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Together We Can
Learn Laugh Dream Grow

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been really lovely this week to welcome so many of our parents into the Federation to meet with your child's teacher and to hear so many positive conversations happening around the tables in the halls. It was a wonderful opportunity for you to find out how your child has been doing and settling in with their new year groups. If you missed meeting with your child's teacher and have something you would like to discuss, please notify the Federation office as it may be possible to book a short telephone consultation. We were also joined by the Mental Health in Schools Team, who were available to speak with parents about any concerns, or support on offer for both parents, children and families.

End Of Term Notification

As we approach the end of our first term, we would like to remind our community that the final day of this term will be Wednesday 21st October. The Federation will be closed to all pupils on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October. We return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Lockdown Practice

This morning, the Federation carried out a planned practice of our lockdown procedure. To help pupils understand the process in a calm and age-appropriate way, we used a partial lockdown scenario involving a dangerous dog reported to be loose in the local area. Staff discussed and practised the procedure with children in an informative and reassuring manner, ensuring that pupils felt safe throughout.

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, a full lockdown practice will also take place later in the academic year. If you would like to read our Lockdown Policy, it is available on the school website.

Music Across the Federation

This has been a fantastic week for music across the Federation. We are delighted to share that SoundStorm has recognised the value we place on music education by presenting both schools with the Music Mark of Recognition for Dedication & Improvement Certificate. In addition, the Junior School welcomed two visiting music teachers this week who gave inspiring performances to promote their music lessons and encourage children to take part. If your child is interested in signing up for music lessons, please see the contact details below:

Gareth (guitar lessons): propersongs@googlemail.com or 07715559891
Alice (piano lessons) alicehexu43@yahoo.com or 07826300420

Please also find below a link we have been given where you can apply for additional funding towards the cost of music lessons, each application will be assessed individually.

https://soundstorm-music.org.uk/grants/access-fund/



Breaktime snacks

A reminder that children in EYFS and Infant classes are provided with a healthy snack for their morning break. Junior pupils are welcome to bring a healthy snack from home; however, we ask that this is not crisps or chocolate bars.

We have noticed that some children are eating their sandwiches at breaktime rather than lunchtime. Please take a moment to remind your child which items are intended for their morning snack, and which are for lunch, as eating sandwiches while playing and running around can present a safety concern.

School Nurse Targeted Sleep Drop In

On Wednesday 17th November, 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 sleep worries, please feel free to pop in during these times. There is no need to book.

School Photograph Online Orders

Your child should have brought home their individual school photograph proof card this week (if not please check with the class teacher). If you would like to purchase the photograph, orders must be made online directly with Fraser Portraits, using your child's unique code. All online orders must be made before Tuesday 3rd November. Please note any orders made after this date will incur postal charges.

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 2nd November – All pupils return to school at usual time

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 6 Book Café 8:30 – 9:30am

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

Wednesday 11th November – Year 5 Book Café 8:30 – 9:30am

Thursday 12th November – Year 4 Book Café – 8:30 – 9:30am

Thursday 12th November – Year 3 Book Café – 2:30 – 3:30pm

Monday 16th November – EYFS Book Café – 2:30 – 3:30pm

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

Tuesday 17th November – Year 1 Book Café – 2:30 – 3:30pm

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

Tuesday 17th November – School Nurse Sleep Workshop

Thursday 19th November – Year 2 Book Café – 2:30 – 3:30pm

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

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

Friday 27th November – PTFA Christmas Fayre – 3:30 – 5:30pm

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

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Federation Christmas Lunch Day

Tuesday 15th December – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance – 9:15 – 10:15 & 2:00 – 3:00pm

Wednesday 16th December – EYFS Nativity Performance – 9:15 – 10:15 & 2:00 – 3:00pm

Thursday 17th December – Junior Christmas Performance – 9:00 – 10:00 & 2:00 – 3:00pm

Attendance

Well done to Fir, Hazel, Willow, Pine, Mulberry, Larch, Beech, Cedar and Sycamore classes for attendance over the National Target of 96%. A huge well done to Blossom for attendance of 100%!

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