



David Livingstone Memorial Primary School and Nursery Class

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Dear Parents/Carers

As the dark nights start to draw in, life at school continues to be very busy. Children in all classes continue to make good progress with their learning and there have been many opportunities for them to achieve success in a range of activities both within and outwith the school.

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers at our Open Afternoon which took place just before the October Week holiday. I hope that you enjoyed seeing around your child's classroom and meeting their class teacher. Children are always so excited about sharing their learning with others. Please remember that should you wish an individual appointment with a member of staff, this can be arranged by contacting the school office.

I hope that you find the information in this newsletter useful. Newsletters will normally be sent home at the beginning of each month, along with a list of dates for your diary. Please remember to contact the school if there is anything that you need clarified or want to ask.

Linda Callender
Head Teacher

World of Work Week

A huge big 'thank you' to all parents/carers and other family members who supported us with our very successful World of Work Week which ran from 24th to 28th October. This year we asked our P7 children to write letters of invitation to people whose careers were of interest to them in order to help make their learning much more meaningful. This resulted in the school forming links with new business partners, as well as with new members of our wider community. Following their visit, many of our visitors commented on the positive ethos which exists in the school, something which is always very pleasing for us to hear.



Harvest Assembly

Thank you to all our families and friends who attended our Harvest Assembly on Friday, 14th October, and to everyone who very generously donated foodstuffs and toiletries which were very gratefully received by Hamilton District Food Bank. Thank you, too, to everyone who donated money to The Haven in Blantyre as part of our collection. A fantastic £290 was raised.

Financial Education Week

This week is Financial Education Week in our school. Children from P1-P7 will be involved in various activities relating to the world of finance and, once again, some visitors from the world of work will be speaking to classes about their careers so that children may develop an understanding of how their learning relates to real life.



Wider Achievements

We are keen to celebrate children's achievements out of school at our weekly assemblies. Should your child achieve something in an activity or club out of school, please encourage them to let us know. Children are also invited to bring in any certificates, medals, trophies or badges that they have been awarded so that these can be shown to everyone in the school, too. Starting next week, we will be creating a display of children's achievements out of school in our dining hall and it would be great if we could have photographs of as many children as possible on show.

Birthday Cakes

Given the number of allergies that now exist in our school, we would be grateful if parents/carers of children in our P1-7 classes could refrain from sending in a birthday cake when it is their child's birthday. We will continue to celebrate children's birthdays at our weekly assemblies on a Monday.



School Website

Miss Lattimer, our newly appointed Acting Principal Teacher, is taking on responsibility for updating our school website. Over the next couple of weeks she will be sending home a questionnaire to a selection of parents/carers to find out what sort of information you would like included on our website. Please support us by sharing your views should you be part of the selected group. Thank you.

P1 and P2 Phonics Workshops

Thank you to all our parents/carers who attended the special P1 and P2 Phonics Workshops that were held on 25th and 26th November. In order to support family learning and help raise children's attainment in Literacy, all P1 and P2 children will be issued with their own magnetic board and set of letters, a resource which is identical to the materials that the children use every day in class. A sincere thank you to our Parent Council who have very generously offered to fund the cost of the resources for our P2 children.



Christmas Hampers

On Christmas Fayre will take place Thursday, 1st December from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. In preparation for this, each class in the school will be collecting items for their own Christmas hamper for which raffle tickets will be sold on the night. The theme for each class shall be sent home over the next few days. Any donations from families and friends will be gratefully received.

Jewellery

We would be grateful if children could refrain from wearing jewellery on days when they have P.E. For health and safety reasons, children are asked to remove all items of jewellery before their P.E. lesson. If your child has just recently had his/her ears pierced and cannot remove their earrings, parents are asked to provide small plasters to cover their child's ears. Thank you.

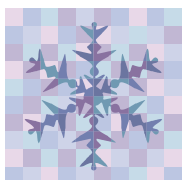


Absence

Please remember that it is a parent/carer's responsibility to let us know if their child is going to be absent from school. This can be done by either sending in a letter in advance of a planned absence, or by telephoning the school office. Should your child be absent and we be unable to determine their whereabouts, we are obliged to contact the Attendance Officer who will call at the family home.

Children Arriving Late At School

Please remember that parents/carers should accompany their child to the front entrance if he/she is late for school or if they arrive back at school having attended an appointment. This will then ensure that your child arrives in school safely.



Inclement Weather

Parents/carers are reminded that in the unlikely event that the school needs to remain closed because of adverse weather conditions, this information will be reported on South Lanarkshire Council's website (www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk) and, if possible, on the local radio stations. It is also vitally important that you keep us informed of any changes to your contact details in case we need to telephone you in an emergency.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event and Children/Parents Involved
Monday, 7 th November	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 7 th November	P6/7 Football Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 8 th November	P6/7 Glee Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Thursday, 10 th November	P6/7 Netball Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Thursday, 10 th November	Parent Council meeting (6.30pm start) – All welcome
Monday, 14 th November	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 14 th November	P6/7 Football Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 15 th November	P6/7 Glee Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 16 th November	P6/7 visit to Whitelees Wind Farm
Thursday, 17 th November	SSPCA visiting all classes
Thursday, 17 th November	P6/7 Netball Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Friday, 18 th November	Dress Down Day – All children
Monday, 21st November	In-Service Day – School closed to all children
Monday, 21 st November	Start of Scottish Book Week – All children
Tuesday, 22 nd November	P6/7 Glee Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Thursday, 23 rd November	P6/7 Netball Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Monday, 28 th November	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 28 th November	P6/7 Football Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 29 th November	P6/7 Glee Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Thursday, 1 st December	Sports Hall Athletics – Selected children
Thursday, 1 st December	Christmas Fayre (6.30pm – 8.30pm) – All welcome
Monday, 5 th December	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 5 th December	Whole school pantomime – All children
Tuesday, 6 th December	P6/7 Glee Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Thursday, 8 th December	P6/7 Netball Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Monday, 12 th December	Credit Union collection point
Tuesday, 13 th December	P6/7 Glee Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 14 th December	P1/2 Nativity (am) – details to follow
Thursday, 15 th December	P1/2 Nativity (pm) – details to follow
Wednesday, 21 st December	Christmas Service – details to follow

