



David Livingstone Memorial Primary School and Nursery Class

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Our Vision *'We aim to provide an inclusive and nurturing environment where everyone can thrive and achieve.'*

Our Values *Respectful Responsible Caring Confident Honest Successful*

"I am prepared to go anywhere, provided it be forward." (Dr. David Livingstone)

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of another school year, I find it amazing to think of all that we have achieved this session. All of our children have made clear progress in their learning and every single one of them has become a more successful learner, a more confident individual, a more responsible citizen and a more effective contributor to both the school and the wider world. As Head Teacher, I am proud of each and every one of them, and I hope that you feel the same.

I also feel very privileged to work with such a wonderful team of staff and such supportive parents/carers who all work so hard to provide fantastic opportunities for the children. Thank you to everyone for all that you have done for the school. This session we have built stronger partnerships with Calderside Academy, local businesses and members of the wider community in order to enrich the learning experiences that we offer the children. This has also helped to develop the children's skills that they will need for learning, life and work. One thing is for sure, life is certainly never dull at David Livingstone Memorial Primary School and Nursery Class!

Sadly, it is at this time of year that we bid farewell to our P7 children who will soon be moving on to secondary school. We will miss them all and I am sure that you will all join me in wishing them all the best in whatever the future holds for them. I would also like to extend my thanks and gratitude to all their parents/carers and other family members who have been a great support to the school over the time that they have been with us. Strong partnership working is the key to success and I hope that, as a whole school community, we can continue to build on this when our new P1 children start school in August.

As this shall be the last newsletter for this session, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable Summer holiday when it comes. With any luck, we might even get a bit of sunshine!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about your child(ren).

Linda Callender
Head Teacher



Scottish Mathematical Challenge

Once again, pupils from our school have excelled in the Scottish Mathematical Challenge. Andrew Crighton (P6) gained a Silver Award which he will now receive at an award ceremony at the University of Strathclyde, whilst Emily McDougall (P7) and Holly Murdoch (P7) both gained Bronze Awards. What a fantastic achievement for all 3 children!

P1 Inductions

We have just recently finished our P1 Induction sessions and have received very positive feedback from the parents/carers who attended. Thank you to our newly-appointed P6 Buddies who have very ably supported these children as they begin to get used to what life is like in a P1 classroom.





Sporting Success

Congratulations to all our P6/7 children who represented the school at the finals of Hamilton Schools Fun 5z Netball Festival and at the Davie Cooper Soccer 7s Tournament. Although neither team won a medal, all children were great ambassadors for the school and deserve praise for their efforts.

Sincere thank you to Mr Murphy, one of our volunteer helpers, as well as Mrs Hill (our School Support Team Leader) who have been responsible for training the football team, and Mrs Jeffrey who trains our netball team.



Full Reports

Our Full Reports were sent home at the end of April. As part of this report, there is the opportunity for children and parents/carers to comment on what has been written. Please return these comments sheets to the school **no later than Monday, 3rd June** so that they can be read by your child's class teacher before being filed in our Pupil Records. Thank you.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to all the parents/carers who took the time to complete an evaluation of our school/nursery whilst attending our recent Parent Afternoon/Evening. As a school, we value your views and will use your responses to help inform our next steps. The results of both of these consultations will be available on our school website shortly.



Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day has been scheduled for **Thursday, 13th June** (weather permitting). This will include a mixture of team events and individual races, so please come along and support the children. The timetable for events is as follows:

9.15am – 10.30am	P1-3 potted sports
11.00am – 12.00pm	P1-7 individual races
1.30pm – 2.45pm	P4-7 potted sports

ParentPay

Thank you to all our parents/carers who have already signed up to ParentPay. With your support, we have already managed to get more than two thirds of our school involved so far. Should you continue to have problems trying to create an account, please speak to Mrs Hill in our school office and she will be more than happy to help.



Please remember that ParentPay is not just used to pay for school lunches, but also for school trips and sporting activities, so it is important that all families are registered. If you do not have a ParentPay account, you will have to pay for everything at a local PayPoint as South Lanarkshire Council wants us to become a totally cashless school.



Bikeability

Congratulations to all our P5 children who, under the direction of Miss Campbell and Miss Sharkey, have just recently achieved their Bikeability Level 1 certificate and badge. This award recognises that the children involved can cycle safely within a playground environment, following the same rules that would apply out on the road.

Water in Class

We have noticed that a number of children are continuing to bring flavoured water to school. **Please note that juice and flavoured/sparkling water are not permitted in the classrooms** as they leave a terribly sticky mess if spilled and may spoil someone's work. If your child does bring in flavoured water, he/she will be asked to keep it in their schoolbag until interval or lunchtime.



There are also a number of children who regularly report at the school office looking for a cup of water. To save us having to buy lots of plastic cups, as well as help to minimise disruption for the ladies who work in the office, we would be grateful if all children could bring their own plastic bottle to school every day. This is especially important on hot days to avoid children becoming dehydrated. Thank you.



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.

Sun Safety

Although we all love to see the sunshine, this also brings with it the dangers associated with sunburn. The Scottish Government is keen to encourage the use of outdoor learning, so please ensure that your child comes to school wearing appropriate sun protection on hot days, including sun cream and a hat. Thank you.



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is proving popular with many families. This is a free resource for all children. Please remember that if your child does not attend the Breakfast Club and arrives in school before 8.45am, then you are doing so at your own risk as we do not have an adult presence in the playground before this time.

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. We care about all of our children and so it is important that we know that they are safe if they do not report to school.



Forthcoming Events

A number of parents/carers have been in touch asking about dates for key Nursery/P7 events. These are as follows:

- Mon, 17th June = P7 Parents' Information Evening at Calderside Academy
- Tues, 18th June & Wed, 19th June = P7 Induction Days at Calderside Academy
- Thurs, 20th June (10.00am) = Nursery Graduation
- Thurs, 20th June (6.30pm) = P7 Leavers' Party
- Fri, 21st June (1.30pm) = P7 Record of Achievement Assembly
- Thurs, 27th June (9.30am) = P7 Leavers' Service

Exact arrangements for each of these dates will be issued as soon as they are available.

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.



Administering Medicine

Should your child require to take any medication 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/carer consent will be able to be administered. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that medication is within its use by date.

Summer Holidays

Please remember that the school shall close on **Friday, 28th June at 1.00pm** for the Summer holidays. Children who receive a free school meal are entitled to a cold snack on this day.



School shall re-open to children on **Thursday, 15th August** following 2 in-service days for staff on Tuesday, 13th August and Wednesday, 14th August. We hope that the weather is kind to all of us!



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Date	Event and Children/Parents Involved
Monday, 3 rd June	Credit Union collection point – All children
Monday, 3 rd June	P3 Assembly and Parent/Carer Showcase
Monday, 3 rd June	P6/7 Football; P5-7 Multi-Sports (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 4 th June	P6/7 visiting Gorbal Sound Recording Studio (details to follow)
Tuesday, 4 th June	P1-3 Multi-Sports (12.45pm – 1.15pm) – final week
Wednesday, 5 th June	P4 swimming lessons
Wednesday, 5 th June	Wear Yellow Walk – P7 children (details to follow)
Wednesday, 5 th June	P5 Games at Hamilton Palace Sports Grounds (details to follow)
Thursday, 6 th June	P7 Reflective Space with Rev Anderson and Rev Macdonald
Monday, 10 th June	Credit Union collection point – All children
Monday, 10 th June	P6/7 Football; P5-7 Multi-Sports (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 11 th June	Learning Journals drop-in session – Nursery parents/carers
Wednesday, 12 th June	P1 and P1A visiting Science Centre (details to follow)
Wednesday, 12 th June	P4 swimming lessons
Thursday, 13 th June	P1-7 Sports Day (weather permitting)
Monday, 17 th June	Credit Union collection point – All children (final week)
Monday, 17 th June	P6/7 Football; P5-7 Multi-Sports (3.00pm – 4.00pm) – final week
Monday, 17 th June	P7 Parents' Information Evening at Calderside Academy
Tuesday, 18 th June	P7 Induction Day at Calderside Academy
Wednesday, 19 th June	P7 Induction Day at Calderside Academy
Wednesday, 19 th June	P4 swimming lessons
Thursday, 20 th June	Nursery Graduation (10.00am start)
Thursday, 20 th June	P7 Leavers' Party (6.30pm start)
Friday, 21 st June	P7 Record of Achievement Assembly (1.30pm start)
Tuesday, 25 th June	P7 (Room 11) visiting Glasgow Ski Centre (details to follow)
Wednesday, 26 th June	P4 swimming lessons – final week
Thursday, 27 th June	P7 Leavers' Service at Livingstone Memorial Church (9.30am) – All welcome
Friday, 28th June	School closes at 1.00pm
Tuesday, 13th August	In-Service Day – school closed to children
Wednesday, 14th August	In-Service Day – school closed to children
Thursday, 15th August	School re-opens for children (P2-7 = 8.55am; P1 = 9.30am)

