

Livingston Village Primary School

June Newsletter

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School Update

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Attendance

It is important that you communicate with the school in plenty of time 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,

Here we are again, nearing the end of another school year. I was just thinking how grown up our current primary 1 children are looking, especially when you compare them to the nursery children who have been taking part in the transition activities recently. These activities have been going well and all the children are getting used to being in school, meeting their buddies and learning where the classrooms, lunch hall and the toilets are.

It is a busy time for our P7s too as they begin preparations for the Leavers Celebration which will be held on Friday 21st June. The yearbook has been proofread and is about to be printed with an expected delivery to school mid June. The P7 transition visits will be taking place within the next couple of weeks.

Many classes are enjoying trips to various places. P1 are just back from a fabulous day at Mill Farm and P2 learned a lot on their trip to Amazonia. Children get so much out of those educational visits and they worked hard for the Christmas Fair, making money so they could afford to go on a class trip. We are fortunate to have the budget to be able to subsidise these trips. If you are struggling financially please let us know. All children deserve to go but it shouldn't place an unnecessary burden on your family.

We are looking forward to the Gala Day to be held on Saturday 8th June. It will be my first and I look forward to meeting all the children, including the nursery children, on the football field at 11.45am where the crowning will take place. We will then parade through the village. Let's hope the weather is good.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer and to thank you once again for your support throughout the year.

Warm regards,

Mrs Mill



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School Uniforms

If you wish to order a school uniform online please be aware that the order must be placed before the 20th of July in order to get in time for the start of the school year. Alternatively, you can pick up an order form from the school office and return it before the end of the school term.



Milk Money

If you wish to purchase milk for your child in the new term Aug-Oct, the

cost is £7.40 If you wish to pay to the end of March which is the end of the school's financial year, the cost is £26.65



Parent Questionnaire

A gentle reminder: if you haven't gone online and responded to the parent/carer survey, please take a few minutes and do so.

Thanks! We value your views.

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School Lunches

The cost of school lunches has increased and will now be charged at £2.11

Parent Council Meeting 2018-19

The first parent council meeting of the new school year will take place on Thursday 29th August at 6:30pm.

The AGM is scheduled for Thursday 12th September.

We are always looking for volunteers to join so please come along and learn more about what we do.

Head Lice

Please check your child's head regularly. We have a few confirmed cases in school at the moment.

Best Start Grant

This grant is a new package of three payments from Social Security Scotland intended to give extra money to lower income families during the early years of a child's life.

Applications are already open for the Best Start Pregnancy and Baby payment of £600 for a first child and £300 for subsequent children.

The new Best Start Grant Early Learning Payment is £250 for children aged two to three and a half. Applications open 29 April 2019.

The Best Start School Age payment (a one off payment of £250 available to children due to start P1) - applications open on 3 June 2019.

These grants are separate from the school clothing grants available from West Lothian Council. If eligible you can receive both.

For more information or to check if you are eligible to apply, you can contact West Lothian Council's Advice Shop 01506 283000 option 4. Or you can apply online at https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant/

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School and Early Learning Centre Sports Days

We are excited about starting Fitness Fortnight both at school and the ELC on the week of the 17th of June. School sports Day will take place on Monday 17th at 1.15 pm and the ELC's on Tuesday 18th at 10.00 and 2.00pm. We plan to make a few changes to this event and ask that you would help us by carefully reading the information below.

The events will be held on the playing field this year. We ask that parents/carers and spectators stand or sit on the far side of the field behind the cones and tape (East). Please feel free to bring folding chairs or blankets to sit on. We will bring the children on to the field facing you where they will take part. The activities will take place starting on the school side of the field (West) affording you the best view. Children will move down the field in their teams with their House Captains or Vice captains leading them.

After taking part in all the activities they will find their teacher and line up. The classes will then be present-

ed for the running races which will start at the North side and move south. (The same as last year) We are asking that parents stay where they are during the afternoon as this will enable us to keep all the children safe and accounted for.

The ELC 's event will be a smaller affair with less activities but will follow this format. Once all the races have been completed children will be taken back to school and the ELC by their teacher where they will be given a small snack and something to drink. We ask that all children bring a water bottle with them. We will not be providing a juice station during sports day this year.

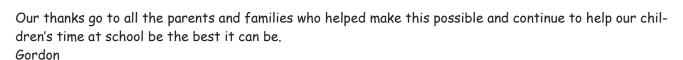
Let's hope the weather is good and that we all have a great day.



Treasurers report from Parent Council

Looking at the last 12 months, with the generosity of parents, relatives and the children, through fund raising events, the Parent Council has been able to purchase and contribute to many areas of the school and the local community. In the last year they have:

- Contributed £532.21 towards Christmas Pantomime
- Donated £403 towards P7 year books for 2019
- Purchased iPads for the school amounting to £1560





Fitness Fortnight

A reminder that all children should come to school wearing suitable and comfortable clothing for sporting activities during the last two weeks of term. Many activities may take place out doors even if the weather is poor. Please ensure they have a water bottle so they can stay hydrated. Please see timetable attached.

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Scottish Owl Centre

The ELC will be visiting the Scottish Owl Centre on Monday 24th June leaving school at 9.30 a.m. and returning 2.15 p.m. Packed lunch is required. Cost per child is £9.00. There will be no nursery sessions on this day. If you can help with this outing please let the ELC team know.



Stay and Play

We will be offering sessions the week beginning 10th and 17th of June. Please sign up if you are interested.

Transition

The final transition activities and the P6 Pals visits will take place the week beginning 10th June. P6 will be helping out at Sports Day on the 18th.

Don't forget ELC Graduation will take place on Wednesday 26th at 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

ELC Opening Times for 2019-20

All closed the 19th August In-service day to allow staff to prepare for changes to ELC. This will be last day wraparound establishments will be open

Term 1 -Open from 20 Aug 2019 - 13 Sep 2019, Closed 16 Sep 2019, Open 17 Sep 2019 - 11 Oct 2019, Closed 14 Oct 2019 - 18 Oct 2019, Open 21 Oct 2019 - 20 Dec 2019, Closed 23 Dec 2019 - 03 Jan 2020.

Term 2 - Open 06 Jan 2020 - 13 Feb 2020, Closed 14 Feb 2020 -17 Feb 2020, Open 18 Feb 2020 - 03 Apr 2020, Closed 06 Apr 2020 - 17 Apr 2020.

Term 3 - Open 20 Apr 2020 - 01 May 2020, Closed 04 May 2020, Open 05 May 2020 - 15 May 2020, Closed 18 May 2020 Open 19 May 2020 - 26 Jun 2020.



ELC Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Please take a few minutes to let us know how we are doing. Follow the link below http://bit.ly/2Z5FgJY

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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)
Bikeability P3 (4 weeks)	 Friday 17th, 24th, 31st May & 7th June
P7 Transition Days ICHS	• 5th -7th June
P2's Assembly	Friday 7th June
P1's Assembly	 Friday 14th June
One World Picnic	 Friday 14th June
FITNESS FORTNIGHT	• 17th—28th June
Sport's Day School	Monday 17th June
ELC Sport's Day	• Tuesday 18 th June
Meet The Teacher	 Wednesday 19th June
Movie Afternoon - Golden Ticket Awards P1-3	Wednesday 19th June
Movie Afternoon - Golden Ticket Awards P4-7	Thursday 20th June
Early Learning Centre Trip to Scot- tish Owl Centre	Monday 24th June
Early Learning Centre Graduation	Wednesday 26 th June 10am & 2pm
P7 Leaver's Celebration	Friday 21st June 9.15 am
Platinum Picnic - Platinum Awards	Monday 24th June
Church Service P4-7	Thursday 27 th June
Whole School Talent Show	• Friday 28 th June