



# 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 learn and grow.

Our Values = Respect, Inclusion, Nurture

Motto = 'I will go anywhere, provided it be forward'. (Dr David Livingstone)

Dear Parents/Carers

January has flown by in a flash and it's lovely to see the days are starting to get slightly longer and the bulbs starting to grow. Nevertheless, it is still very chilly so please ensure that your child wears a warm, waterproof jacket to school every day. Please also remember that we have a number of new/nearly new jackets on our recycling rail at the main entrance should these be of support to you and your family.

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. In addition, 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](mailto:gw14dlmpsht@glow.sch.uk)

Linda Callender  
Head Teacher



## **P7 Residential Visit**

Our P7s (and accompanying staff!) are getting very excited about their forthcoming 3-day residential visit to PGL in Dalguise near Perth. We have already sent home a kit list, but please remember to let us know if there is anything that you do not currently have so that we can try to support you with this. Please also remember that there will be a Parent and Child Information Session about this trip on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February from 4.00pm – 5.00pm.**

If your child is due to attend this visit and you are having difficulties making a payment, please contact Mrs McGeehan, one of our DHTs, to discuss. Her email address is as follows:  
[gw07mcgeehanashleigh@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw07mcgeehanashleigh@glow.sch.uk).

## **Sensory Room Update**

We are still in the process of developing our new sensory room using the money that was raised from our Silent Disco at the end of September. A huge thank you to one of our parents, Miss Gormley, who gave up her own time to paint this room and helped to arrange for a carpet fitter for us. Thank you, too, to all our parents/carers who put forward suggestions for resources that we could buy for this new area of our school. Children and staff at all levels were also consulted and orders are gradually starting to arrive. Once everything has been set up, we will have a special launch day so that all children can see our exciting new venture.



## **P3, P4 and P4/5 Hockey**

Our P3, P4 and P4/5 classes have just recently begun a block of hockey lessons in partnership with coaches from Uddingston Hockey Club. At the end of this, it is hoped that they will also attend a tournament organised by the club, so this will be something for everyone to look forward to. Details regarding this tournament will be issued in due course.

## Timekeeping

Unfortunately, a number of children repeatedly arrive late for school. This can then cause disruption in class as teachers may need to go back over something that a child has missed. It also causes a lot of embarrassment for your child. Please remember that our school starts at **8.55am** so please support your child to be on time every day. Thank you.



### *Did you know.....?*

- ***A child who arrives 15 minutes late every day misses out on 50 hours of learning over the course of a year***

## Attendance at School

The Scottish Government and Education Scotland are aiming for 95.0% attendance for all children at school. Last session, the average attendance for DLMPs was 93.0%. Our weekly attendance rates so far for the month of January were as follows:

Date	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	95.00%	94.87%	86.40%	91.11%	92.43%	96.29%	93.66%
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	97.22%	93.33%	89.60%	91.67%	94.86%	96.57%	96.34%
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	98.33%	97.95%	88.00%	95.28%	93.24%	97.14%	93.66%
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	97.22%	98.46%	92.00%	89.44%	97.84%	92.57%	95.02%
<b>Average per Stage</b>	<b>96.94%</b>	<b>96.15%</b>	<b>89.00%</b>	<b>91.88%</b>	<b>94.59%</b>	<b>95.64%</b>	<b>94.67%</b>

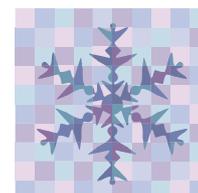
We recently published an attendance newsletter on our social media. Please support us in trying to increase our attendance to within national expectations. We are generally showing an improving picture, so your support with this is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### *Did you know.....?*

- ***96% attendance = 7-8 days of lost learning***
- ***95% attendance = 2 weeks of lost learning***
- ***93% attendance = 3 weeks of lost learning***
- ***90% attendance = 1 month of lost learning***
- ***80% attendance = 2 months of lost learning***
  
- ***Children who have an average of 90% attendance every year will have lost the equivalent of 1 year of schooling by the time they are in S3***

## 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](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk)) and 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.



As a school, we also have an Adverse Weather Plan in place. This means that should we experience adverse weather conditions, the janitor will prioritise the clearing of snow and ice in a pathway leading from the main gates at the front of the school to the main entrance. There will also be one route cleared from the car park to the main entrance, but both parents and staff enter the car park at their own risk.



## Textile Recycling Bin

Our Parent Council have been successful in acquiring a textile recycling bin to help support sustainability, as well as raise funds for the school. This bin is located in the Coatshill Avenue car park across the road from the school and it will take donations of wearable clothes, paired shoes and bags. It is estimated that a full bin can raise up to £400, so any donations that you have will be gratefully received.

## 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. We have a number of children and staff who are medically vulnerable, so your support with this is greatly appreciated.



## 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 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.



## 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.

## Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club continues to run every morning. There is no charge for this and children will be offered the choice of Weetabix/toast/fresh fruit and a cup of water/milk. 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.

## P.E. Times

As P.E. forms part of our national curriculum, it is expected that all pupils will participate in this activity. If, for any reason, your child is unable to take part in P.E., please notify his/her class teacher in writing. At present, all children are still required to come dressed in suitable clothing in order to take part in P.E. on their allocated gym days. This means that they should wear a **school sweatshirt**, leggings/joggers, a t-shirt and appropriate gym shoes. In line with South Lanarkshire Council policy, no football colours, including club shorts or tracksuits, should be worn at any time in school.



Children are advised not wear jewellery to school on P.E. days. If they do, they will need to remove it before taking part in any physical activity. Parents/carers are also asked to provide small plasters to cover their child's ears if he/she is unable to take out their own earrings.

### Contacting Class Teachers

We understand that there may be occasions when you wish to contact your child's class teacher. If you wish to speak to a member of school staff, please contact the office by phone (01698 823680) or by email ([gw14dlmpsoffice@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw14dlmpsoffice@glow.sch.uk)). Thank you.



### Instagram

The school has moved away from X (formerly known as Twitter) as a means of communication. Our new social media platform is Instagram @DLMPS2025. Please note that this is a closed and private group with only current parents/carers and staff permitted to follow. We use this platform to share achievements and pictures of what is going on in the school and in your child's class. No pictures of children will be posted until we have permission consented via Parentsportal. If you require support to join Instagram, please contact Miss Lattimer, one of our DHTs, ([gw07lattimerjennifer@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw07lattimerjennifer@glow.sch.uk)). Thank you.

### School Closures

Please remember that the school and nursery will be closed to children and staff for the mid-term holiday on **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February.** **Children should also not attend on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February either** as this is an In-Service Day for staff. Children should return, as normal, on **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February** at 8.55am.



### Useful Apps

Top Marks	Oxford Owl
Doorway Online	Teach Your Monster To Read
Reading Eggs	Teach Your Monster To Count

**Dates For Your Diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event and Persons Involved</b>
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Monthly focus on 'Respected' wellbeing indicator starts – all classes
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	National Race Equalities Week – all children
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	National Children's Mental Health Week – all children
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	National Reading Schools Week – all children
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	School committees – all children
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	P6/7 football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	PGL Information Session (4.00pm – 5.00pm)
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	P3 multi-sports (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Early Bird Plus training with Specialist Support Teacher – selected families
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February	P3, P4 & P4/5 hockey
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February	P5-7 Glee club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February	P6/7 cross country (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February	P6/7 football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day – all children
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February	P3 multi-sports (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February	P4 visiting Science Centre
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Early Bird Plus training with Specialist Support Teacher – selected families
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	P3, P4 & P4/5 hockey
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	P5-7 Glee club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	P6/7 cross country (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
<b>Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>In-Service Day – children do not attend</b>
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February	P3, P4 & P4/5 hockey
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February	P5-7 Glee club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	P6/7 Football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February	P3 multi-sports (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Mixed Football Festival – selected P6/7 children
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Early Bird Plus training with Specialist Support Teacher – selected families
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	P3 & P4 hockey
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	P5-7 Glee club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	P4/5 visit to Dundonald Castle – details to follow
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Monthly focus on 'Responsible' wellbeing indicator starts – all classes

Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	P7 residential visit
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	P7 residential visit
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	P3 multi-sports (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	P4/5 class showcase (1.30pm – 2.30pm)
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 residential visit
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Early Bird Plus training with Specialist Support Teacher – selected families
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – all children (details to follow)
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	P5-7 Glee club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week – all children
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	School committees – all children
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	P6/7 Football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March	P3 multi-sports (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March	P6/7 visit to Stirling Castle – details to follow
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March	P3, P4 & P4/5 hockey
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March	P5-7 Glee club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Council meeting (6.30pm start) – all welcome
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March	P6 class showcase (9.30am – 10.30am)
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	National Neurodiversity Awareness Week – all children
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	P6/7 Football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> March	P3 multi-sports (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March	P3, P4 & P4/5 hockey
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March	P5-7 Glee club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March	P6/7 class showcase (1.30pm – 2.30pm)
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	P1 and P7 dental inspections
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	World of Work Week
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	P6/7 Football (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March	P3, P4 & P4/5 hockey
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March	P5-7 Glee club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March	P5 class showcase (1.30pm – 2.30pm)
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service in church (9.30am) – all welcome
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Mixed Football Festival – selected P6/7 children
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Pupil Reports out to parents/carers – all children
<b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>School closes at 2.30pm</b>

