



Livingston Village Primary School

Jan/Feb Newsletter

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School Update

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February Break

School will end at 12.05 pm on Friday 15th February and return at 8:50 am on Wednesday 20th February 2019.

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.

Dressing Warm

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.



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

A warm welcome back after the Christmas holidays. I hope you are all feeling refreshed although I must admit it was a shock to the system getting up in the dark mornings once again. I don't think I was the only one though as many children told me they were feeling rather tired.

We would like to welcome some new children to our school, Teria in P1 and Blake and Teme in P3. We hope they settle in quickly and make many friends. This puts our role up to 198 which means we are full. We may however need to squeeze a few more children in before the year is out.

We have made a good start to our new term and Mrs Clyne and Mrs Fraser are busy finding their feet as our new Acting Principal Teachers. We are delighted to have Mr Keast with us once more. He will be covering Science on Tuesday and Wednesday to allow Mrs Fraser time out of class. We are still trying to get someone to cover P3 on a Thursday and Friday but I am told it is difficult to get supply teachers just now. Fortunately as a temporary measure, Miss Marnie has agreed to take P3 as her student Ms Greig will have full class responsibility soon in P6. Although can get rather complicated at times, please be reassured your children and their education remain the priority and we will continue to do everything we can to ensure they experience the least disruption possible.

Over the next few weeks there will be a Scottish Focus. Children will learn Scottish poems, celebrate Burns Day and the festivities will culminate on the 25th of January with our Scottish Assembly complete with a piper. As you will remember we lost Mr Scott Glencourse last winter, but his widow Moira has agreed to carry on with the work of judging the poetry competition and we look forward to working alongside her. Don't forget, children can dress down and wear tartan at the Scottish Celebration Assembly.

Warm regards,
Mrs Mill



Health & Safety

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 would ask parents/carers, please take care and be mindful of safety issues as you use the drop off bay, especially with the increased construction traffic. The school has had a visit from the site manager from Persimmon Homes. They are in the first stage of development, 40 new homes with a Care Home facility in the second stage. We are working closely together to ensure the safety of our children and to see that there are as few traffic disruptions as possible.

P6 & 7 School Camps

Primary 6 pupils will be going to Whithaugh Park from Monday 29th April—Friday 3rd May 2019. The cost is £245+ pocket money. Payments can be made in instalments but all monies need to be paid by 4th March.

Primary 7 pupils have the opportunity to go to Belmont (£260) from Tuesday 21st May — Friday 24th May. The next payment of £75 is due at the end of January. If there are any problems with payments please speak to Mrs Young in the office.

P3 Multi Sports Festival

Our Primary 3 pupils will have the opportunity to attend a Multi Sports Festival on Thursday 24th January 2019 at Craigswood Sports Centre. Transport will be provided.



Cost to parents
£3.00

Adverse Weather

A reminder to all parents and carers of the need to provide us with up to date and working phone numbers and email addresses. Circumstances can change suddenly and we may need to get in touch with you.

Can you ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes to change into once in school?
Thank you



News from the Livingston Village Gala Day Committee

The Livingston Village Gala Committee are delighted to announce the return of **LIVINGSTON VILLAGE GALA DAY** which will take place on **SATURDAY 8TH JUNE**. All the old favourites - races, activities and entertainment for all the family will be back again on the Gala Day and of course the Fancy Dress Parade, the theme this year is "The Greatest Showman". The Crowning Ceremony and Parade will follow the format of previous years. Nomination forms will be available from early February if you wish your son or daughter to be considered for this year's Gala Day pageant.

Join us on 13th April for some family fun. There will be an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt with prizes. Come dressed up for the chance to win an extra prize! We will announce the names of the children selected to be part of the Gala Day pageant at the end of the Easter Egg Hunt and will have a disco for all the children with refreshments for the adults. Tickets will go on sale in March.

We will also be hosting a fundraising race night in March. Keep an eye on our facebook page for more details on these up and coming events—Livingston Village Gala Day—please follow us, like and share to get the word out.

Parent Council

The next parent council meeting will take place on **Thursday 7th February 2019 at 18:30pm**. We hope to see you there.

The School Christmas Fair was a huge success and we managed to raise over **£1008**. There was a great turnout and as well as starting off the festive season with a bang, we all felt a strong sense of community and wellbeing.

Thank you to the 10 parents who came to school recently to share their views on parental engagement. It was a very worthwhile meeting and most enjoyable. We plan to host similar meetings throughout the year and hope you can join us.

Whole School Resilience Training

We have started on our 3 year programme of resilience training. We are using a resource produced by Edinburgh city Council which consists of introducing 10 strategies to help children (and adults) develop the resilience needed to cope well with the ups and downs of life. Each unit consists of a whole school assembly followed by work in the classroom including homework and then the strategy is reviewed at a sharing assembly a few weeks later. A parents leaflet is sent home so you are aware of the strategy and the main teaching points. Working together in this way will make a difference for everyone.



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Dress Down

The next dress down day will take place on Friday 25th January 2019. Some have asked if instead of bringing a £1, can they donate some resources to the school? Many parents work for companies who are happy to donate supplies. We would very much appreciate this.

If you are able, please choose something from the list below:

Sellotape, glue sticks, blu tac, coloured pencils and pens, photocopy paper, white board pens, post its, envelopes, laminating sheets, boxes of tissues, poly pockets, biro's & highlighters.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has already handed in supplies. Every little bit helps.

From the Sports Committee

Our Sports committee is up and running headed by our sports captains, Samuel Carson and Holly Jamieson P7. They are easily spotted around school as they are wearing their sports hoodies. The committee is



currently brainstorming ways to raise funds for badly needed football kits. If you have any ideas or know of companies who sponsor schools please let Samuel and Holly know.



We are continuing with Fruity Friday, where children can receive 2 House Points if they have fruit for their snack.

Christmas Panto

The feedback of the children is that everyone enjoyed the M & M production of Dick Whittington. We would like to thank the parent council for supplementing the cost. It was well worth the money spent.

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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:- _____