



# Livingstone Newsletter

## 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### Star of the Week:

Nursery: Hareem                      Reception: Jake  
Year 1: Jenson                      Year 2: Ben  
Class 3: Mia                      Class 4: Faradja  
Class 5: Jamie

### Attendance:

Reception: 95.6%              Year 1: 99.0%    Year 2: 99.1%              Class 3: 100 %              Class 4: 97.9%              Class 5: 99.2%  
School Average: 98.46%    Well done Class 3.

### Clubs:

All clubs will be on next week. Please remember that several have different finish times. Most finish at 4.15pm. However, Choir finishes at 4.00pm, Art at 4.30pm and Multi-skills on a Wednesday at 5.00pm.

### Parking:



This is a recurring problem. Thank you to those parents who always park considerately.

Please be aware that the yellow zig zags are there for the safety of all children in school. **They should NOT be parked on.** This applies even if you are just popping into school to drop your child off. Please park further away from school and walk down or up the hill. **This is for the safety of all of our children.**

Even though there aren't zigzags in the middle of the turning circle, please do not park there. This is a space for cars to turn around.

### Parent Governor Election:

Only one nomination for the role of Parent Governor was received. Therefore, Emma Koivunen (mum to Grace and Olivia) was elected to the Governing Body.

### MEN Good Schools Guide:

The Manchester Evening News has published its ranking of schools for 2017. We are very proud with the 5 star overall rating they gave us. We were also awarded 5 stars for attainment for all, progress and attendance. This ranks us 13<sup>th</sup> in Tameside and 1,734<sup>th</sup> out of 14,459 schools in England! The link to the report is below:

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/local-news/livingstone-primary-school-6487710>

### Middy assistants:

We are looking for some midday assistants to help the children eating in the dinner hall and supervise them outside during lunch time. The hours are from 11.50 – 1.05 every day Monday – Friday. If you, or anyone you know, is interested please ask for an application form and job description at the office.

### School Council:

The children have elected our new School Council. They are Tallulah, Jenson, Kane, Scarlet, Amelia W, Ciara, Tymek, Ceryn, Gracie and Finn. Congratulations to you all. We look forward to hearing about your ideas.

### MacMillan Coffee Morning:

Thank you for all your delicious donations to the Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised £109.



### PE Kits:

Please remember that all children need a PE kit in school. From Reception to Class 5 they all need a change of t-shirt, shorts / leggings and pumps. We expect all children to change for PE. If girls are wearing tights for school, it can be useful to keep some socks in their PE bags. PE kits can be left at school on children's pegs for the half term as they don't get that sweaty.

### Reading at home:

We are going to have a real drive this year on children reading at home. Children should spend some time reading at home as often as possible. Reading at home must be recorded in the reading diary. It doesn't have to be a long session but 10 minutes a night can ensure that your child makes the best possible progress.

### Times Tables:

It's really important that children know their times tables off by heart. The expectations in the National Curriculum are as follows:

**By the end of Year 2:** 2, 5 and 10 times tables and their related division facts.

**By the end of Year 3:** (As above plus) 3, 4 and 8 times tables and their related division facts.

**By the end of Year 4:** all of the times tables up to 12 x 12 and their related division facts.

**Years 5 and 6:** the children should consolidate their speed of mental recall for all multiplication and division facts.

All children from Y2-6 have a log in for Times Tables Rock Stars which helps children to practice their tables on line. When playing the game the children create their own personal rockstar character. The more they play and the more questions they answer correctly they earn 'virtual money' or 'coins'. The children are then able to purchase items to enhance their character. The children learn their times tables in an entertaining and engaging way! We'd recommend Children practice on this game most evenings for just a short period of time.

### Holidays:

Please remember that school does not authorise term-time holidays. An absence of 5 days from school (10 registration sessions) can mean that a fine will be issued from Tameside. We promote good attendance in school as we believe this supports children to make the best possible progress.

### Dates for your diary:

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Football Match V. St Peter's Stalybridge

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October: Class 4 assembly 9.10 am

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October: Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby competition

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October: Year 2 Assembly 9.10am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October: Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Year 1 assembly 9.10am

Parents' Evening 6-8pm

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Book Bus event in school

Class 5 to Methodist Church – experience Harvest

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October Reception Assembly 9.10am; Hallowe'en Disco 6-7.30pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October: End of term 3.15pm

30<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Half-term holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November: School opens

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November: Individual and sibling Photos; Open Evening for prospective parents 6-7pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Parents' session on the KS2 (Year 6) SATs 3.30pm and 5pm; Yr 5/6 Hockey at Astley

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Class 3 assembly 9.10am; Parents' session on the KS1 (Year 2) SATs 3.30pm and 5pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Year 1 Phonics Test meeting for parents 3.30pm

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Nasal Flu vaccine for Reception to Y4

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas Fair 12 – 3pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity 2pm and 6pm.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: MCSP Christmas Musical Evening at the George Lawton (involving Class 3)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity 11am

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Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS party am; KS1 party pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Service 9.10am; KS2 party pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: End of Term 3.15pm

