



Livingstone Newsletter

20th October 2017

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Luke Reception: Max
Year 1: Lillie-Mai Year 2: Madeline
Class 3: Sean Class 4: Brooke
Class 5: Reece

Attendance:

Reception: 86.4% Year 1: 98.1% Year 2: 90.5% Class 3: 99.6% Class 4: 96.1% Class 5: 98.4%
School Average: 94.85%

Clubs:

All clubs are on next week as normal.

Hallowe'en Disco

It is our Hallowe'en Disco from 6-7.30pm on Thursday 26th October. Admission costs £1 on the door. There will be prizes for the best costume for EYFS / KS1, KS2 and parents!! Please remember that if your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 we ask an adult to stay with them throughout the disco. If your child is in Y3-Y6 they can be left at school from 6pm but need to be picked up at the end of the disco at 7.30pm as the nights are dark now.

Parents' Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents attend Parents' evening. We hope you found the discussions useful. If you had to cancel your appointment, please talk to your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to reschedule.

Individual photos:

Apologies. I had the date wrong for this. They are on **FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER** not Thursday 9th November.

Book Bus Event:

The Book People Book Bus will be at school on Monday 23rd October. It should park up before school. You are welcome to take your child onto the bus before school. During the day classes will go to the bus, have story time and look around what is available etc. The bus will then be there again from 2.30 pm for parents, and then after school, to take children to the bus and buy books. We are doing this instead of a Book Fair this year.

Class 5 Experience Harvest:

Class 5 will be going up to the Methodist Church on Monday morning to take part in their Experience Harvest session.

Art Club working with Artists from The Vale:

Children in Art Club and on the reserve list are being asked if they would like to join three lantern making workshops with artists from The Vale. The sessions are on 6th, 13th and 20th November from 3.15 – 5.15pm. Children must have an adult with them for the sessions and then also to attend the Lantern Parade with them. Please could participants bring a spare old t-shirt to protect their clothes from being covered with glue.

Mindfulness sessions:

After half term, Classes 3, 4 and 5 are going to have Mindfulness sessions on 4 consecutive Thursdays. These are designed to support good mental health and give children a range of strategies to manage their emotional wellbeing and cope with stressful situations.

Mini First Aid Course:

Mini First Aid run 2-hour emergency first aid courses for parents around Tameside. It comes highly recommended by several people and only costs £20. You can find the list of upcoming courses on <http://minifirstaid.co.uk/classes/>



Open Evening:

We are having an Open Evening for prospective parents on Thursday 9th November from 6-7pm. If your child has been asked to help on this evening, then please return the slip as soon as possible. If you know anyone who is looking for a school or nursery place for next year, please let them know of the date and time. There are some postcards advertising the event at the front office if you'd like to pass one on to them!

Parents' SATs Meetings:

We will be holding meetings for parents and carers about the KS2 (Y6) and KS1 (Y2) SATs after half term. The Y6 session will be on Tuesday 14th November at 3.30pm and then repeated at 5pm. The Y2 session will be on Thursday 16th November at 3.30pm and then repeated at 5pm. If your child is in these year groups, it is really important that you come along to find out what the expectations are and how you can support your child.

Holidays:

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

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.

Christmas Fair

This will be on Saturday 2nd December, 12 to 3pm. Tombola, raffle, bottles, chocolates, good as new, unwanted gifts would be appreciated. Helpers are also required, so if you could spare an hour or two we would be grateful.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 23rd October: Book Bus event in school;
Class 5 to Methodist Church – experience Harvest
- Thursday 26th October Reception Assembly 9.10am;
Hallowe'en Disco 6-7.30pm
- Friday 27th October: End of term 3.15pm
- 30th October – 3rd November: Half-term holiday
- Monday 6th November: School opens
- Wednesday 8th November: MCSP Yr5/6 Tag Rugby @ Hollins
- Thursday 9th November: Open Evening for prospective parents 6-7pm
- Friday 10th November: Individual and sibling Photos
- Tuesday 14th November: Parents' session on the KS2 (Year 6) SATs 3.30pm and 5pm;
Yr 5/6 Hockey at Astley
- Thursday 16th November: Class 3 assembly 9.10am; Parents' session on the KS1 (Year 2) SATs 3.30pm and 5pm
- Thursday 23rd November: Year 1 Phonics Test meeting for parents 3.30pm
- Tuesday 28th November: Nasal Flu vaccine for Reception to Y4
- Saturday 2nd December: Christmas Fair 12 – 3pm
- Tuesday 12th December: KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity 2pm and 6pm.
- Wednesday 13th December: MCSP Christmas Musical Evening at the George Lawton (involving Class 3)
- Thursday 14th December: EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity 11am
- Friday 15th December: EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity 11am
- Monday 18th December: EYFS party am; Panto for Years 1 -6 am; KS1 party pm
- Tuesday 19th December: Carol Service 9.10am; KS2 party pm
- Wednesday 20th December: End of Term 3.15pm