



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 weather has definitely turned colder of late and the nights are drawing in but we are still managing to get outside for Outdoor Learning. Starting Thursday 1st November until the following Thursday all classes will be choosing learning activities to do outside and they will be working on the school grounds planting bulbs and getting the garden cleared in preparation for winter. If you would like to come in to help with your child's class please get in touch with their teacher. I am sure they would appreciate the help.

We wish to say thank you to Dobbies for kindly donating £500 worth of bulbs and plants for the garden. Children from the Pupil Council and Mrs Rae-Rarity from the Parent Council enjoyed their visit to the garden centre at the end of September to choose the plants. Eshal H and Abdul S from P5 helped me one afternoon to plant the planters at the front of the school and we think they look good even if we say so ourselves! It is a lovely way to welcome everyone to our school.

I wanted to take the time to thank all of you for your support in raising funds for Lepira and McMillan Coffee Morning. We were blown away by your generosity and the children's willingness to help others. The Pupil Council choose one international charity each year to support and one local charity. These are valuable learning opportunities for our children as they further develop their understanding of what it means to be global citizens and the importance of having compassion for the suffering of others.

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 continued support with parking at LVPS. It is West Lothian Council's policy that parents/carers are not permitted to use the car park during the operational hours of the school, 7:30am—5:30 pm (this includes our wraparound facility). In order to ensure the utmost safety of our pupils, we would kindly ask that the drop off zone is utilised between these hours.

School Library and Reading Champions

It is our aim to build a reading culture and create a library where pupils can enjoy reading, and learn wonderful new ideas and information. We are therefore in the process of creating a school library and any donations of books would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has donated pre-loved books so far, the children are eager to read them. If this is something you would like to get involved in and can spare one morning or afternoon per week to help with the library, please contact the school office on 01506429620 or drop in at anytime.



In order to enhance our reading culture we have a new role of responsibility within the school and 4 new Reading Champions; Sophie, Agota, Sophie and Kaitlyn. The pupils are spearheading our campaign to raise awareness of the importance of reading and have already visited Letham Primary to learn about the work of their Reading Ambassadors. Look out for them wearing their purple stars and be sure to ask some questions about the work they have been doing.

Parent Helpers and Volunteers

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parent/carer helpers and to Mrs McKay for helping with the organisation of pupils to have their much anticipated school photos. You are all very much a valued part of the school community.

Lepra

LVPS chosen charity for the year 2018/19 is Lepra. Thanks to the generous donations and support of all involved we have so far raised a total of more than £1200. A superb effort all round and the money raised will go to helping many people in need.



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.



Choir

Livingston Village Primary School Choir has started rehearsing on a Friday morning from 10- 10:30. We will be singing at several events in the coming months including the ICH School Cluster Concert, the Community Christmas Dinner and Sky.

Parent Council

The Parent Council are aware that many parents are not receiving their updates and mailers etc. as they are not on the mailing list. If you do not want the school to pass on your details (email address) please inform the school by returning the tear off slip attached.

Halloween Disco

A huge thank you to the Parent Council for yet another successful Halloween Disco and the wonderful helpers. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and danced the night away.

The Parent Council are always looking for volunteers and support. The next meeting will be held a 2:30 pm on Thursday 8th November 2018.



Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 1 December 2018. Any donations for the Tombola, bottles of wine/, alcohol and raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help on the day please contact the Parent Council : lvpsparents@gmail.com

Dress Down Day

Our October Dress Down Day raised £88. For November's Dress Down Day, we would be grateful for donations of chocolate.

Growth Mindset Family Learning Event

We would like to thank Dr John- Paul Fitzpatrick who delivered a workshop to parents/carers of LVPS. Some pupils participated in a drama to explain what the term growth mindset means. The key messages from the workshop are that we should:

- *praise a child's effort and not their ability*
- *help children to develop the strategies to succeed*

Book Fair

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

£936.98





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STAY SAFE THIS FIREWORKS NIGHT

Achievements

It has been a busy month of achievements for the boys and girls of LVPS. Below are just a few of the areas they have persevered and had achievements in:

P1 Sam- Iron Kids Race

P2 Holly-Swimming, Poppy-Swimming, Callum- Rugby, Sophia- Gymnastics

P3 Jarrad- 1st Place Kuk Sool Wan

P4 Sandy and Tain-600m Swimming, Jacob- Bronze medal Tae Kwon Do, Kitty-Dance

P5 Milly- Horse Riding, Lily-Rose- Athletics, Grace- football, Lilly and Alex-Swimming

P6 Hayley- Further learning in health education and sharing this with the class

P7 Harry-represented Scotland at the World Kickboxing Championship, Lewis- appointed Wolves Captain

Reminders

Remembrance Service at 9:45 am on Sunday 11 November at Livingston Village Kirk. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Pupils will have the opportunity to purchase poppies in school until Remembrance Sunday.



Frost and Snow

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.

Learn Value Persevere Succeed

COMMENTS SLIP

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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.

Comments:-

Dates to Remember

Halloween Disco	Thursday, 1 November 2018, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELC- Primary 3, 18:00-19:15 • P4-P7, 19:30-20:45
Primary 2 Assembly	Friday, 2 November 2018
Parent Council Meeting 2	Thursday, 8 November 2018, 14:30 pm
Minister Assembly- Remembrance	Friday, 9 November 2018
P5 Assembly	Friday, 16 November 2018
JRSO Assembly	Friday, 23 November 2018
Dress Down Day (Chocolate Donations)	Friday, 30 November 2018
P4 Assembly	Friday, 30 November 2018
Christmas Fair	Saturday, 1 December 2018, 10am
P3 Assembly	Friday, 7 December 2018
Nativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELC: Tuesday, 11 December 2018, 10:00am & Wednesday, 12 December 2018, 14:30 pm • P1/P2: Tuesday, 11 December 2018, 14:30 pm & Wednesday, 12 December 2018, 10:00am
Primary 6 Assembly	Friday, 14 December 2018
Church Service P4-7	Thursday, 20 December 2018, 14:00 pm
Christmas Parties	P7/6: Monday, 17 December 2018
	P5/4: Tuesday, 18 December 2018
	P3/2: Wednesday, 19 December 2018
	P1: Thursday, 20 December 2018
Christmas Singalong Pupils/Staff	Friday, 21 December 2018
Christmas Holiday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All break: Friday, 21 December 2018, 12:05 pm • Pupils return: Monday, 7 January 2019, 8:50 am

LVPS ELC Update



Dates for the Diary

- Children in Need: PM children - Thursday, 15 of November
- AM children - Friday, 16 November
(Please wear yellow or spots and any donations to Children in Need are greatly appreciated)
- ELC Nativity: AM children - Tuesday, 11 December, 10:00am
PM children - Wednesday, 12 December, 14:30pm
(Tickets £2. Two tickets per family until all families have tickets, then extra tickets may be bought depending on numbers)
- ELC Christmas party is a joint am and pm party. It will be held on Thursday, 20 December 9:15am until 11:15am
- Wraparound Christmas Lunch and Party: Thursday, 20 December at 11:15am. Children who are registered to attend Wraparound that day will not require a packed lunch as lunch will be provided
- Last day of term: Friday, 21 December

What we've been learning



ELC have had a fabulous October. We have been exploring our community and learning about Autumn and the environmental changes at this time of year. We planned our Halloween party choosing our food, activities and games. We have had lots of opportunities for baking and cooking this month using local produce and learning about where our food comes from.

Please see our twitter posts for some amazing pictures of our learning: [@livivillagePS](#)

Snack Money

Snack from October to December will cost £13.50. Please see Wraparound staff for the wraparound snack amount.

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