



# Livingstone Newsletter

## 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Star of the Week:

Nursery: Juliet                      Reception: Summer  
Year 1: Sophia                      Year 2: Freya  
Class 3: Rosa                        Class 4: Dylan DG  
Class 5: Gracie

### Attendance:

Reception: 89.6%      Year 1: 99%      Year 2: 97.8%      Class 3: 95.8%      Class 4: 93.1%      Class 5: 98.4%  
School Average: 95.6%

### Clubs:

All clubs are on next week as normal.

### Tag Rugby Competition

On Tuesday our team of Y5/6 children competed in a Tameside Tag Rugby competition. They played really well to win two matches and lose one. They came second in their group but unfortunately only group winners went through to the next round. As usual they showed great sportsmanship and made us proud. Well done to Lois, Jasmine, Sam, Finn, Matthew, Daniel, Gracie, Lily and Isaac.

### 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.

### Healthy Snacks / Drinking bottles:

Please remember that we have a policy of only allowing water in bottles that are drunk in class. Children on packed lunches may bring juice for lunch time but this should only be drunk at lunchtime and not throughout the day. This has been our policy for several years.

For the last year, we have asked children to have a piece of fruit or veg for their morning snack. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with this through the government fruit scheme. Children in Year 3-6 can pay £1 a week for us to provide them with a snack or bring one from home. Some packed lunch children are helping themselves to something from their lunch box at morning play time. Please help to support us to promote healthy eating by either sending a snack separately or by ensuring there is a piece of fruit or veg for them to take out at morning playtime. Thank you for your support.

### 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.



### Parents' Evening

Letters for this were sent out yesterday. Please return them as soon as possible as the popular slots get filled up very quickly!

### 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.

### Mini First Aid Course:

Mini First Aid run 2-hour emergency first aid courses for parents around Tameside and the High Peak. It comes very highly recommended by several people and only costs £20. You can find the list of upcoming courses on

<http://minifirstaid.co.uk/classes/>

### Dates for your diary:

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; Panto for Years 1 -6 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

