

David Livingstone Memorial Primary School and Nursery Class

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**SOUTH
LANARKSHIRE
COUNCIL**

Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe that it's the beginning of March already and we are more than half-way through Term 3 – not that our weather seems to realise this! Once again, thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding during the recent 'snow days'.

Please remember that we operate an 'open door' policy at David Livingstone Memorial Primary, so if you there is anything that you would like to discuss, do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Linda Callender
Head Teacher



Wellbeing Assemblies

Our focus for the month of March will be 'Responsible', which started with a whole school assembly on **Friday, 2nd March**. Thank you to Mrs Jeffrey and Miss Lamont, two of our class teachers, who take responsibility for leading these assemblies and creating the activities that you and your child can do at home. This month our P6 children will be asked to take on additional responsibilities whilst many of our P7 pupils are on a 3-day residential outing to Dalguise. Some classes will also be learning about how people's choice of travel can have an impact on the environment via workshops delivered by staff from Systra, a transport planning consultancy company.

Fairtrade Fortnight

On Monday, 26th February, children in our P6 class delivered a whole school assembly to introduce Fairtrade Fortnight. This will now be followed up by a range of activities in individual classes, as well as a Fairtrade tuckshop. Details about this will follow shortly.



P1 Literacy Workshops

Thank you to all our P1 parents/carers who were able to attend our P1 Literacy workshops. These workshops were designed to provide parents/carers with strategies that they can use to support their child's literacy development. We hope that those who managed to make it along found the sessions useful. Please note that we are looking to reschedule the workshops that were arranged for the days when the school was closed because of snow, so look out for a note in your child's schoolbag.

Thank you, too, to our Parent Council who funded the cost of the P1 magnetic Literacy boards that will be sent home with all the children over the next few days. We engaged in a similar initiative last session and the feedback from parents/carers regarding how useful this resource is to support children's phonological development was extremely positive.

P4-7 Reading Challenge

One of our priorities for improvement for this session is to raise children's attainment in Literacy. As part of this, we have launched a special Reading Challenge for all our P4-7 children, encouraging them to find a reading partner at home and then to read a range of different books in exchange for special badges. Congratulations to those children who have already received their first colour! If your child has not yet received their reading lanyard, please complete the form that was sent home a few weeks ago, letting us know who will be your child's reading partner and then we will get this issued.





'Pancake Tuesday'

Thank you to our Parent Council who organised a special 'Pancake Tuesday' for all the children on Tuesday, 6th February. Judging by how few pancakes were left at the end of the morning, I think that this event proved to be a great success!

'Toastie Tuesday' took place on **Tuesday, 6th March** at a cost of 20p per slice. Fairtrade products will be used for spreads in support of Fairtrade Fortnight across the school.

Credit Union

We would like to remind all of our families that our Credit Union collection point takes place every Monday morning in the school. This is managed and run by our P6 children as part of their active numeracy. Should your child want to become a member of our Credit Union, please contact the school for an application form.



Primary Dance Festival – Save the Date!

Following on from last year's success, some of our P4-7 children will be participating in South Lanarkshire Council's Primary Dance Festival at the Town House in Hamilton on **Wednesday, 21st March**. Information regarding how you can purchase tickets for this event will be sent home as soon as we receive it from Active Schools.

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. We have created a display of children's achievements out of school in our dining hall and it is great to see so many photographs on show.



After-School Clubs

At DLMPS we continue to offer a wide range of after-school clubs for children of all stages. In the interests of pupil safety, please remember that if your child has 'signed up' for a club and then is unable to attend, it is important that an adult lets us know. This can be done either by sending a letter in to the school, or by telephoning a member of staff in the school office.

Administering Medicine

Should your child require to take any medication whilst he/she is in school, it is essential that you complete an 'Administration of Medicine' form. A copy of this form is available from the school office. Only medication provided with written parental/carers consent will be able to be administered. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that medication is within its use by date.



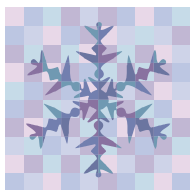
Mobile Phones

We strongly discourage children from bringing their mobile phones to school as we cannot be held responsible if they are damaged or stolen. If your child does bring his/her mobile phone to school, it must be switched off at all times whilst in the building and in the playground. Any messages that you need to get to your child during the school day should be delivered via staff in our school office.

'You and Your Child' Training

A sincere thank you to all of our Nursery parents/carers who have attended the innovative 'You and Your Child' training that has been organised by Mrs Hunter, our Early Years Team Leader. We hope that you have found these sessions useful in terms of supporting your child's development, as well as a fun and interesting way to make new friends. Should the feedback from everyone involved be positive, we might look to organise a similar venture again next session.





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), Twitter, 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.

Playground Supervision

Parents/carers are reminded that we do not have an adult presence out in the playground until 8.45am each morning. Children who arrive in school before this time are, therefore, unsupervised, and do so dropping them off early is at your own risk.



Nursery Library Visits

Children in our Nursery will have the opportunity to visit Blantyre Library on **Wednesday, 14th March** and **Tuesday, 20th March**. Details regarding times for these outings will be sent home shortly.

Parking

We politely request that parents/carers do not double park in our school car park nor at the turning circle at the front of the school as this causes congestion and may cause an accident. 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.

Warm Clothing

Even on occasions when the sun shines, it is still bitterly cold outside. Please remember that children play outside at interval and lunchtime provided that the playground is free of ice and class teachers sometimes take the pupils outside as part of their learning. It is, therefore, important that your child brings a warm jacket or coat to school so that he/she remains warm when taking part in these activities. Thank you.



Easter Service

All parents/carers and other family members are warmly invited to attend our Easter Service which will be held in Livingstone Memorial Church on **Wednesday, 28th March** starting at 10.00am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Indoor Shoes

We take great pride in our school and are keen to keep all areas of our building clean. For this reason, all children are asked to change into a pair of soft, indoor shoes before entering their classroom. These indoor shoes can then be worn for P.E. in the gym hall. Please note that, for health and safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear shoes that have been worn outside when taking part in P.E. in the gym hall.



We have noticed that some children's gym shoes are becoming so worn that they are now unsafe. If you receive a letter in your child's schoolbag informing you about this, we would be grateful if you could try to get them another pair of gym shoes as soon as possible. Thank you.

Spring Break

The school will be close on **Thursday, 29th March at 2.30pm** for the Spring Break and will re-open on **Monday, 16th April at 8.55am**. We hope that you all enjoy a relaxing holiday.





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Dates for Your Diary

| Date | Event and Children/Parents Involved |
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| Wednesday, 7 th March | P4-7 Dance Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm) |
| Wednesday, 7 th March | P7 residential outing to Dalguise – Selected P7 children |
| Wednesday, 7 th March | P6/7 Cross Country Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm) |
| Thursday, 8 th March | P7 residential outing to Dalguise – Selected P7 children |
| Thursday, 8 th March | P6/7 Netball Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm) |
| Thursday, 8 th March | Parent Council meeting (6.30pm start) – All welcome |
| Friday, 9 th March | P7 residential outing to Dalguise – Selected P7 children |
| Friday, 9 th March | P4/5 class assembly (11.00am start) |
| Friday, 9 th March | P1 Active Sports Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm) |
| Monday, 12 th March | Credit Union collection point |
| Monday, 12 th March | P6/7 Football Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm) |
| Tuesday, 13 th March | P5 Cricket Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm) |
| Wednesday, 14 th March | P5 Sponsored Skipathon |
| Wednesday, 14 th March | P4-7 Dance Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm) |
| Wednesday, 14 th March | Afternoon Nursery children visiting library |
| Wednesday, 14 th March | P5/6 Homework Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm) |
| Wednesday, 14 th March | P6/7 Cross Country Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm) |
| Thursday, 15 th March | P6/7 Netball Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm) |
| Friday, 16 th March | P6/7 Cross Country Championships – Selected children |
| Friday, 16 th March | P3 class assembly (11.00am start) |
| Friday, 16 th March | P3 Active Sports Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm) |
| Monday, 19 th March | Credit Union collection point |
| Monday, 19 th March | P6/7 Football Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm) |
| Tuesday, 20 th March | Morning Nursery children visiting library |
| Tuesday, 20 th March | P5 Cricket Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm) |
| Wednesday, 21 st March | P4-7 Dance Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm) |
| Wednesday, 21 st March | P5/6 Homework Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm) |
| Wednesday, 21 st March | Primary Dance Festival – Selected P4-7 children (details to follow) |
| Thursday, 22 nd March | P6/7 Netball Club |
| Friday, 23 rd March | P3/4 class assembly (11.00am start) |
| Friday, 23 rd March | P3 Active Sports Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm) |
| Monday, 26 th March | P3/4 visiting Museum of Rural Life (details to follow) |
| Monday, 26 th March | Credit Union collection point |
| Monday, 26 th March | P6/7 Football Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm) |

