



Livingston Village Primary School

Jan/Feb Newsletter

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School Update

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February Break

School will end at 3.20 pm on Thursday 13th February and return at 8:50 am on Wednesday 19th February 2020.

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 it 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 and keen to settle back into the routine of school and work.

The Christmas holidays are one of the busier holidays, that and the fact that we are indoors a lot of the time means that when we come back we still had children and staff who were under the weather. Please do not send your children to school when they are unwell as this spreads the germs and many more people can become ill. If your child has a temperature and/or has been sick they must not return to school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours. There can be no exceptions.

Over the next few weeks there will be once again a Scottish focus. Children will learn Scottish poems, celebrate Burns Day and the festivities will culminate on the 24th of January with our Scottish Assembly. Children and staff will be encouraged to wear tartan that day. Mrs Moira Glencourse has kindly agreed once more to carry on with the work of judging the poetry competition and we look forward to working alongside her.

I would like to make a special plea to all parents and carers who have not yet signed up to the Parent's Portal to do so now. Despite sending out numerous emails we still have only 67 out of 200 plus parents who have signed up. Even if your child does not choose to buy a school lunch once you sign up to IPay Impact you will be able to pay for other things with ease and get up-to-date information. Our annual data checks will be done through the Parents Portal eventually and as we move towards a cashless society using the Portal will be vital. If you need help please speak to Mrs Young or Mrs Russel in the school office.

Warm regards, Mrs Mill
Mrs Mill



Health & Safety—Parking

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.

Over the past few months an increasing number of parents are using the school carpark despite being asked not to. We have had a couple of near misses recently with some parents even driving up on the pavements in order to squeeze in. We will have some staff out assisting in the school carpark over the next few weeks and ask that you show them courtesy and respect especially if they ask you to move.



P6 & 7 School Camps

Primary 6 pupils will be going to Whithaugh Park from Monday 27th April—Friday 1st-May 2020. 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 PGL Dalguise (£210) from Wednesday 3rd — Friday 5th June. The next payment of £30 is due at the end of January with remaining payments being made at the end of each month until the final payment at the end of April. If there are any problems with payments please speak to Mrs Young in the office.

Thank you

P3 Multi Sports Festival

Our Primary 3 pupils will have the opportunity to attend a Multi Sports Festival on Thursday 23rd January 2020 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?



News from the Livingston Village Gala Day Committee



The Livingston Village Gala Committee are delighted to announce that the **LIVINGSTON VILLAGE GALA DAY** will take place on **SATURDAY 13TH 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 "Disney". 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.

We would like to hold a Ladies event on Saturday 8th February 2020 in the school hall. We are planning to offer pampering activities to raise important funds for the Gala-day and would encourage everyone attending to bring their own food and bottle.

On Saturday 4th April, 2020 we aim to hold an Easter Egg Extravaganza in the school hall and surrounding area. We also intend to hold a quiz for the children and adults in a family evening to be decided around the week before or of the Gala, the date yet to be decided. Jaqueline Conway & the Gala Committee

Pre Loved Clothing with the School Logo

Our children and staff are passionate about doing what we can to save the planet and the limited resources we have so with this in mind we are asking if you have good quality clothing you no longer need which has the school logo, can you wash it and hand it into the school office. We will set up a stall at events through out the year where people can make a small donation and pick up some clothing for their children. If everyone makes small changes we know we can have a big impact.

Parent Council

The next parent council meeting will take place on **Thursday 6th February 2020 at 6:30pm**. We hope to see you there.

The School Christmas Fair was a huge success and we managed to raise an amazing £1806.14. 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 so much for all your hard work.

We are already planning for next Christmas time and hope to be able to take the children out to a Pantomime perhaps to the Regal in Bathgate. This is a more expensive proposition but we feel it is an experience all children should have perhaps not every year but every once in a while and we will be working hard in the upcoming months to raise funds for the 4 buses we would need.

Whole School Resilience Training

We are continuing with 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. We have just had the launch assembly for Strategy 6—Talk Things Over and your children will be completing work in school on this topic and hopefully sharing their learning with you.



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Parents Ethos Survey

For the past few years West Lothian Council has sent out an Ethos survey to parents and pupils seeking their views on our school and how we can make improvements. We administer the pupil survey P5-7 in school and this was completed just before Christmas. We hope to share the results of this once we get the report back from the council. The parent survey can be accessed using the link below

<https://www.esurveycreator.co.uk/s/6b30b67>

We usually send out the survey at the end of the school year but decided to do it earlier this time around as it gives us time to make necessary changes. We hope as many of you as possible will take the time to share your opinions as we use this as one of our tools for self improvement. Your views do matter.

The survey will be available until 3rd April

School Library

It has been a long time coming but it looks like our library is finally up and running. We have two super parent helpers, Mrs McLellan and Mrs Greaves who take the classes along each week to check out books and each class is scheduled to go and work and or read in there.



Christmas Panto

The feedback of the children is that everyone enjoyed the M & M production of Pinocchio. 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.

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