



# 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

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another session. At the end of June, we will be bidding farewell to Mrs Cockburn, one of our school support assistants who works predominantly in our school office, as she will be retiring after 26 years at DLMPs. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mrs Cockburn well as she prepares to start a new chapter in her life.

We will also be saying good bye to a number of temporary staff in our school: Mrs Daly (P3/4 teacher), Miss Collins (P4 teacher), Miss Feeney (P5/6 teacher) and Miss Macdonald (0.6 CCC teacher). We have still not been allocated staff to replace these teachers. As a result, we are not yet in a position to let you know your child's new class and class teacher for 2022/2023, but we will share this information with you as soon as we can.

Please remember that the school is here to support you and your family at all times. If there is anything personal that you would like to discuss relating to your family, please either phone the school or send me an email at the following address and I will do my best to help: gw14dlmpsht@glow.sch.uk

*Linda Callender  
Head Teacher*

## **Covid-19**

Please remember that if your child has any of the coronavirus symptoms listed below, he/she should isolate straight away. Until the end of April 2022, you should also book a PCR test via [www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot), or by calling 0800 028 2816 and your child should remain off of school/nursery until their test results have been received. You should book a test through Test and Protect if you or your child has:



- A new, continuous cough (coughing for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- Fever/high temperature (37.8°C or greater)
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

**In line with the new guidelines, children can return to school/nursery if someone in their household or one of their close contacts receives a positive PCR test so long as the child is not displaying any symptoms. However, if he/she goes on to develop symptoms at a later date, he/she should then arrange a PCR test and self-isolate for a period of 10 days. You can, however, end the isolation before the end of the 10 days provided your child has returned 2 consecutive LFTs taken at least 24 hours apart, with the first test being completed no earlier than Day 6. Even if both these tests are negative, your child should still not return if he/she has a fever. For further guidance on self-isolation, please look at the NHS Inform website.**

Children will be sent home from school/nursery if they are showing symptoms of coronavirus. If your child is feeling unwell with different symptoms, you should treat those as you normally would. This may mean that your child will have to be absent from school for a few days. **Remember that if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, he/she should remain off school for 48 hours (2 days) after the last episode of their illness.**

Please keep us updated on a daily basis regarding your child's absence and the reason for this.

From 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022, staff in schools and nurseries are no longer advised to undertake twice-weekly Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs). We are also no longer required to send home individual 'warn and inform' letters now that the transition away from asymptomatic testing is in place. Good ventilation will, however, remain important, so windows and doors will remain open, as appropriate. There are also CO2 monitors fitted in all of our learning areas so staff are able to see if ventilation needs to be increased at any time.



### **Reading Schools Award**

I am delighted that we have recently been awarded our Bronze Reading Schools Accreditation Award! This award formally recognises all of the hard work that has been done across the school to support reading for pleasure, with a special 'thank you' being offered to our P4-7 Reading Schools Committee, Mr Burns and Miss Smith (our Literacy Coordinators) and Mrs Charlton (one of our parent helpers) who have led this initiative this session. We now hope to build on this success by applying for further awards next session.

### **School/Nursery Photographs**

Proof copies of our school/nursery photographs have been sent home to all our families. If you would like to order one of these photographs, please could you return your order form **no later than Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June** so that these can be sent away for processing. Thank you.



### **Sports Day**

Our Nursery Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June**, with parents/carers invited to attend from 9.30am – 10.30am provided the weather is dry.

Our P1-7 Sports Day will take place on **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June**. The format for this will be as follows:

- 9.15am – 10.30am = P1-3 potted sports
- 11.00am – 12.15pm = whole school races for children who have qualified for final
- 1.30pm – 2.45pm = P4-7 potted sports

Once again, parents/carers are invited to attend if the weather is dry.

### **Davie Cooper Soccer 7s**

Well done to our P6-7 children who participated in the Davie Cooper Soccer 7s tournament on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. Although the children did not win, they did themselves proud and were a credit to themselves, their families and everyone at DLMPs.



### **P1-3 21<sup>st</sup> Century Families Play Award**

Last term we launched a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Families Play Award for all our P1-3 children. This is designed to encourage parents/carers to engage in lots of fun activities with their children, without costing them any money. Miss Marshall (our P1/2 teacher) also created an interactive PowerPoint explaining exactly what is involved in this project and this was posted on all of our P1-3 Google Classrooms for you to see. She also gave you lots of ideas for free things that you can do in our local area if you have spare time after school or at a weekend.

We are planning on having a special award ceremony for all the children who have engaged in this project as part of our whole school assembly on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June**, so please ensure that your child has returned their booklet by **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June** so that all of their efforts can be formally recognised. Thank you.



### **Full Reports**

Our Full Reports for P1-P7 pupils and our Nursery Reports have already been sent home to all families. Please remember to complete the parent/child response sheet at the back of your child's report and return this to your child's class teacher **by Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June**. Thank you.

### **Parent/Carer Consultations**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Parent/Carer Consultations on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May. I hope that you found these informative. Staff are in the process of trying to make contact with anyone who missed their appointment so they should in touch with those concerned over the next few days.



### **Scottish Mathematical Challenge**

Once again, pupils from our school have excelled in the Scottish Mathematical Challenge. One child gained a Silver Award - Beth Anderson (P7) – and 4 children also gained a Bronze Award – Alesha Russell (P7), Ameilia Gorman (P7), Logan Bradford (P7) and Oliver Allen (P6). What a fantastic achievement for all 5 children!

### **P6 Junior Cop/Good Citizen Workshops**

Over the past 5 weeks, all of our P6 children have engaged in a series of workshops organised by Police Scotland designed to support responsible citizenship and discourage anti-social behaviour. All staff who have attended these sessions have commented on how honest and insightful the children's responses were so well done to everyone involved.



### **P1 Inductions**

It was lovely to invite in our new P1 children and their parents/carers on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May and Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May and we now cannot wait to see them again in August. Our current P6 children also did a great job acting as buddies, supporting the younger children to settle on the days of their visits.

### **School Uniform**

A few parents have been in touch regarding the supply of school uniform. If you wish to have the school badge on your child's clothing, this is now available to order online from Scotcrest in Hamilton ([www.Scotcrest.co.uk](http://www.Scotcrest.co.uk)). However, please remember that this is not a mandatory requirement and many supermarkets also sell items of clothing in our school colours at a cheaper cost. In addition, please also remember that we have a recycling rail containing lots of new and nearly new clothing that is available free of charge outside our main office.



### **Google Form**

Thank you to everyone who completed our online Google Form linked to our school improvement priorities for next session. We have also consulted with the children, as well as staff at all levels, and will use these results to inform our targets for 2022/2023. Further information regarding our School Improvement Plan for 2022/2023 will be sent home at the beginning of next session.

### **Nursery Children**

Almost all of our Nursery children will soon be making the transition into P1 and, for a few boys and girls, this will mean a change of school. We have loved getting to know all of them, watching them grow in confidence day by day. We now wish them all 'good luck' as they move on to the next stage in their educational journey and would like to thank all of their parents/carers and other family members for being so supportive of our Nursery over the past 2 years.





### **P7 Transition**

As our P7 children prepare to move on to secondary school, I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best for the future and to thank them for everything that they have contributed to DLMPS in the time that they have been with us. We will be sad to see them go, but hope that they continue to try their very best in everything that they do so that they can follow their hopes and their dreams at high school. Thank you, too, to all the respective parents/carers for all the support that you have given the school over the years.

### **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.



### **Pupil Sickness**

Please remember that if your child has suffered from sickness or diarrhoea, he/she should stay at home for at least 48 hours (2 days) after their symptoms stop to prevent the infection being passed on to anyone else. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

### **Pupil Absence**

Please remember that it is the parent/carer's responsibility to inform us if your child is going to be absent from school. Should we be unable to get in touch with yourself or one of your child's emergency contacts, we may need to ask the Police or other agencies to visit your home to ensure that your child is safe.



### **ParentPay**

At DLMPS, we use a resource called ParentPay to allow families to pay for school lunches and milk, as well as to collect in any money that is requested for school activities since we are no longer expected to handle any cash.

We also use the email addresses stored on ParentPay to send out important communication from the school. This helps us to be more environmentally-friendly since we do not then have to print out paper copies of letters, etc for all our families. In addition, it also saves us a considerable amount of money on paper and postage and means that we can then use this to buy additional resources for the children.

If you have not yet registered with ParentPay, please could you contact Mrs Cockburn in our school office to find out how to do this as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Primary School App**

We have our own app in order to make communication with parents/carers more effective, as well as to post up photographs of our children's successes and achievements. To access this app, all you need to do is download the free app called 'Primary School App'. By doing so we will be able to notify you about school events, news and important diary dates. If you have any difficulties downloading this app, please contact the school and we will do our best to help.



### **Twitter**

The school has a Twitter account and we use it to post information and photos from events within the school. The Twitter address is @dlivvies. Please note that this is a one-way communication tool and we will not respond to any comments. Our account is also protected so only people who are accepted as followers will be able to see the tweets. As a result, only followers who can be recognised as having a connection with the school will be accepted.



### **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club continues to increase in popularity which is great to see. There is no charge for this and children will be offered the choice of Weetabix/toast/fresh fruit and a cup of water/milk. Due to our change of starting time, children coming to Breakfast Club should enter the school via the main door **between 8.15am and 8.35am**. Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept any children outwith these times.



Children will be supervised by 2 support assistants and they are expected to show responsible and safe behaviour at all times, following the same rules that apply in our dining hall at lunchtime. Children will then be dismissed into the playground at 8.45am where they will be supervised by support staff.

### **Financial Support for Families**

South Lanarkshire Council are keen to provide as much support as possible for all our families. Please see the information below on Money Matters should this be of support to you:

*We offer **free, confidential and impartial advice** - we can help check your benefit entitlement, assist with the claims process, challenge decisions and represent you at Social Security appeal tribunals. For debt issues we look at your financial circumstances, contact creditors, discuss options and give budgeting advice. **Contact number: 0303 123 1008.***

*Our Telephone Advice Line offers a similar service specifically aimed at pregnant women and families with young children. **Contact number: 01698 453154.***



### **Scottish Child Payment**

Scottish Child Payment is a new benefit which started in February 2021. This payment is for families on certain benefits or tax credits. Eligible families will get £40 every 4 weeks for each child under the age of 6 years. To find out more about this payment and other benefits or grants to which you may be entitled, please access [www.mygov.scot/benefits](http://www.mygov.scot/benefits) or call 0800 182 2222.

### **Family Fund**

'Family Fund' is an organisation which supports families on low incomes who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child up to the age of 17 years old. These grants are available annually and can be used for items such as computers and tablets, sensory toys, family breaks, outdoor play equipment, furniture and kitchen appliances. If you think this may be of interest to you, please visit the following website for more information:

[www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk)



### **Take A Break Fund**

'Take a Break' is Scotland's short breaks fund for parents/carers of disabled children, young people and their families. Take a Break grants can be used for a break away, towards leisure activities or outings; sports equipment and much, much more.

Take a Break Scotland can accept applications from a parent/carer of a disabled child or young person. They can only accept one application per household or family unit, with new applications set to be open in April/May 2022.

If you can say 'Yes' to the following, 'Take a Break' may be able to offer a grant:

- I have lived in Scotland continuously for six months or longer
- I am a UK resident and have recourse to public funds
- I am caring for a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 0-20 years who lives at home with me
- My child or young person is not subject to a care order or Looked After by the Local Authority (e.g. the child is in foster care).

Please see [info@takeabreakscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@takeabreakscotland.org.uk) for more details.

## **Parent Club**

Parent Club is a digital information resource, support hub and online community from the Scottish Government, offering practical advice and support for families across Scotland. The site includes tips and suggestions on a wide range of subjects, including helping parents/carers to keep calm, and coping with distressed behaviour.

To help families manage the challenges, especially during Covid, Parent Club have launched a Positive Parenting campaign. Please visit the following link to find out more:

[www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus/coping-with-parenting](http://www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus/coping-with-parenting)



### **Water in Class**

Children are encouraged to sip **plain water** in class as research has shown that this increases their concentration when learning. This should be in a plastic sports bottle to avoid spillage. Please note that juice and flavoured/sparkling water are not permitted in the classrooms as they leave a terribly sticky mess if they are spilled and may spoil someone's work. Children who do bring this in to school will be asked to leave their bottle in their schoolbag until the next break time. Water is also served at lunchtime and children may also bring in a second bottle of water on P.E. days if they wish.

### **Sanitary Products**

The Scottish Government is keen to ensure that sanitary products are freely accessible to all who need them. Our older girls know where they can be accessed in the school without causing any unnecessary embarrassment.



### **False Nails**

Please remember that false nail extensions are unacceptable for school as they restrict the things that the child can do in class and they could cause injury to either the child or someone else if they inadvertently bump into them. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

### **Administering Medicine**

South Lanarkshire Council has guidelines on the administration of medication. Should your child require to take prescribed medication in school, it is essential that you complete an 'Administration of Medicine' form. A copy of this form is available on request from the school office. Pupils may carry inhalers with them, if necessary. However, should you wish your child to carry an inhaler whilst he/she is in school, an 'Administration of Medicine' form must still be completed.



Only medication prescribed by a doctor and 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. Please also remember to keep us up-to-date regarding any health-related issues for your child as we are aware that these can change at any time.

### **Family Holidays**

In line with South Lanarkshire Council policy, the school implements a Maximising Attendance policy and holiday absences will normally be recorded as unauthorised. I would, therefore, request that holidays are taken outwith term time to allow your child to benefit fully from the learning experiences that are planned in school. Please note that class teachers are unable to provide additional work for your child if he/she is on holiday.



### Free School Meals/Clothing Grants

If you are in receipt of Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction from South Lanarkshire Council, the local authority will now use the information that they hold to automatically award free school meals (P6 to S6) and/or school clothing grants (P1 to S6) to eligible families.



**As of January 2022, all P5 children are now entitled to a free school meal.** Please remember that although P1-5 children do not need to pay for a school lunch, they still need to pay 20p every day if they wish a carton of milk, unless they qualify for a free school meal. All milk should now be paid for via ParentPay. Please contact staff in the school office if you have any difficulties accessing this at home.

### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

As a school, we will be having a special Platinum Jubilee Assembly on **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May**. (This date has been chosen since our P5 children will be attending the P5 Games at Jock Stein Sports Centre on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June). During week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> May, all classes will also be engaging in a range of activities to commemorate this momentous occasion for the Queen.



### Parent Council Meeting

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place via Zoom on **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June** starting at 6.30pm and all parent/carers are welcome to attend. If you wish to attend this meeting, please contact the school office so that log-in details can be sent home. If you would like to participate in this meeting, please email Karen Rouse (Chairperson) ([dlmpsparentcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:dlmpsparentcouncil@hotmail.com)) and she will send you the log-in details.



Thank you, too, to the Parent Council for agreeing to buy all of the children a drink and a snack for their Sports Days, as well as for helping to fund the leavers' hoodies for our P7 children.



### School Closures

Please remember that the school will be closed on **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June** and **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June** for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The school will then close on **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June at 1.00pm** for the Summer holidays. Pupils will return to school on **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022** following 2 in-service days for staff. Please keep checking our school app and our school website for any updated information. Thank you.

### Final Words ...

It's hard to believe that we are at the start of June already and the Summer holidays will start in just over 3 weeks' time! Once again, this has been a challenging year for everyone and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents/carers for your support, patience and understanding throughout the past session. Staff at all levels have risen to the challenge and I am extremely grateful for all their efforts in supporting the learning and achievements of the children in our care.

As always, the real stars are, of course, our wonderful children who have shown great resilience and strength of character during uncertain times. Their ongoing enthusiasm for learning and sense of optimism is a lesson for us all and I, for one, never fail to be amazed by their talents. To say I am very proud to be their head teacher would be understatement!

As we approach the end of another term, I hope that you and your family continue to keep safe and well. Please remember to contact me ([gw14dlmpsht@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14dlmpsht@glow.sch.uk)) if there is anything that I can do to support you and your family.

Finally, 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. Hopefully we will be blessed with good weather!

*Linda Callender*  
Head Teacher



## Dates For Your Diary

Date	Event and Persons Involved
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Nursery visit to Calderglen Country Park
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Platinum Jubilee Assembly – All children
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June	SLC P5 Games – All P5 children
<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Holiday – school closed to children and staff</b>
<b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Holiday – school closed to children and staff</b>
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	P6/7 Football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	P5/6 visit to Glasgow Science Centre
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Calderside Academy 'School of Rock' (7.00pm start) - P7 pupils and parents/carers
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Sports Day – parents/carers invited
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Families Play Award booklets due – P1-P3 children
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June	P1-7 Sports Day – parents/carers invited
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Council meeting (6.30pm start) – All welcome
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Families Play Award presentation ceremony – P1-P3 children
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June	P6/7 & P7 visit to Belahouston Ski Centre
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June	P5/6 Football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Monday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Calderside Academy Parent Information Evening (7.00pm start)
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 children attending Calderside Academy all day
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June	P4 visit to Whitelee Windfarm
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Graduations (10.00am start) – parents/carers invited
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Record of Achievement Assembly (1.30pm start) – parents/carers invited
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> June	P1, P1/2 & P2 visit to Glasgow Science Centre
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	P7 Party in the Park
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Nursery Beach Party (pm)
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	P7 Party (6.00pm – 7.30pm)
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Leavers' Service in Livingstone Memorial Church (9.30am start) – All welcome
<b>Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School closes at 1.00pm</b>
<b>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>In-Service Day – school closed to all children</b>
<b>Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>In-Service Day – school closed to all children</b>
<b>Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>School re-opens for all children</b>

