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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been really lovely this week to welcome everyone back to the Federation after half term. We have had a busy first week with Bikeability returning to support groups of Year 5 children with building their confidence riding a bike and a visit from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra to our Infant and Junior schools. Thank you to Infants parents that embraced the Pirate theme and sent their children into school in costumes- it really enhanced the performance! We ended the week with a non-school uniform day in exchange for Christmas Fair donations. As always, we wish to thank you all for your generosity and support.

New Home Learning Project Launch

Starting this term, our home learning provision will be changing slightly. Specific details about your child's weekly reading, phonics/spelling and maths home learning will be sent out in their year group newsletter and expectations for this will stay mostly the same.
However, we will also be launching a whole school, half-termly, cross-curricular project for families who would like more home learning opportunities. Each half term, the topic and subject focus will change, and a selection of tasks will be suggested. This will replace individual year group foundation subject home learning. Details about our Autumn 2 project, including task options, submission dates and other relevant information has been sent out on paper today and by email, along with our updated Home Learning Policy, so please keep a look out for this. We hope families will enjoy completing some of the tasks suggested; however, the home learning projects will be optional.

Parent Governor Online Election

We recently informed you of an opportunity to become a parent governor on our Local Governing Body, the closing date for all applications was Monday 12th October. We wish to thank those of you who took the time to apply and please now see below a link to vote for a nominee from those short listed.

https://forms.gle/GTGSX5VVLQ82DwLN7

Please ensure when voting that you:
* Take the time to read the nominee statements carefully before making your choice
* Do so only using the email address you have registered with us for your child
* Make only one vote, all duplicate votes will be discarded.
The closing date for all votes will be Monday 9th November, following this the final successful nominee will be announced in a further communication.

Book Cafes
Next week marks the return of our popular Book Cafés. This year, rather than spreading them throughout the school year, we have chosen to hold them all within a fortnight. This means the wonderful new books purchased for this year can be added to our library much sooner, giving pupils the opportunity to enjoy them straight away.

We are also delighted to offer families the chance to purchase books that their children particularly enjoy during the event. If your child discovers a book they simply cannot wait to borrow from the school library, you will be able to order a copy of your own. Our pop-up bookshop partner, Vanessa Marsh, will provide access to a QR code that parents



can use during the Book Café. Vanessa will be accepting cash or payment by mobile phone on the day and will deliver the book orders to school soon after. It is a wonderful opportunity to get ahead with a few Christmas presents while also supporting the school, who receive £1 for every book purchase, to help us continue to develop our library collection.

School Nurse Targeted Sleep Drop In

On Wednesday 17th November, our school nurse, Nicola Cooper, will be having a targeted sleep information session between 0900-1030 on the Infant site. If you have any questions regarding sleep worries, please feel free to attend. Please email the office to book your place so that we can organise refreshments. If you have other concerns, she will be available after the session for more help and guidance.

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 opened on 1st November 2027 and all applications must be made online by the **deadline of 15th January 2027.**
We are offering tours of our wonderful Federation for parents that are considering applying for a place. These will be held on Wednesdays throughout 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 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, Larch, Elder and Cedar 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