



# Livingston Village Primary School

Newsletter

March/April 2020

## School Update

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### Easter Break

The last day for pupils in ELC is Thursday 2nd April. School will end at 12.05 pm on Friday 3rd April. Everyone will return on Monday 20th April.

### 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 on to the HT or PT.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We are fast approaching the end of our third term and as usual there is a lot going on. The weather is proving to be challenging and most of us have experienced enough wind and rain lately to last a life time. Our thoughts go out to all those people facing hardships due to the adverse weather conditions.

We are mindful too of all those who are sick with the coronavirus or are in quarantine. We have regular health updates from the NHS. Please see the latest information on page three of this newsletter.

Currently Primary 6 & 7 are putting the finishing touches to their showcase performance of 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean' and we are really looking forward to sharing this event with all of you on the evenings of the 1st and 2nd of April. Tickets will be on sale soon.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our parent consultations on the 25th and 26th of March. Look out for the information coming from the school office about when to sign up for your appointments. Mrs MacDougall our new Resource Manager and Mrs Young will be available on the first evening from 5.15—6.15pm to help anyone who has been having difficulties signing up to the Parents Portal. We are trying to encourage everyone to sign up as we move towards being cashless. It will also be one of the main ways in which we will share information in the future. Currently we have 67 out of 200 of our parents signed up. Can we get closer to 100%?

We are hoping to have high quality previously loved school uniforms available at parents night for anyone who wishes to help themselves. This is a good initiative which helps reduce waste and makes better use of our limited world resources. If you have any items you wish to donate please wash them and hand them into the school office.

I would like to make a further plea to all those parents and carers who have not yet completed our Ethos Survey. Mrs Young has sent out the link and it would be great to have everyone's views as this helps to inform our school improvement agenda. The survey will be open until Friday 3rd of April. Pupil views have already been collated and I hope to share them with you in the future.

Warm regards  
Mrs Mill



### Health Check

Please remember to check your child's head regularly.



### Dress Down

This will take place on Friday 27th March. We ask that your child bring in £1 if possible to go towards school funds.



### Health & Safety

Our thanks go to the Early Learning Centre staff and children for monitoring our school car park. As part of their learning they were making graphs of the colours of cars entering the car park and noticed some people parking there who shouldn't. Some of the staff and the Head Teacher patrolled the carpark for a few mornings. This was commented on positively by a number of parents who felt that the misuse of the carpark and dangerous parking had been of increasing concern. Our disabled carpark users were particularly pleased because it meant they had easy access to the school.

## School Camps

P7 ICHS Transition Camp to Dalguise—Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th June. Children will be accompanied by Mrs Brodie and Miss Gregg.

P6 Camp to Whithaugh Park—Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May. Children will be accompanied by Mrs Fraser, Mrs Smith, Mrs Mill/Mrs Young and Mrs Sansom. Final payments must be paid to the school office by Monday 2nd March.

P5 camp 2020—As you know we can no longer go to Lowport for our P5 camp so we have booked Dalguise in Perthshire from Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th September. If you wish to secure a place for your child please send a non refundable deposit to the school office by Monday 2nd March.

## Curriculum Café

The next Curriculum Café will be held on Friday 13th March. You will have a chance to sit down with your child and look at their jotters and discuss their learning before meeting with their teacher for Parent Consultations later in March. Please feel free to come to school anytime from 9am—12.00 noon.

If you cannot attend on the 13th and wish to have your child's jotters sent home please let your child's teacher know. We ask that you be extra vigilant and return the jotters to school promptly if they come home.

## PATPAL

Pupils As Teachers Parents As Learners

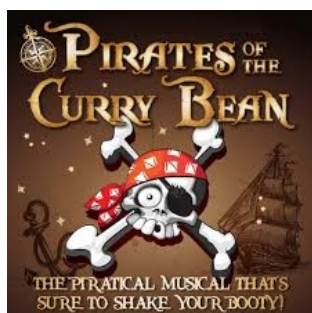
Our next PATPAL session is on Thursday 28th May at 2.00- 3.15 pm. We do hope as many of you as possible can come. Our pupils are keen to demonstrate their writing skills. The session will start with a brief talk in the school hall then you will have an opportunity to go to your child's classroom to see them in action.



## School Show

P7 and P6 Show "The Pirates of the Curry Bean" will take place on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd April starting at 6.30 pm.

Tickets are now on sale priced at £3.50 each.



A gentle reminder that dogs are not allowed in the playground.



## Parent Consultations

Consultations will take place on Wednesday 25th March, 5.30-8pm. and Thursday 26th March, 4-6.30pm. Please be aware that once notified you must go online to book your preferred day and time.

**Book Fair**—Scholastic Books will arrive in school on Monday 17th March and be available during consultation evenings.

**Preloved Clothes** will be available on parents night. If you have any clothes you would like to donate please hand them washed in to the office.

## Parent Council

**The next parent council meeting will take place on Thursday 14th May 2020 at 6:30pm in Community Room 2. All are welcome.**

Education is the most powerful investment for our children's futures. We therefore believe that having the right resources helps this and are continually investing our funds. Our current initiative is to create a Quiet Zone in the front playground where young people can sit and read or play board games. The Parent Council is applying to Edinburgh Airport for funding to help us purchase a reading hut, tables and chairs and to prepare the ground in the south east corner of the front playground. We will be focusing our efforts to raise funds for this exciting new initiative and would appreciate your support. Raffles tickets will soon be coming home in your child's school bag.





## CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue and, to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

If you have arrived back from China or specified countries within the last 14 days, follow the returning traveller advice.

Check the list of countries and find out more at [nhsinform.scot](https://nhsinform.scot)



### Key Messages

There are simple steps you can take to slow the spread of almost any germs, including coronavirus:

- Always carry tissues
- Bin used tissues
- Wash your hands thoroughly

Get the latest updates on coronavirus at

[nhsinform.scot/coronavirus](https://nhsinform.scot/coronavirus)



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Book Month - March 2020



We are really excited about our first Book Month. We have lots of exciting activities planned and here are some of the important dates.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Authors Live 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Celebration Show with Michael Rosen  
and Tanya Roberts

All classes will watch this together in  
the hall.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**World Book Day - Share a Story theme**

**D.E.A.R. sessions** throughout the day  
(Drop Everything And Read)

**Personality Quiz** - to help identify the types of  
genre the children might prefer to read

**Free £1 Book tokens** - can be used to purchase any  
of the special World Book Day books or as part  
payment towards a book of their choosing, including  
the ones on sale from Scholastic at the Parent  
Consultations on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

**Storytelling sessions for P1-3** with  
Mrs Fisher, librarian from Carmondean  
Library

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> + Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**Author Visits** - workshops for classes  
around the genre of comics and  
graphic novels

Gary Chudleigh - 19<sup>th</sup> March, P5 & P6

John Fardell - 24<sup>th</sup> March, P3 & P4

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Story Book Parade** - all children are invited to  
bring a book to share and/or dress up as a book  
character and we will gather in the hall to 'Share a  
Story'

**Mad Hatter's Tea Party** - P1, P2/1 & P2 will have a  
tea party and share their books

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Booky Breakfast Club

Book themed breakfast club - Children are invited to bring a book and share it with their  
friends. Other book themed activities will be available too.

**Scholastic Book Fair** - as usual we will have the Scholastic Book Fair available on both evenings  
of Parent Consultations, remember the free £1 World Book Day tokens can be used as part  
payment for any book over the value of £2.99. We are always extremely grateful for  
purchases made as the school receives a percentage of the total amount spent to choose  
additional books for the school.



**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 feed-back on how we can continue to improve.

Comments:-