



Livingston Village Primary School Newsletter

School Update December 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We are hurtling towards the end of the year and school is once more filled with baubles, tinsel and the sound of children singing Christmas songs. It can be a little too hectic but our thanks go to P4 for their thought provoking assembly last Friday in which they reminded us to slow down and give the proper care and attention to those things that are most important such as our family, friends and community.

We had a highly successful Christmas Fayre last Saturday and we want to thank everyone for their support, especially the Parent Council. Our children had worked hard this year to make things to sell, calculating cost and profit and dealing with money. I was very impressed with the quality of the items from P1's stockings and salt dough ornaments, to P4 snow globes and P7's planters. P6's fudge went down a treat too! All of the classes did a very professional job. It has been a super learning experience for them and today when they calculated the profits there was a great deal of excitement. All opportunities are learning opportunities even those in which we haven't been so successful.

We are looking forward to the Nativities, Cluster Carol Concert, Christmas lunch, parties and of course our pantomime, Dick Whittington. Please check the dates on the web site or at the back of the newsletter if you are not sure when things are happening.

It would be lovely if as many of you as possible could come to the turning on of the Christmas tree lights. We are meeting at school at 5.45pm and walking down to the Christmas tree together with our LED candles which were kindly supplied by LVCECA. Our choir will perform a few songs then we will all sing a few traditional songs before the lights come on. As a school we feel privileged to be able to support the community in this way.

Have a lovely Christmas when it comes and we look forward to seeing you in the new year. Warm regards,

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Christmas Holiday

School will end at 12.05 pm on Friday 21st December 2018 and will begin again on the 7th January 2018 for all children in the Early Learning Centre and school.

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%.

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.



Christmas Post

Christmas Post starts on Monday 3rd December. P7 pupils will be responsible for sorting and delivering cards. Please help them by ensuring that the name of the person and the class is clearly written on the front of the envelope.



Health & Safety

The days are drawing in and we are all noticing how dark it is when we arrive and go home from school. Our Junior Road Safety Officers have been working hard reminding all pupils of how important it is that they wear bright, reflective clothing so they are visible to traffic in all weathers. We have been learning about keeping ourselves safe and using the Wellbeing indicator.



December 2018

Choir

Our choir performed for the pensioners' Christmas lunch at West Lothian College. We are performing during the Cluster Carol Concert on 11th of December at Inveralmond Community High School.

Look out for the choir on the council's Facebook page singing two of their favourite songs.

Members of the choir will be performing at the lighting of the LVPS Parish Christmas tree on Friday 7th December. Pupils are asked to meet at the school at 5:45pm accompanied by an adult.



ICHS Cluster Concert

The Cluster Concert will take place on Tuesday 11th December at 7.00 pm. Choir members must be at ICHS by 6.30 pm. Tickets are now on sale for £2.00 each.

Milk Money

Milk money is now due for next term. 7th January 2019 until 5th April 2019. The cost is £11.60.

Did You Know ?

At Livingston Village Primary we are very fortunate to have the parental support we receive.

People often ask where does the money that we raise go? What happens to it?

We spend it on your children, giving them experiences they may not otherwise get. For example the Pantomime costs just under £1000. Buses to take children on trips cost anywhere from £60 for a 12 seater mini bus, to over £200 for a bigger bus. We don't charge for Christmas parties and lots of other little things. We also support a young child in Africa to go to school.

By the way we raised £511.90 from Tempest photographs which once again goes into school funds. Our thanks go to all who purchased photographs.

School Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch will take place on Thursday 13th December. Cost £2.04, orders can be placed on ipay or paid in the school. Please note that there will be no packed lunches available on that day. Also P1—P3 lunch is free.



Christmas Nativity Performances

Our P1 and P2 Nativity performances will be held on Tuesday 11th December at 2.30 pm and Wednesday 12th December at 10.00 am. Tickets are now on sale for £2.00 each.

Our ELC Nativity performances will be held on Tuesday 11th December at 10.00 am and Wednesday 12th December at 2.30 pm. Tickets are now on sale for £1.00 each.

PE Kit and Indoor shoes

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit in school at all times and this is clearly marked with their name. This includes; a t-shirt, shorts and indoor shoes. If they have borrowed one from the school office could this be returned?

As the weather is changing; the ground is full of dirt and leaves. We understand that walking through this is unavoidable, and we therefore ask that all children have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when they come to school. This helps to keep the floors dry and stop slips and trips. It also ensures that the carpets are kept clean and the pupils are working in a nice environment.

Christmas Parties

The Christmas Parties will take place on the following dates:

P7/6—Monday 17th December

P5/4—Tuesday 18th December

P3/2—Wednesday 19th December

P1—Thursday 20th December 1-3pm

ELC Christmas Party will be a combined event, with morning and afternoon children - Thursday 20th December 9.15-11.15 am

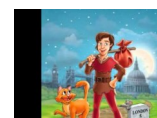


School Gates

We kindly ask that all parents entering and leaving the school grounds ensure the gate is securely closed behind them with the top and bottom bolt.

Pantomime

The Christmas Pantomime, Dick Whittington happens on Thursday 13th December 2018 at 9:15am: cost £3.00 per child



Christmas Jumpers

Some children are asking if they can wear Christmas jumpers to school and the answer is YES on the days of the Christmas lunch, Thursday 13th and on the last day, Friday 21st. We request they wear normal school uniform the remainder of the time. Party clothes can be worn on the day of their class party.

We will be outside for playtime and lunch time most days so please ensure your children have warm clothes, especially cosy coats, hats and gloves all clearly marked with your child's name.

THE SCHOOL NURSE'S CORNER

Throughout the school year there will be advice on various seasonal topics. This winter we will look at common cold and head lice. A cold can often involve a sore throat, slightly raised temperature, runny nose and possibly a cough and may result in a short time off school. Usually, you can care for your child by offering plenty of fluids, rest, and extra comfort. Your child may also get the 'Flu'. It's important to get medical attention if any of the following are apparent:

- Symptoms getting worse
- Any trouble breathing
- High fever
- Bad headache
- Sore throat
- Appears confused

Healthy children can occasionally have complications with the flu, but, children with medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and cardiac conditions are more at risk. However, all children are now offered a flu vaccine at their school or local health centre. Please remember to wrap up warm, get plenty of fresh air and regular exercise. It is important to continue to eat a healthy diet including plenty of fruit and vegetables, which will provide you with the essential vitamins required to prevent and fight infections.

Head lice are an unpleasant but common problem in school age children. It is vital to check your child regularly, to detect and treat early to reduce the spread of head lice. It is recommended to wet comb the hair with a fine tooth comb at least once per week. Head lice are not harmful and despite common belief cannot fly, jump or swim; anyone can get them, no matter how clean or how long their hair is. Treatment is vital and is available at the Minor ailments service at your local pharmacy as a free prescription or through your GP. Further information can be found in the leaflet which your child will bring home with them in the next few days.



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The winter vomiting bug

If you catch it, stay at home for at least 48 hours after your symptoms stop.

Keep it to yourself.

To find out more about the winter vomiting bug (norovirus), visit www.nhsinform.co.uk/norovirus or call 0800 22 44 88.



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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:-

LVPS Dates for the Diary

P3 Assembly	Friday, 7 December 2018
Christmas Light Switch on– LV Parish Church	Friday, 7 December 2018, 6:00pm
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
ICHS Cluster Choir Concert	Tuesday, 11 December 2018, 7:00pm
Christmas Lunch	Thursday, 13 December 2018
Primary 6 Assembly	Friday, 14 December 2018
Choir go to Sky	Wednesday, 19 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 ELC: Thursday, 20 December 2018
Christmas Singalong Pupils/Staff - Wear Christmas Jumpers	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