

20th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week kicked off with non-school uniform day in exchange for various donations for the Summer Fayre. Thank you very much to all who sent their children in with items, it is greatly appreciated. Monday also saw our Year 6 students visit Bournemouth University to learn about higher education opportunities for the future and they then enjoyed their non-school uniform day on Tuesday.

Staffing update:

It is the time of year when we are confirming our staffing for September, and I wanted to share with you some changes in our staffing team.

We are saying goodbye to 2 teachers at the end of this term, Mr Perryman, who is joining a new school in September, nearer to where he lives and Miss Drinkwater, who has done a superb job as acting SENCO this year and has secured a permanent role as SENCO at a school in Bournemouth.

We will be very sorry to say goodbye to both these teachers and thank them for all the support they have given our pupils and staff in their time with us. They have both been much-valued members of the team and will be missed.

Miss Cumber will be joining us as a class teacher in September and the House Captains that supported me with the interview day were very excited to learn that she has a passion for musical theatre and has put on a number of performances at her current school. Miss Butcher will be returning from maternity leave to resume her role as Inclusion Lead and SENCo in Autumn 2, so we will ensure there is a handover between her and Mrs Drinkwater in the Summer Term. Finally, Mrs Thomas will be returning from maternity leave in mid-July and will be teaching across the Federation.

Uniform:

Following the parent consultation about school uniform carried out by Mrs Atkinson last term, we have decided to continue with our present supplier, Mapac as they provided the best value and our parent panel felt their quality was superior to other suppliers. The only change to the uniform is that hoodies will no longer be available. These were an optional item for outdoor PE lessons, but a number of pupils wear them throughout the week, often with the hood up, which is not suitable for class-based lessons. Therefore, pupils may wear their school sweatshirt for outdoor PE lessons and hoodies will no longer be acceptable in school.

Transition Day:

All our pupils in Reception to Year 5 will meet their new class teacher on **Friday 27th June**. They will spend the morning with their new class and in their new classroom, finding out about the routines and expectations for September. Each teacher will give out a welcome letter at the end of the morning for your child to share with you. Classes are based on the recommendations of the year group's current teachers, who know each child well and their learning style. Classes are carefully constructed to ensure there is a balance of abilities, personalities and additional needs in each class and therefore, we will not be able to change the class your child is allocated. We are confident that pupils will thrive in whichever class they are placed and will offer additional support if that is deemed necessary.

Year 6 Transition will also take place on Friday 27th June, and each secondary school should have contacted parents to confirm arrangements for the day. Year 6 are not expected to attend Livingstone Road on that day, and we wish all our pupils' good luck for the visit to their new school.

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Diary Dates

Monday 23rd / Tuesday 24th / Wednesday 25th June – EYFS Stay & Play Sessions (for pupils new to Reception in Sep)

Wednesday 25th June – Parent Champion available to meet parents/carers in school

Thursday 26th June – Year 6 Enterprise Cake Sale after school

Friday 27th June – Transition Day

Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th – Year 6 Land & Wave Residential Trip

Friday 4th July – Inset Day. School closed to pupils.

Tuesday 8th July - Sports Day (Infants am/ Juniors pm) (Reserve date in case of poor weather is 15th July)

Friday 11th July – Summer Fair after school on Junior field

Attendance - Congratulations to Seedlings, Pips, Fir, Hazel, Willow, Pine, Oak, Blossom, Beech and Cedar classes for attendance over 96%. 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.

It has come to our attention that when a sibling is unwell or has an appointment and needs to be collected from school, some parents are requesting permission to take the other sibling at the same time. Unfortunately, this cannot be authorised, as they should not miss out on their learning due to their sibling being ill or out of school. Therefore, please ensure that you have an appropriate adult to support you with collecting your child if the above situation occurs. Similarly, please ensure that school has an emergency contact for your child so that if we cannot reach you, they can be called. This can be a family member or a close friend but would ideally live locally, so they can collect your child if you are unable to.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Claire Addis, Executive Headteacher