



# Livingston Village Primary School Newsletter

## School & ELC Update December 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Time is certainly flying past and here we are once again facing a busy festive season. It is such a lovely time to be in school. The children and staff are working hard making things to sell at the Christmas Fayre, decorating the hall and learning the words and songs for the Nativity, as well as keeping up with all the usual learning that goes on in a busy primary school and Early Learning Centre. The choir is sounding particularly good and we appreciate the extra help we have been getting from Mrs Platt and her father in law John.

Unfortunately we have been faced with quite a few changes recently due to the election on the 12th December. Our school Christmas lunch is now on the 11th December alongside the ELC Christmas Celebration and the School Nativity. Check for details on the calendar at the end of the newsletter or the School Blog. Our Pantomime is now on the 19th December and instead of Cinderella it is Pinocchio. I am sure it will be great whatever it is. We are always so impressed by M&M productions and what they can deliver.

The choir is perfecting the songs we will be presenting at the Cluster Carol Concert on the 10th December and we look forward to seeing as many parents there to support our youngsters. We will be encouraging as many of our pupils as possible to join the choir on the 6th December singing around the Christmas tree and for the turning on of the Christmas lights. We plan to meet at the school at 5.45pm and walk into the village to meet the rest of the community around the Christmas tree. With so many things to look forward to over the next few weeks it is hard to keep up.

At this time of the year it is advisable to expect and plan for bad weather so could you please check the contact details we have in school are up to date. Most of our parents have signed up for the Parent's Portal. We recently sent out an email asking parents to go on to the portal to do the Annual Data Check. If you have any problems or are not signed up yet please contact the school office for assistance.

The plans for the Christmas Fayre are well under way and we wish to thank all those parents who are working hard behind the scenes. If you can help on the day that would be very much appreciated. Please sign up following the link that the Parent Council recently sent out. We won't be able to do it without your help.

When it comes, have a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. And in all the rush of the season, let us not forget to show love and concern for those around us and towards those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

I look forward to working with you in the new term.

Seasons Greetings

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## Christmas Holiday

ELC will finish up on Thursday 19th December and School will end at 12.05 pm on Friday 20th. School will begin again on Tuesday 7th January 2020 for all school aged children. Staff and children in the Early Learning Centre will return one day earlier on Monday 6th January.

## 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 endeavor to respond to your concern and/or pass on to the HT or PT.



## Christmas Post

Christmas Post starts on Monday 2nd 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 recently had an assembly which was led by our JRSOs and the lessons from that will help us to remain safe. We have noticed that an increasing number of parents are parking in the school car park and we respectfully ask that you do not do this. We all need to work hard to keep our children safe. The staff car park has cameras and we are aware of who repeatedly parks there. As the building works continue the parking situation becomes more stressful but we should not put our children at risk for the sake of a few minutes.

## December 2019

### Choir

It is a busy time of year for our newly formed choir. We are excited about going to Sky to perform in their cafeteria on Monday 9th of December. Following that we will be performing at the Cluster Carol Concert on 10th of December at Inveralmond Community High School.

Look out for the choir on the council's Facebook page singing two of our favourite songs and at the Christmas Fayre.

Lastly, members of the choir will be performing at the lighting of the LVPS Parish Christmas tree on Friday 6th 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 10th December at 7.00 pm. Choir members must be at ICHS by 6.30 pm. Tickets are now on sale for £2.00 each.

### School Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch will take place on Wednesday 11th December. Cost £2.11, orders can be placed on ipay or paid at the school office. 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 called Fishing for Stars will take place on Tuesday 10th December at 2.30 pm and Wednesday 11th December at 10.00 am. Tickets are now on sale for £2.00 each.

Our ELC Christmas Celebration will be held on Tuesday 10th December at 10.00 am and Wednesday 11th 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. This includes; a t-shirt, shorts and indoor shoes. If they have borrowed one from the school office could this please be washed and 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. If your child does not have indoor shoes we have a limited supply in the office.



### Christmas Parties

The Christmas Parties will take place on the following dates:

P7/6—Monday 16th December

P5/4—Tuesday 17th December

P3/2—Wednesday 18th December

P1—Thursday 19th December 1-3pm

Both AM & PM ELC Christmas Parties will be on the 19th December at 9.30 am and 1.30 pm respectively.



### 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, this year is Pinocchio and the performance will be on Thursday 19th December 2019. Tickets cost £3.00 per child and can be purchased from the school office.



### Milk Money

Milk money is now due for next term. 7th January 2019 until 3rd April 2020. The cost is £8.80.

### School Improvement Plans & Standards and Quality Reports

Paper copies of these reports can be picked up at the school office or viewed on the School Website.

We also have a working display in the foyer that shares the school improvements we are working on this year.

### PATPAL Session -Literacy

We had a great turn out once again at our last Literacy PATPAL session on the 12th November. We were able to share information about our new resource PM Writing and how we are teaching about different types of writing.



## 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, Wednesday 11th and on the last day, Friday 20th. 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.

## 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 will 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](http://www.nhsinform.co.uk/norovirus) or call 0800 22 44 88.



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### 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:-

## LVPS Dates for the Diary

P4 Assembly	Friday, 6 December 2019
Christmas Lights Switch on- LV Parish Church	Friday, 6 December 2019, 6:00pm
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 7 December 10-1pm
Nativities and Christmas Celebration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELC: Tuesday, 10 December 2019, 10:00am &amp; Wednesday, 11 December 2019, 2:30 pm</li> <li>• P1/P2: Tuesday, 10 December 2019, 2:30 pm &amp; Wednesday, 11 December 2019, 10:00am</li> </ul>
ICHS Cluster Choir Concert	Tuesday, 10 December 2019, 7:00pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday, 11 December 2019
Choir go to Sky	Monday, 9 December 2019
Church Service P4-7	Thursday, 19 December 2019, 2:00 pm <small>(We are looking for parents to help escort classes to the church. If you can help that day please contact the school office)</small>
Christmas Parties	P7/6: Monday, 16 December 2019
	P5/4: Tuesday, 17 December 2019
	P3/2: Wednesday, 18 December 2019
	P1: Thursday, 19 December 2019
Christmas Singalong Pupils/Staff - Wear Christmas Jumpers	Friday, 20 December 2019
Christmas Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All break: Friday, 20 December 2019, 12:05 pm</li> <li>• Pupils return: Tuesday, 7 January 2020, 8:50 am</li> </ul>