# **Livingstone Road Primary Federation**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week two of our Junior school Year groups have ventured off site on school trips. Year 5 started off the week with a local trip to Talbot Heath to make observations of the plants, trees and wildlife to support their learning this term. Year 3 finished off the week visiting The Museum of Jurassic Marine Life in Kimmeridge, where they learned all about fossils and had the opportunity to view the Etches Collection.

### **Tours & Applying For A School Place**

The window of opportunity to apply for a secondary school place opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September and the closing date is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. For primary school places, the admissions window is open from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> January. As a reminder, parents in Year 2 do need to apply for a place in Year 3.

We will be offering Wednesday Walkabouts at 11.00am in October and November for parents/carers interested to learn more about our school in view of applying for a Reception/Junior School place for their child to start in September 2026. If you or someone you know would like to book a tour, please email the school office Office@livingstoneprimary.org.

#### **Pre-school Spaces**

We have spaces in our Pips Room at Little Livingstone's which is for our 2-year-olds. If you have a child who you would like to come to our pre-school or know someone who does, we have tours on Thursdays at 10:30 to come and look around.

## **School Policies**

It has come to our attention that there have been some of our school policies that are not being followed. Our policies are made with the safety and wellbeing of our children at the forefront, and so we wish to politely remind you of the following:

Pupils are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. If earrings need to be worn, only small studs are permitted, and these must be removed for PE Lessons. A plaster covering the earring is not suitable.

Children must come to school every day with a water bottle containing water only, not squash, juice or flavoured water.

In order to ensure the safeguarding of all our pupils, Year 5 & 6 pupils who have been given permission to walk to school and have a mobile phone, must then hand their phone directly to the staff member in their class on arrival at school. This includes smart watches as well.

# **Smoking/Vaping Around School Site**

It has been bought to our attention that some parents/carers are smoking close to the gates of our school at drop off and pick up times. We respectfully ask that for the comfort and wellbeing of our whole community that our school grounds are a no smoking/vaping area.

#### **ICT Tuesdays**

**Every Tuesday**, from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, the ICT suite will be open to Junior school children to access Times Tables Rockstars as follows:

12-12.30 - any junior year group

3.10 - 3.30 - any junior year group AND their adult

This after-school opening is primarily aimed at children who do not have access to a device at home to practise times tables but anyone is welcome to attend. This is **not** an after-school club and parents will need to be in attendance with their child at all times.

#### **Playground improvements**

We are delighted that the majority of new playground markings have been completed and that the children are enjoying these as well as benefitting from lots of new equipment that has been purchased. When collecting your child on the junior site, please supervise younger siblings and do not allow them to kick or throw the giant chess pieces outside Year 4.

### **Preloved Uniform Sale**

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October our wonderful Mrs Hawkins will be holding a Preloved Uniform sale. This will be held at the end of the school day in the front entrance of the Junior school with Items ranging from 50p - £1.00.

# **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 7th October – Young People's Public Health Service drop in

Thursday 9th October – Flu Immunisation Day

Friday 10th October – Federation Inset Day – no pupils in school

Monday 13th October – Bikeability VR Immersive Training – Years 5 & 6

Wednesday 15th October - Walkabout Wednesday for prospective parents for Rec/Y3 in September 2026

Tuesday 21st October – Parents Evening 3.30-7pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October- Walkabout Wednesday for prospective parents for Rec/Y3 in September 2026

**Friday 24**<sup>th</sup> **October –** Last day of term before half term. Non-school uniform – Christmas Fayre donations – details to follow.

Friday 31st October - Closing Date for Secondary School Applications

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Return to Federation

**Friday 21**st **Novembe**r – Christmas Fayre after school.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Federation Inset Day – no pupils in school

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term for Christmas break

<u>Attendance</u> - Congratulations to Chestnut, Hazel, Pine, Oak, Blossom, Silver Birch, Larch and Elder classes for attendance over 96% and a special well done to Mulberry, who achieved 100% attendance this week. If your child is absent, please

report this on the email address: <a href="mailto:student-absence@livingstoneprimary.org">student-absence@livingstoneprimary.org</a>. <a href="mailto:Please do not send absence emails to the office email.">Please do not send absence emails to the office email.</a>

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Claire Addis, Executive Headteacher