



Livingston Village Primary School

March Newsletter

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School Update

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Easter Break

School will end at 12.05 pm on Friday 23rd March 2018 and return at 8:50 am on Monday 9th April 2018.

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

Open Door Policy

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

There is a saying "When the wind is in the east, it is good for neither man nor beast." This has been true for us over the past few days as we have faced a very challenging start to the month of March. I remain positive however, because I remember another saying about the weather in March. "In like a lion out like a lamb." Let's hope it is true. Like many challenges there are those that rise above it and we see the best in them. Let's make a conscious decision to be one of those people not matter what the circumstance.

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you of the passing of Mr Scott Glencourse. He was the first janitor in the school and worked at Livingston Village Primary School tirelessly over the years. Even when he retired, he came back helping out with the football team, accompanying pupils on trips and more recently working in the school garden. He will be sorely missed and our thoughts go to his wife and family at this sad time. We will be discussing how to mark his life with staff, children and parents so if you have any ideas please let us know.

We are facing another busy term with everyone working hard, improving knowledge and skills. Primary 6 & 7 are putting the finishing touches to their showcase performance of 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan' and we are really looking forward to sharing this event with all of you. Our parent consultations are coming up on the 13th and 14th of March. We hope to have our online booking system up and running soon if possible, although we are a bit behind due to the bad weather. You will be able to go online to book the day and time that suits you. The Early Learning Centre will be in touch to set up appointments once that happens. If you experience any difficulty please get in touch and we will do our best to help you.

Warm regards
Mrs Mill



Health Check

We remind you once again it is important to check your child's head regularly.



Dress Down

This will take place on Friday 23rd March. We ask that your child bring in £1 towards school funds.



Health & Safety

Sadly I have to report another near miss on the crossing outside our school. This is the second time this year and it is a matter of grave concern. Please be extra vigilant as you are parking and driving in and around the school. The last thing we want is to report that someone has been hurt or worse.

Our Junior Road Safety officers are designing a special banner to remind us all of how we should be parking and driving near our school.

School Camps

P7 Transition Camp to Lockerbie— Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th April. Children will be accompanied by Mrs Sansom and Mr McCallum McKay. Mrs Mill plans to visit on Wednesday 11th

P6 Camp to Whithaugh Park—Monday 30th April to Friday 4th May. Children will be accompanied by Mrs Murdoch, Mrs Mill/Mr McCallum McKay and Mrs Clyne.

Please ensure that all medical forms are completed and returned to the school office in plenty of time.

Breakfast Club

Parents/carers should escort their children in to the breakfast club. It is also important that the **parent/carer signs their child in**. Names only need to be registered at the beginning of the week and on a daily basis a tick should be entered against the child's name. This will help with keeping account of the daily numbers.



Parent Council

The next parent council meeting will take place on Thursday 19th May 2018 at 18:30pm.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Parent Council as they have recently given the school 8 new iPads. These iPads alongside those we purchased from school funds will enable the children from P3-7 to access Didbook to record their progress in learning and share it with parents/carers. More information about this will come out soon.

P1-2 will be using paper based profiles for the time being and the Early Learning Centre children will continue with online Learner's Journeys.



PATPAL

Pupils As Teachers Parents As Learners

Our next PATPAL session is on Tuesday 17th April at 2.00- 3.15 pm. We do hope as many of you as possible can come. Our pupils are keen to demonstrate what they have been learning in Maths. The session will start with a brief talk in the school hall then you will have an opportunity to go to your child's classroom to see them in action. Tea and coffee will be available.

School Access

For Health and Safety reasons no children can access school until 8am. In the event of poor weather please plan to arrive no earlier than 8am.

School Show

P7 and P6 Show "The Amazing Adventures of Superstan" will take place on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st March, starting at 6.30 pm.

Tickets are now on sale priced at £3.50 each.

Adverse Weather

I would like to remind all parents and carers of the need to provide us with up to date and working phone numbers and email addresses. I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that some of our pupils are coming to school without coats or jackets. Please make sure your child has a suitable coat and footwear, as we like to get them outside whenever possible.

Parent Consultations

Consultations will take place on Tuesday 13th March, 5.30-8pm. and Wednesday 14th March, 4-6.30pm. Please be aware that a new online booking system is now in operation and you must go online to book your preferred day and time.

Book Fair—Scholastic Books will arrive in school on Wednesday 7th March and be available during consultation evenings.

Spending at LVPS

Education is the most powerful investment for our children's futures. We therefore believe that having the right resources helps this and are continually investing our funds. Our current initiatives are :

1. New iPads so P6&7 classes can have iPads that stay in their classrooms. P1-5 share access to iPads and netbooks and are time-tabled.
2. New projector for hall.
3. Make outside storage units wind and water tight so we can purchase new play-ground games.

Spring fun at LVPS

Parent Council

Join our egg decorating competition for £1 and everyone receives a chocolatey gift, and best decorated egg brought in receives a

Giant Easter Egg

Entries by 3.20pm on Thursday 22nd of March and winner announced Friday 23rd.

This year we also have a 3 Spring Hampers full of goodies to be won!

Gift donations are greatly appreciated. Please see school office for more information & donation ideas



Raffle tickets are £1 each.

Raffle drawn on
Thursday 22nd and
announced
Friday 23rd of March

1 luxury hamper up for grabs
&
2 runner up hampers with
plenty to enjoy!



Growth Mindset

As part of the School Improvement Plan staff have undergone training in Growth Mindset with John Paul Fitzpatrick from Teachmindset.

“Growth mindset” is the name given by psychologist Carol Dweck to the idea that intelligence can develop, and that effort leads to success. We want to help to develop in our children a love of learning and the necessary resilience in life to succeed alongside the understanding that abilities can be developed through hard work and perseverance - brains and talent are just the starting point.

We will be offering a parent workshop led by some of our pupils and Mr Fitzpatrick. The tentative date is **Thursday 24th May at 6.00 pm**. Save the date because we would love to see you there.

Pupil Profiles

Over the past few years there have been different types of pupil profiles at LVPS. Some have been paper based others online. The Nursery (now called the Early Learning Centre) have successfully used online journals for a few years and will continue to do so. However, the online journals for the rest of the school were not so successful. All our cluster school Head Teachers at a recent meeting agreed to implement Didbook with P7 as both James Young and Inveralmond High school use them. The plan then is to gradually introduce it further down the school. We as a staff agreed to trial Didbook from P3-P7 as we currently do not have other profiles in place. P1&2 will keep paper based profiles for the time being.

Milk Money

The cost for milk next term—9.04.18 to 29.6.18 is £11.40

If you wish to pay the full year the cost is £39.20



School PE Kit

If your child has borrowed a school PE kit please ensure it is washed and returned as soon as possible. Thanks !

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From the Sports Committee

It has been a busy at LVPS in terms of Sport and PE over the last few weeks. Our P7 class entered the Inveralmond Sportshall Athletics competition way back in October and won. It was then a waiting game to see if we had accumulated enough points to represent WL at the Nationals. We did as we came top out of the other 40 schools in WL who entered. We then went to Edinburgh to represent WL and came 8th place. A remarkable achievement.

Our P6 Handball team won the Livingston League. We now play off against other WL schools in a few weeks time to see who represents WL at the Nationals in Motherwell.

Our basketball teams are performing well. Our 'A team' sit proudly at the top of the league whilst our 'B team' are sitting 3rd in their league.

Both football teams are continuing to train regularly and have matches coming up soon.

Our netball team recently won their last tournament and currently sit top of the league. They will be entering the WL Championships in May.

Our P1-2 multi sports club has 30 attendees. This is supported by Liam and Sophie our Sports Captains who are doing a tremendous job.

Mr Stewart runs a lunchtime Dance club for P6-P7 and we also have a Handball club run by WL handball.

Lastly, our Sports Committee are organising a Sports event to raise money for transport costs and new PE equipment. Every child in the school and nursery will take part and we hope they can raise some money from sponsorships. Details will be released shortly so watch this space.

Learn Value Persevere Succeed

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Pupil's name and class: _____

Please feel free to comment on any item in the newsletter or anything else regarding school. We always value your feedback on how we can continue to improve.

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