



# Livingston Village Primary School

May Newsletter

April 2019

## School Update

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### May Holidays

Pupils will be off school on the 6th, 7th & 20th of May.

Staff will be in school for an Inservice day on the 7th May

### 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%.

### Office Hours

Please be advised that the school office is open from 8.15 am -4pm. Mrs Young sometimes comes in early to get some work done but please do not disturb her before 8.15 am. Thank you.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. I hope you had a relaxing time and are feeling refreshed and ready for our final term. It will be over before you know it as we are planning lots of exciting things. Please take the time to have a look at the calendar dates at the back of the newsletter. We have included the events all the way through to the end of the school year as many parents appreciate plenty of notice, especially if they are booking time off work for such things as Sports Days and the end of year Leaver's Celebration.

Our Primary 6 children are at school camp this week. They arrived safely on Monday lunch time and are now having a great time. School is so quiet without them. Sadly I wasn't able to attend camp as I had originally planned. I had to report to the Council's Education Quality Assurance Committee on our recent Validated Self Assessment (VSE) on Tuesday 30th. Our thanks go to Mr Keast for agreeing to step in at the last minute so camp could go ahead.

The P7 Transition Camp to Belmont is fast approaching too and I am sure all will have a great time there making new friends and trying out the exciting activities. I can't wait to see all the photographs when they return.

I hope as many of you as possible were able to see our P6 & 7 school show 'Rock Bottom'. Despite last minute changes due to illness, both evening performances were excellent. I can honestly say I enjoyed both performances and I was able to pick up on some of the more humorous lines the second time around.

Each class is in the process of putting a 'Window into Learning' on the school Blog so you can see what they will be focusing on in the final term. There is so much work still to be done, lots of things to learn and more fun to be had.

Warm regards  
Mrs Mill



## Website

[livingstonvillageprimary.westlothian.org.uk](http://livingstonvillageprimary.westlothian.org.uk)

## Sports News

Congratulations go to our Netball team for their outstanding accomplishments and sportsmanship throughout this year. We are tremendously proud of them and know they are a credit to our school.



We are also tremendously proud of our P6 Handball team who became West Lothian Schools champions in March of this year. They are going to the National Primary School Championships in May and we wish them well.



## PDSA Visit



Emma McDonald a veterinary nurse from PDSA visited school and nursery on Wednesday 24th. After a whole school assembly she visited individual classes leading workshops on Canine Communication, Petwise, In the Pet Hospital and Get Set for the Right Pet. We learned a lot from her and enjoyed learning how to take care of our pets. We would like to raise funds for PDSA next year so we will keep you posted.

## Dress Down

The dates for the Dress Down Days until the end of term are Friday 31st May and 28th of June. We ask that your child bring in £1 to go towards school funds but don't want to put undue financial pressure on families. If you feel you cannot contribute please reassure your child that this is okay. They can still dress down.

## Parent Council

The next parent council meeting will take place on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 18:30pm. We are always looking for volunteers to join so please come along and find out about the great work taking place.

## 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.

## School and ELC Litter Picking

The weather threw everything it had at us but I am proud to say we did not let it stop us, every single one of us, from going out and picking up litter in the community on Wednesday and Thursday 3rd and 4th of April. We did however have to take a break and wait for the snow to melt at one point because we couldn't see the litter for the snow. But an hour later we were hard at it again.



## Rock Bottom



It was an amazing show. Well done P6 & P7



## Peer Mediation

The P6b Peer Mediators have been hard at work in the playground each break and lunch time helping pupils sort out disagreements and minor problems. We are grateful for their help and believe the skills they are learning will help them throughout life. They are making a difference so keep up the good work!

## Chess Club

Our Chess Club is up and running for the final term with pupils from P5 & P6. All year Tom and Maggie have come in each week to help pupils learn and practice this fun game. We want to say a huge thanks to them. We couldn't do it without their knowledge and expertise.



## BOOK DREVE

A huge thanks to all those who donated books to our new library. We collected over 502 books!!

## 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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## Early Learning Centre

### Dates for your diary

- Monday 6th May—public holiday—ELC closed  
Wraparound at Inveralmond Early Years
- Tuesday 7th—Inservice for staff—ELC closed  
Wraparound at Inveralmond Early Years
- Monday 20th May—ELC closed—Wraparound at  
Inveralmond Early Years. Please see staff if you  
require holiday cover
- Friday 31st May—Cut off date for Wraparound  
Summer Holiday Club
- Transition to Primary 1 will start Wednesday 8th  
May
- New Primary 1 Parent's Information Evening is on  
Monday 27th May at 6.00pm

## Snack Money

Snack money is now due. Please pay £15 for this term. To find out the amount for wraparound please speak to a member of staff.

## Drop off and Pick Up for School & Nursery

Please be prompt when dropping off children in the morning and picking up at the end of the day. It can disrupt learning otherwise.

**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:-

## School Events

Event	Date (Assemblies start at 9.15 am)
<b>P7 Assembly</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 3rd May</li> </ul>
<b>May Holidays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 6th May</li> <li>• Tuesday 7th May</li> <li>• Monday 20th May</li> </ul>
<b>INSERVICE DAY FOR STAFF</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 7th May</li> </ul>
<b>P6 Assembly</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 10th May</li> </ul>
<b>Parent Council Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 16th May</li> </ul>
<b>P3 Bikeability Starts (4 weeks)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 17th, 24th, 31st May &amp; 7th June</li> </ul>
<b>P7 School Camp</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 21st – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul>
<b>New Primary 1 Parents Information Evening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 27th May—6pm</li> </ul>
<b>P1 Assembly –</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 31st May</li> </ul>
<b>Dress Down Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 31st May</li> </ul>
<b>Child Safety Week</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week beginning 3rd June</li> </ul>
<b>P2's Assembly</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 7th June</li> </ul>
<b>FITNESS FORTNIGHT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>
<b>Sport's Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>
<b>ELC Sports Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 18th June</li> </ul>
<b>Meet The Teacher</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>
<b>Movie Afternoon – Golden Ticket Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 19th June</li> </ul>
<b>P7 Leaver's Celebration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21st June 9.15 am</li> </ul>
<b>Platinum Picnic – Platinum Awards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>
<b>Early Learning Centre Graduation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 26th June 10.00am &amp; 2.00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Church Service P4-7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 27<sup>h</sup> June</li> </ul>
<b>Whole School Talent Show</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>