

Livingstone Road Primary Federation

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Together We Can
Learn Laugh Dream Grow

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I have been incredibly impressed this week by the high standard of writing I have seen during visits to classes. Writing is a key priority in our School Development Plan this year, and it is wonderful to see the positive impact of this focus already reflected in the children's work.

Prompt Exit from School Site

It has come to our attention, on a number of occasions, that parents and carers are remaining on the school grounds beyond the designated drop-off and collection times. We completely understand that mornings can sometimes be challenging, particularly when children are finding it difficult to separate from their parents or carers. Likewise, we appreciate that at the end of the school day it is lovely for children to have the opportunity to play and socialise with their friends. However, it is essential that we are able to secure the school site promptly at the end of these periods to ensure the safety and security of everyone on site.

We therefore kindly ask that parents and carers ensure they drop off and collect their children promptly at the designated times and leave the school grounds once their child has been safely handed over.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us to maintain a safe and secure environment for all our children and staff.

Child Illness

We have recently had a number of reported cases of chicken pox, mainly at the Infants school. Should your child have any spots that appear on their body, arms, legs or neck we kindly request that you have these seen. This can be as easy as a trip to the chemist and seeking the advice of the pharmacist, you do not need to see a GP. If your child should have a confirmed case of chickenpox, they must remain at home until all of the spots have scabbed over. Please call the Federation office or email the absence inbox to inform us on the first day of absence.

Infants Lunchtime Gardening Club

We are pleased to announce that after half term break the Infants Lunchtime staff will be running a new Gardening Club. Infant School class teachers will be selecting children each term from their classes to take part. The children will be working together as a team to create a Fairy Garden, Wild Area, Vegetable Patch & a Sensory Garden. If your child should be selected, they do not need to bring anything extra to school with them to take part as this will all be provided.

My Child at School App

Now we have switched to using a cashless system for trips within school it is very important that **ALL** families have access to the MCAS app for each of their children. If you are new to the app and have not logged in before or have the app already and are experiencing technical issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for support requesting to speak with Mrs Tucker-Worth.

Pre-Loved Sale

On Friday 9th October our lovely Miss Hawkins will be holding a Pre-Loved Uniform sale. As in previous times this will be held in the front foyer area of the Junior school at the end of the school day. Items will be sold from 50p each and will be



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cash sales only. If you should have any unwanted, clean uniform items in good condition please feel free to drop these off at the school office.

As previously communicated, we also have a limited selection of new uniform that we are selling at a reduced price and this is available from the school office. Once this is sold, school will no longer retain any stock, and parents will need to order it online from Mapac.

Nut Free School

May we remind you once again that our school is a **NUT FREE** school. We have members of staff as well as children who are severely allergic to nuts and products containing nuts. We kindly ask again that you carefully consider the contents of your child's lunchbox. We have listed a few items below as an indicator of products to avoid. Thank you for your understanding.

Nutella & all Chocolate Spreads

Nutella biscuits/chocolate bars

Chocolate filled Crepes

Pesto

Nut butters eg peanut/almond butter

School Nurse Drop-In Service

On Wednesday 14th October, our school nurse, Nicola Cooper, will be having a drop-in session between 0915-1030 on the Infant site. If you have any questions regarding toileting, sleep worries, eating or behaviour, please pop in during these times. There is no need to book.

On Tuesday 17th November, there will also be a targeted sleep workshop. Please sign up at the office.

Secondary School Applications

For parents of Year 6 pupils, applications for a Secondary school place for September 2027 opened on 1st September and all applications must be made online by the **deadline of 31st October**.

Applications should be made through BCP website <https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-or-upper-school-place>

Reception and Year 3 school applications

For parents of Year 2 pupils, and children due to start school in September 2027, applications for Year 3 and Reception places for September 2027 opens on 1st November 2027 and all applications must be made online by the **deadline of 15th January 2027**.

We will be offering tours of our wonderful Federation for parents that are considering applying for a place. These will be held on Wednesdays throughout October and November, so please email the office if you would like to attend one of the tours and we look forward to seeing you. A reminder for Year 2 parents, you do need to apply for a Year 3 place at the school of your choice.

Diary Dates

Monday 5th October – Year 3 trip to Museum of Jurassic Marine Life

Thursday 8th October – Fraser Portraits Infant School Individuals & Sibling photos from 8:00am

Friday 9th October – Preloved Uniform Sale

Wednesday 14th October – School Nurse Drop In

Monday 2nd November – EYFS Winter Craft Club Session 1

Tuesday 3rd November – EYFS Winter Craft Club Session 2

Monday 9th November – Year 1 Winter Craft Club Session 1

Tuesday 10th November – Year 1 visit from Creature Teachers

Tuesday 10th November – Year 1 Winter Craft Club Session 2

Monday 16th November – Year 2 Winter Craft Club Session 1

Tuesday 17th November – Year 2 Winter Craft Club Session 2

Tuesday 17th November – School Nurse Sleep Workshop

Monday 23rd November – Year 3 & 4 Winter Craft Club Session 1

Tuesday 24th November – Year 3 & 4 Winter Craft Club Session 2

Monday 30th November – Year 5 Winter Craft Club Session 1

Tuesday 1st December – Year 5 Winter Craft Club Session 2

Monday 7th December – Year 6 Winter Craft Club Session 1

Tuesday 8th December – Year 6 Winter Craft Club Session 2

Attendance

As the colder months approach, we can expect to see increases in common airborne viruses. Scientific evidence demonstrates that vaccination, disinfection through cleaning, handwashing and ventilation can significantly reduce the transmission of this type of disease. We know it can sometimes be difficult to decide whether your child is well enough to come to school. Please take a look at the attached poster and view the link below, which provides helpful guidance about common childhood illnesses and whether they should affect school attendance.

We hope you find this a useful guide. However, if you are ever unsure, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We are always happy to talk through any concerns with you and advise you on whether your child is well enough to attend school.

There is an animation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5KxggkPTw>

Well done to Chestnut, Hazel, Willow, Oak, Pine, Blossom, Mulberry, Larch, Beech and Sycamore classes for attendance over the National Target of 96%.

If your child is off sick for more than 1 day and you have not been informed by the office that you do not need to contact us, a daily email or telephone call is expected. This is part of both our attendance and safeguarding policies.

Contact regarding absence is requested before 0900.

If your child is absent, please report this on the email address: student-absence@livingstoneprimary.org. **Please do not send absence emails to the office email.**

If your child sustains an injury outside of school that requires medical intervention, please bring them to the office before starting the school day as a risk assessment may need to be made.

Kind regards,

Claire Addis,

Executive Headteacher