http://www.livingstonvillageprimary.westlothian.org.uk/>

We know how important good communication is and hope that you will find the information useful. Our classes will upload their work and photographs on a regular basis to keep you informed about what they have been learning.

Many thanks go to Mr McCallum-McKay who has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure all the right information has been uploaded and everything is in working order.

We were interviewing this week to find a replacement teacher in P3 (2 days) and in P6 (one day probationer cover) We will hopefully be able to announce the successful candidate shortly.

There is a lot going on in school as we approach the end of the year so make sure you make a note of the calendar dates at the end of the newsletter and/or check the web site.

Warm regards

Mrs Mill



Health & Safety

Thank you for your consideration when parking at Livingston Village Primary. We have noticed a huge improvement in cars parking in the layby rather than the staff car park. We appreciate your continued support with this matter.



Behaviour Policy

A traffic light system is used in all classes. Behaviour is recorded on a daily basis and children will work towards earning 5 minutes Golden Time daily. Every child in the school will earn a point each day they remain on green totalling 5 points per week. The children will aim to achieve a Bronze, Silver and Gold award throughout the year. Children can also earn Personal points in school and Community points out with. Examples of these are;

Community Points: helping to plant trees, litter pick etc.

Personal Points: helping others without being asked etc.



Within school we use House points. Children can earn these by being respectful, showing good manners etc. These contribute to their chosen House Team. Each week these points are totalled and the winning house on that particular week attach their House ribbon to the House cup. The following Monday they receive an extra 5 minutes play time. The running totals are counted at the end of the year and the winning House overall receives a prize chosen by the pupil council. Throughout the year we have events where Houses come together to allow extra points to be earned. These include amongst others the House challenges and Sports Day.

Dyslexia Awareness Week

6th – 10th November 2017

Wed. 8th Nov.
any-
time between 9.30
- 11.30 am

Parents have an opportunity to talk to teachers and promoted staff about Dyslexia and look at resources.

Wed. 8th Nov.
4.00 pm start

Indirect Dyslexia Learning.
Presentation with Laura Sharples
Find out about this computer
programme to improve
reading/spelling

Fri. 10th Nov.
9.30 am start

Parent/carer coffee morning
Find out more about Dyslexia and the role of our services. Chat with other parent/carers.

To book : 01506 283219 / pamela.amatller@westlothian.org.uk

Choir

Livingston Village Primary School Choir has started rehearsing on a Friday morning from 11- 11:30. We will be singing at several events in the coming months including the ICH School Cluster Concert, the Community Christmas Dinner and Sky.

Parent Consultations

Appointments have been arranged for those parents who did not manage to make attend. If you still require an appointment, please contact the school office.

Breakfast Club

Please be reminded that Breakfast Club starts at **8:00** am and therefore the school doors will not be answered before this. Staff involved require the time before to set up the hall in preparation for the children arriving.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 2 December 2018. Any donations for the Chocolate Tom-bola or Home Baking would be greatly appreciated.

Dress Down Day

Our October Dress Down Day raised a tremendous £118. At Livingston Village Primary we are very fortunate to have the parental support we receive. We do not get extra financial support from the Local Authority and the money raised from our monthly Dress Down Day goes towards the school funds. This is used to pay for extra expenses; buses for trips, Christmas parties, food for parties and entertainment within the school. We greatly appreciate your support.

Handball

Some of our Primary 6 children have started Handball. They will have the opportunity to attend tournaments to showcase their newly developed skills.



Book Fair

The Book Fair was a huge success this year. We raised an outstanding amount.

£823.96



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Achievements

Primary 7 took part in the Sports Hall Athletics on Thursday 26 October and we are very proud to report that they came 1st. Well done to who all who participated.

Primary 6 and 7 children attended the cluster Basketball tournament and showed phenomenal sportsmanship and poise. We played 12 games and only conceded 1. Superb effort boys and girls!



Eco Book Swap



The Eco Committee want to encourage people to reuse unwanted books. During book week we are holding a whole school book swap. Children can bring in any pre-loved children's books which are in good condition from Monday the 27th November. Each child who contributes to the swap will be given a token indicating how many books they have donated. They will then use this token to select the same number of books on the swap day. The swap will take place on Friday 1st December as the finale to our book week celebrations. Please hand in your books to P1k and P6. Thank you for supporting our Eco initiatives in school.

Reminders

Remembrance Service at 9:45 am on Sunday 12 November at Livingston Village Kirk.

Frost and Snow Clearing

Please note that the FM staff have no responsibility for clearing access roads, car parks or playground.

Our FMA will clear a main route from the Gym Hall door to the main front door of the school.

If possible FMA will try and clear from the layby to the main school door.

All for the children for all of the children !

If you would prefer a paper copy of the Newsletter then please return this slip to the school office



Pupil's name and class: _____

Event	Date (Assemblies start at 9.15 am)
P4 Assembly	Friday, 3 November 2017
Remembrance Assembly	Friday, 10 November 2017
P2 Assembly	Friday, 17 November 2017
Children in Need - Bake Sale – any donations of home baking would be greatly appreciated Choose to do either or both of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring a teddy to school • Wear something spotted 	Friday, 17 November 2017
Dress Down day - Donate a bottle of wine and/or chocolate selection box for Xmas Fair tombola instead £1.00 donation Book Day Dress up as a book character	Friday 24 November Friday, 1 December 2017
Christmas Fair	Saturday, 2 December 2017 10:00 am
P7 Assembly	Friday, 8 December 2017
Pantomime (in school): Hunchback of Notre Dame	Monday, 11 December 2017
ELC Nativity (over 2 days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 12 December 2017, 10:00 am Wednesday, 13 December 2017, 14:30 pm
P1 and P2 Nativity (over 2 days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 12 December 2017, 14:30 pm Wednesday, 13 December 2017, 10:00 am
Christmas Lunch (whole school)	Thursday, 14 December, 2017
Christmas Parties <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Primary 6 + 7 2. Primary 4 + 5 3. Primary 3 + 2 Primary 1a + 1b	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monday, 18 December 2. Tuesday, 19 December 3. Wednesday, 20 December Thursday, 21 December
Christmas Holiday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All break: Friday, 22 December 2017, 12:05 pm Pupils return: Tuesday, 9 January 2018, 8:50 am