



# David Livingstone Memorial Primary School and Nursery Class

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to all our families! I trust that you all had a lovely holiday and had the chance to relax over the festive period. Thank you to everyone who supported us with our special Christmas events before the holidays, including our annual Christmas Fayre, Christmas Jumper Day organised by our Rights Respecting School Committee which raised a whopping £280 for Save the Children, our Nativity performances and Christmas Service. The children also had great fun at their class Christmas parties, with our Nursery and P1 pupils even having a visit from a very special person!

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.

Linda Callender  
Head Teacher



### Scottish Government Visit

A representative from the Scottish Government, as well as a Development Officer from South Lanarkshire Council visited the school on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December to find out how we run our school Credit Union and the impact that this has on the children. Both visitors were very impressed by how knowledgeable and articulate the children were, so well done to everyone who was involved. We feel very privileged to have been invited to take part in this event as it offers formal recognition for the good practice that exists within our school.

### P1 Enrolment

If you have a child who is due to start school in August 2017, enrolment will take place in the school during week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> January at the following times:

Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January	1.30pm – 2.45pm
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am – 12.00pm and 1.30pm – 2.45pm
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January	1.30pm – 2.45pm
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am – 12.00pm and 1.30pm – 2.45pm
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January	1.30pm – 2.45pm



Parents/Carers are reminded that they need to bring with them their child's full birth certificate, along with 2 proofs of residency, such as a utility bill or a bank statement.



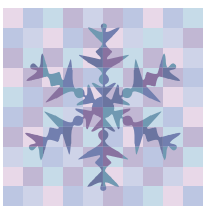
### Scots Week

Following on from the success of our Scottish Book Week last term, the whole school will be participating in a special Scots Week starting on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January. During this week children from across all stages will have the opportunity to enhance their understanding of Scots language through a range of different activities, including poetry and song. This will culminate in a special Scots Afternoon on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January where children will have the chance to showcase their learning to others.

### Children Arriving Late At School

Please remember that parents/carers should accompany their child to the front entrance if he/she is late for school or if they arrive back at school having attended an appointment. This will then ensure that your child arrives in school safely.





### **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, 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.

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



### **School Lending Library**

One of our improvement priorities this session is to raise children's attainment in reading. As part of this, last term we opened our school lending library to P4 and P5 children and their parents/carers so that they may borrow a book that they can read at home together. This term we plan to open our lending library to all P3-7 children and their parents. Sessions will take place from Wednesday afternoons starting week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> January, so please come along and lend us your support.

### **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.



### **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 are unable to determine their whereabouts, we are obliged to contact the Attendance Officer who will call at the family home.

### **Jewellery**

We would be grateful if children could refrain from wearing jewellery on days when they have P.E. For health and safety reasons, children are asked to remove all items of jewellery before their P.E. lesson. If your child has just recently had his/her ears pierced and cannot remove their earrings, parents are asked to provide small plasters to cover their child's ears. Thank you.



### **February Holiday**

Please remember that the school will be closed for the mid-term holiday on **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February. Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February** is an In-Service day and children should not attend on this day.

## Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event and Children/Parents Involved
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Council meeting (6.30pm start) – All welcome
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January	P6/7 Netball (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January	P1 enrolment (1.30pm – 2.45pm)
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> January	P1 enrolment (9.30am – 12.00pm and 1.30pm – 2.45pm)
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January	P5 Titanic Showcase (9.45am start) – Children in Mrs Jeffrey's class
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January	P1 enrolment (1.30pm – 2.45pm)
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January	P3-7 Lending Library (3.00pm – 3.30pm)
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	P1 enrolment (9.30am – 12.00pm and 1.30pm – 2.45pm)
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Sports Hall Athletics – Selected children
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	P6/7 Netball (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January	P3, P4, P4/5 Viking Assembly (9.30am start)
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January	P1 enrolment (1.30pm – 2.45pm)
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	P6/7 Football Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Fun 5Z Netball – Selected children
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January	P3-7 Lending Library (3.00pm – 3.30pm)
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January	P6/7 Netball Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Scots Afternoon – All children
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January	P6/7 Football Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> February	P3-7 Lending Library (3.00pm – 3.30pm)
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	P6/7 Netball Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Credit Union collection point
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February	P6/7 Football Club (3.00pm – 4.00pm)
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February	P3-7 Lending Library (3.00pm – 3.30pm)
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February	P6/7 Netball Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Council meeting (6.30pm start) – All welcome
<b>Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Holiday – School closed to children and staff</b>
<b>Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Holiday – School closed to children and staff</b>
<b>Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>In-Service Day – School closed to children</b>
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February	P6/7 Netball Club (12.45pm – 1.15pm)