Livingstone Road Primary Federation

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week it has been lovely to see so many of our children taking part in Bikeability. Livingstone Road Federation has the highest uptake of participants in BCP, so we were asked to host a visit from our local MP, Neil Duncan-Jones, to watch part of a Bikeability session, meet the children and learn more about this important training.

Summer Reading Challenge Award

We welcomed a second visitor into school today! BCP Libraries presented Livingstone Road with a beautiful trophy for winning the Summer Reading Challenge which they ran across all BCP libraries this summer. We increased our participation in the challenge by over 100% from previous years and this was the largest increase out of all BCP schools. As we continue our weekly Reading challenge in school, the class that has the highest percentage of pupils reading 3 times or more each week will win our school Reading cup but also be visited by Mrs Addis with the Library trophy. Well done to Beech for an amazing 100% of pupils reading 3 or more times this week. I think that is the first class to achieve 100% and I hope they have set a new trend!

Parent Consultations

A reminder to book a consultation time with your child's class teacher. The consultations are being held on Tuesday 21st 3.30pm-7.00pm and Wednesday 22nd 3.30pm - 5.30pm. If you are having any difficulty booking a slot, please email the office and they will book a slot for you. We look forward to seeing you in the Infant or Junior Hall for these meetings.

Swimming

I am excited to inform you that we have partnered with Teamtheme so our children will have the opportunity to participate in the Swim:ED programme. As part of this, we will be having a heated pop-up swimming pool inside a marquee on our rear playground and all children in year 3 will participate in a 3-week intensive swimming course in which they will swim 5 times a week Monday to Friday. Year 3 parents have already received information regarding this and if you have not completed the questionnaire about your child's swimming level, please do so as soon as possible. Depending on the progress of our Year 3 swimmers across the first 3 weeks, it is envisaged that we will be able to offer additional swimming lessons to other year groups for the latter part of the Autumn term and parent-paid lessons afterschool - more information will be sent in the near future.

Tours & Applying For A School Place

The window of opportunity to apply for a secondary school place opened on 1st September and the closing date is Friday 31st October. For primary school places, the admissions window is open from 1st November to 15th 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.

ICT Tuesdays

A reminder that **every Tuesday**, the ICT suite is open at lunchtime to Junior school children to access Times Tables Rockstars. There is also an opportunity for parents to accompany their junior children after school on Tuesdays and get some extra practice in! We have launched our TTRockstars challenge across the Junior school, with our Maths mascot Tiny being awarded to the class with the most points, so any extra practice is an advantage! Well done to Sycamore class who won the challenge this week.

Kidscape

There are still some places available for the half term holiday club that Kidscape are running. They have lots of Autumn themed fun activities planned, such as a dress up day, craft day and making chocolate apples! Enquiries and bookings are to be made directly with Kidscape.

Federation Non-School Uniform Day For Christmas Fair

On the final day of term, Friday 24th October, it is a Federation non-school uniform day in exchange for donations towards our Federation Christmas Fair.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st October – Parents Evening 3.30-7pm

Wednesday 22nd October – Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm

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

Friday 24th **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 3rd November – Return to Federation

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

Friday 28th November – Federation Inset Day – no pupils in school

Friday 19th December – Last day of term for Christmas break

<u>Attendance</u> - Congratulations to Pips, Willow, Mulberry, Silver Birch, Larch, Beech and Sycamore classes for attendance over 96%. If your child is absent, please report this on the email address: student-absence@livingstoneprimary.org.

<u>Please do not send absence emails to the office email.</u>

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Claire Addis, Executive Headteacher