



# Livingston Village Primary School

Newsletter

September 2019

## School and ELC 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 it on  
to the PT or HT.

If you wish to contact a  
member of staff by  
email please email the  
office using the address  
above and it will be  
passed on to the person  
concerned.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of those returning to LVPS and a warm welcome to our newcomers. The first few weeks of our new school year have gone really well and I have been very impressed with the calm way so many of our primary ones have settled in. That is a testament to our staff and all of the successful transition activities carried out in the Early Learning Centre.

Our pupils look very smart in their school uniforms and they appear ready to work hard and achieve their best. This year we want to encourage everyone to aim high and go over and above in all aspects of school life. We don't want to settle for less than our best.

I would like to welcome some new members of staff. Mrs Love is our probationer teacher and will be working with P3. Ms Louise Tait is our new Early Year Practitioner and she will be working in the nursery. Mrs Rarity has at short notice, joined us as Pupil Support Assistant and for the time being will be working alongside staff settling in our new pupils.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday 5th of September for Meet the Teacher. There will be a brief meeting in the hall to share where we are as a school and what we will be focusing on for school improvements in the year ahead and then you will have a chance to go into your child's class to meet their teacher and hear what will be happening specifically at each stage.

Warm regards

Mrs Mill

### School Uniform

We ask for your support in ensuring all children wear school uniform. This positively effects behaviour and instils a sense of pride in our school. The uniform is blue/grey trousers or skirt with a sky blue/navy or white polo shirt. School shoes should be black. We discourage wearing brightly coloured trainers or shoes. Stud earrings may be worn if great care is taken during gym or sporting activities. The wearing of makeup and larger items of jewellery is discouraged during regular school hours.

### Water Bottles

Kindly ensure that the bottles used in class contain only water. If juice is spilled/leaks, the tables become sticky and pupil work is destroyed.

### Money

When sending money to the school office for trips etc. Please ensure that it is in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class clearly labelled on the front. This stop money being lost.

## Sporting Activities

We have a variety of sporting activities taking place at LVPS this year. The following clubs will run throughout terms 1-4. Some will be led by a class teacher and others with a coach/instructor. Your child will receive a letter home when the clubs are due to run and this must be returned to the school ASAP.

- Football
- Girl's football
- Basketball
- Netball
- Handball
- Playground Games
- Dancing



## Primary 1 Photographs

We do not yet have a date from the Courier as to when they will be in to take photographs of the new primary one classes. But we will let you know as soon as we do so you can make sure everyone is looking their best. This photograph will be one to cherish in the years to come.



## Parent Consultations

Consultations will take place on Tuesday 1st October from 5.30—8.00 p.m. and Wednesday 2nd October from 4.00—6.30 p.m.

Appointments can be made on line nearer the time. Look out for further information in due course. The book fair will run from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th September. We benefit from hosting this event with a percentage of the sales going toward books for the school. We hope to be able to purchase non-fiction books this year to put into our new school library.

## Dress Down Day

Our Dress Down Days were very successful last year and we raised a total of £593.07 for school funds. These funds are used to provide Christmas parties and other special events for the children.

Thank you very much for your support. We will continue doing this on the last Friday of each month.

These contributions are voluntary.



## Milk Money

Unfortunately the opportunity to buy milk for your child this term is now over. However, you can purchase milk at a cost of £8.80 for the new term (22nd October-20th December). This can be paid electronically on ipay impact or at the school office. We will let you know when to do this.



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are hosting a McMillan Coffee morning on Friday 4th of October. We will start at 10.15 am. There will be a charge of £1 for children and the funds raised will go directly to McMillan Cancer Support. We hope as many of you as possible will attend and help raise funds for this very worthwhile charity.



## Meet the Teacher 5th September

All parents and carers are invited to 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Thursday 5th of September. There will be a brief introduction from Mrs Mill in the hall starting at 6pm, followed by half hour sessions by your child's teacher in the classroom.

Teachers will share their expectations of the coming year and answer any questions of a general nature. If you have more than one child the bell will ring and you can attend a second session. Individual parent consultations are scheduled for October 1st and 2nd. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Vision, Values and Aims

## Fun 31

**Learn, Value, Persevere, Succeed**

### Our Vision:

We are committed to and passionate about our school. We will work together to create a thriving community where all children can achieve their greatest potential. We will go all out to make sure our relationships are based on trust, equality and fairness. And as a team, we will give of our best as we develop knowledge and skills for life, learning and work.

### Our Aims:

- Encourage a welcoming, caring environment where everyone can flourish, be valued, feel respected.
- Deliver world class learning and teaching, enabling pupils to engage, develop resilience and build positive attitudes to learning and life.
- Promote and develop leadership throughout the school.
- Champion effective partnership working with home, agencies and the wider community.

Empower our children to impact change through understanding local and global issues.

### Our Values:

**Aspiration, Compassion, Equality, Perseverance, Respect**

Children in P1-3 are encouraged to bring a toy to school on Friday mornings for Fun 31 which will be for the last 30 minutes of the morning. The toy must be able to fit in the pupil's school bag. We ask that your child does not bring a toy at any other time as they can get lost or damaged which can be upsetting. Please do not bring electronic toys as this is a time for children to socialise and develop their talking, listening and cooperation skills.

P4-7 will have the opportunity to join a club that interests them such as gardening, origami, computer programming, circuit training, arts & crafts, book club etc. Members of staff will run the clubs to begin with but eventually P7 pupils will take ownership and be supported by staff. This gives our older pupils opportunities to build valuable leadership skills.

## Livingston Village Primary School Expenses

As you will be aware, there are many activities etc. happening throughout the academic year at LVPS. These activities, clubs, outings etc. vary in price. Below are listed some of the expenses for the year ahead:

- Buses: the price can range anywhere from £80 for a trip to ICHS to in excess of £200 for a class trip.
- Christmas Panto: The panto cost £999 last year (without any extras/snacks etc.)
- Risk Factory: £10 per child; £6.50 entrance fee and £3.50 for the coach.
- Licenses for educational screening: in excess of £1000
- Subscription to Language Link and other learning tools: £500

We want to say thank you once again to the parent council for helping us buy new laptops, new football strips for the school team and for subsidising the pantomime and P7 year books. We just wouldn't be able to do these things without your help.



### P5 Trip to Low Port

Please ensure all monies owed are paid by the end of September. A reminder that there will be a parents meeting on Monday 23rd September in school at 2.45pm where we can answer any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Early Learning Centre News

Welcome back to all the preschool children who have grown so tall over the summer months. We would also like to welcome our new anti pre-schoolers who are joining us gradually each week. I am impressed by how well they are joining in already and following the nursery routines. We also welcome Ms Louise Tait who works in the afternoons. We are fortunate to have a very experienced and skilled early years team.

Our service hours have increased and we now have some children in for two full days along side the traditional morning or afternoon sessions. This has meant we have been trying to find our feet as we grapple with such things as eating lunches and increasing opportunities for snack. Thank you for your patience.

Hopefully things have settled down and the ordering and paying for lunches is running more smoothly. Just in case you are wondering, children who stay all day and morning children can either bring in a packed lunch or order and pay for a school lunch. These lunches will be eaten in the early years centre. Some establishments have room in the school hall for nursery children but our hall is too small. Presently the new p1s are taking quite a while to eat their lunch and this means space is tight. We know from experience that they quickly learn to eat fast so they have more time to play outside. School lunches will be free for all nursery children starting in August 2020. Morning children can also have lunch at home with their adult if they wish.

The ELC staff now have Friday mornings to prepare for the following week, attend meetings or continue with professional learning. They also use this time to update Learning Journals. Please check your child's journal and comment on their progress.

If you have any further questions please just ask a member of staff and we will be happy to help you.

In order to enhance communication within the school and ELC to keep you regularly up to date with school news we would like to remind you of our Twitter account. We are encouraging staff to post items regularly. And don't forget to check out our school blog each week for news about what your children have been learning. Each term we will be posting on our website our 'Windows into learning' so you can see what learning will be going on in your child's class.



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## 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:-