



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Carer

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of session already. Some of our nursery children are ready to make the transition into P1 and our P7s will be leaving David Livingstone Memorial Primary School for the last time, moving on to secondary school and the start of a new chapter in their lives. We hope that all of these children do well in their new setting and carry with them many fond memories of their time with us. We will miss them all greatly.

End of Term Arrangements

School will finish for the Summer holidays on **Thursday, 24th June**. In line with health and safety guidance, we will keep with our staggered finishes and so classes will finish at the following times:

P1, P3, P5 and P7 = 12.45pm
P1/2, P3/4 and P6/7 = 12.55pm
P2, P4 and P6 = 1.05pm

Children will return to school on **Monday, 16th August** following 2 in-service days for staff. We do not yet know what Covid-19 restrictions will be in place at this time, so please keep checking our school website for regular updates. It may be that we need to continue with staggered starts and finishes, but we will let you know about this as soon as we are in a position to do so.

Please remember to keep the gate and the pathway clear if you are waiting outside the school. Following government guidelines, face coverings should also be worn by all adults (unless exempt).

School Lunch on Last Day

Most children do not normally take a school lunch on the last day because we finish so early. However, school lunches will still be available for anyone who requires one, with the choice on offer being pizza/pasta combo or a sandwich. If your child wishes a school lunch, he/she will come along to the dinner hall as normal, then will return to their class immediately after they have finished eating. As always happens on the last day of term, there will be no formal lunch break and so if your child is not having a school dinner, he/she should not bring in a packed lunch.

Staff Changes

We are still awaiting one member of staff being allocated to the school for next session, then we will be able to let children know their classes and their teacher(s) for August. As we are unable to have our usual 'Moving On Session' due to Coronavirus restrictions, all children will receive a 'Teacher Passport' with their letter. This passport will show them a photograph of their class teacher, as well

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as some interesting information about him/her too. We have already issued these to our new P1 children and they have been very positively received.

At the end of session, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Feeney (our P6 teacher), Mrs Iles (one of our nursery teachers) and Miss Reilly (one of our support assistants). We wish all of these ladies well with whatever the future holds for them and thank them for all that they have contributed to the learning and teaching of children at DLMPS during their time with us. Mrs McGeehan (our 0.6 Depute Head Teacher) will also be starting her maternity leave, and we hope to be able to tell you about the birth of her new baby when he/she arrives. Good luck, Mrs McGeehan!

Final Words ...

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your invaluable support throughout the past year. As you know, this school year has been unlike anything anyone has ever experienced before, but the children and staff at all levels have continued to work hard and I feel so proud to be able to call myself their Head Teacher.

For some parents/carers, your time with DLMPS is almost at an end. We will miss having you as part of our school family, but hope that you and your children enjoy good health and happiness in the times ahead.

Best wishes for a fantastic holiday when it comes. Take care and keep safe everyone.

Yours sincerely

**Linda Callender
Head Teacher**