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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the PTFA Christmas Fayre on Tuesday this week. I was very excited to meet Santa in Narnia! It was another amazing event and raised over £1,300 which is huge. These funds are used by the PTFA to support projects and educational trips at the Federation. They have also bought each class a present for the end of term.

Staffing Update – Many of you may have noticed that Miss Carly Butcher is expecting her second baby and will be starting maternity leave at the end of this term. I am sure you will join with me to wish Miss Butcher, her partner and son lots of love as they spend time as a bigger family in the new year.

I am pleased to let you know that Miss Sophia Drinkwater, Year 3 class teacher, will be our Federation SENDCO during Miss Butcher's maternity leave. Miss Drinkwater is really excited about this role and to have the opportunity to support more of our children and families across the Federation. Mrs Jodie Allen is returning from her maternity leave in January and will teach Blossom class, taking over from Miss Drinkwater. Many of the children in Year 3 will remember Miss Allen from last year when she taught in Year 2. She will be coming in between now and the end of term to support in Year 3 and we are looking forward to welcoming her back.

At the end of this term, we will say goodbye to Mrs Charlie Richardson, Assistant Headteacher. She has a fantastic new job opportunity, and we wish her lots of luck in her new role. Mrs Richardson will be very much missed by all at the Federation, and we thank her for all her hard work over the last 10 years. We are currently recruiting a new member of staff to join our inclusion team and will let you know when this process has finished.

Leg it to Lapland - As part of promoting active travel and providing opportunities for bike and scooter skills we are participating in the 'Leg it to Lapland' challenge, which is a competition against other local schools. The challenge runs next week (2nd – 6th December). All pupils who travel to school actively (journeys made on foot or non-motorised wheels) during this week will clock up virtual miles on our 2116-mile journey to Lapland. Every pupil who does at least two active journeys' during the challenge, will be entered into a prize draw. The winning school will be the one with the highest average proportion of active journeys (made on foot or non-motorised wheels) per pupil. The winning school will win the grand prize of a fantastic scooter stunt display by Terry Price and a scooter session for up to 100 pupils. One child at every school that runs the challenge, will win a scooter and there will be lots of other prizes available for children participating.

Diary Dates

Year 3 Maths Café – **Thursday 5th December – 8.30 – 9.30** - Year 3 parent/carers are invited into school from 8.30 to share some maths challenges with the children!

Year 4 Ukulele Performance – **Thursday 5th December – 2.40** – Year 4 have been learning to play the Ukulele and invite their parent/carers to see their performance.

A Day in the Life of a Pupil – **Wednesday 11th December (9am – 10am)** – a fabulous opportunity to come into the Federation to see all the amazing learning our children do and experience a day in their life at school, booking via the Federation Office.

SENDIASS Parent Champion – **Wednesday 11th December 1.30 – 3.00** – an opportunity for parents to meet individually with our SENDIASS parent champion to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child and receive advice and guidance. To book an appointment please email the Federation Office.



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Christmas Celebration Week – **Tuesday 17th December** – Year 1 & 2 Nativity performances at 9.15 and 2.15, **Wednesday 18th December** – Year 3 to 6 carols and readings at 9.15 and 2.15, **Thursday 19th December** – EYFS Nativity performances at 9.15 and 2.15, **Friday 20th December** – Preschool Craft Event – Parents are invited to join their child (or bring along their child if it is not their normal day at 2.30 to take part in some Christmas crafts together. Kidscape will be serving hot drinks and cakes for a donation towards their collection for the RNLI and their Christmas holiday theme of ‘Giving back to the Community’ – they will also be selling raffle tickets with lots of amazing prizes!

To book tickets for these events, please click this link (2 tickets per family) [Livingstone Road Primary Christmas Performances | Eventbrite](#)

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day - **Wednesday 18th December**. If you have not ordered a hot meal please send your child to school with a ‘festive’ packed lunch on this day.

September 2025 EYFS and Year 3 Applications - Applications for EYFS and Year 3 **close on 15th January 2025**. For more information on applying for a school place, please click on this link: [Apply for a school place | BCP \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#).

Attendance

Congratulations to Seedlings, Willow, and Pine who all had attendance over 96% this week.

We understand that it is cold season and many of our children are showing mild symptoms. If you need further guidance on whether to send your child into school, please access the NHS website [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) to find out if their symptoms mean they must stay at home. If your child is absent, we have a new email address: student-absence@livingstoneprimary.org. Please do not send absence emails to the office email.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Claire Addis,

Executive Headteacher