



Livingstone Newsletter

27th September 2024

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Imogen

Reception: Fern

Year 1: Kade

Year 2: Heidi

Year 3: Aaron D

Year 4: Lyra

Year 5: Nell

Year 6: Matilda

Clubs:

All clubs are on as normal next week.

Free School Meals:

If your financial situation has changed, and you are now receiving some benefits, please contact the office to see whether you might be entitled to Free School Meals. Eligibility is defined through the benefits that you claim but we can check eligibility at school with just a little bit of information. Once we have entered this information on the system, it will check regularly whether you have become eligible and will notify us automatically.

It is worth doing this even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and already gets a universal free school meal or even if your child want to remain on packed lunches because it also brings additional funding in to school to support learning and can qualify you for other support such as holiday food vouchers or access to holiday clubs.

Nut and Sesame free school:

Please can we remind parents and carers that we are a nut and sesame free school. This means that children should not bring to school items for their lunch that contain nuts or sesame. This includes peanut butter or chocolate nut spread sandwiches or cake bars, cereal bars with nuts in them and the one that has been catching a few people out recently is hummus as this generally contains tahini which is sesame seed paste. If we see children with these items in their packed lunch we will substitute the item.

Snacks should just be fruit or vegetables. Water bottles should just contain water although other drinks (not fizzy) are allowed in packed lunches. Thank you for your help.

Year 6 High School applications:

Please remember to do your high school application if your child is in Year 6. The deadline for applications is 31st October. If you need any advice, please do ask!

School Spider:

School Spider is the app we use to facilitate all payments (uniform, trips, school dinners, nursery snack money), permissions for trips and visits, surveys etc. Please download it from the app store and then select Livingstone. Then you should be able to log in with your email address if we have that on the system. If you are having problems, please check that we have your email address at the office.

School Streets initiative:

We desperately need more volunteers for this scheme as at the moment some people are doing 3 shifts a week and this is not sustainable. We would love some more volunteers so that ideally, people only need to do one slot each week. Full training is provided and Little Stones will look after your child if you need childcare for free for the time you are volunteering for School Streets. Please let me know at school or contact the office if you would be prepared to help the scheme be a success.

WOW scheme:

To encourage children (and parents!) to walk to school, we are continuing with our WOW badges. As so many children received badges last year, we have made it a bit harder and children now need to walk 3 times a week to receive a badge each month. This is either from home, or if they live too far away, there is the option to park and stride which still counts. For this to count, children need to have walked either from the market ground / St Joseph's or the train station / the Gillery. Walking from the road closure sign doesn't count! Please do talk to your child about where they have walked from and whether this counts as park and stride.

Macmillan Coffee Morning:

Thank you to everyone who donated money to our Macmillan Coffee morning this year. And a special thank you to Oliver and Cameron for helping us to sell remaining biscuits and cakes. We raised an amazing £231 for this very special charity which remains close to our hearts.

Uniform:

Please put names in all pieces of uniform – we already have a box full of lost property that doesn't have names in!

Nasal Flu Immunisation:

Nasal Flu Immunisations will happen in school on Monday 7th October.

Year 3 Spanish morning at Mossley Hollins:

As part of their introduction to learning Spanish, Year 3 will be going up to Mossley Hollins to take part in a range of Spanish activities on Tuesday 8th October. They will be walking up and back from school so please make sure they arrive promptly in school with sensible shoes and a waterproof coat with a hood. They will return to school for a late lunch.

Year 6 Harvest Experience at the Methodist Church:

In the afternoon of Tuesday 8th October, Year 6 will be walking up to the Methodist church to take part in their Harvest Experience.

Pokemon Cards

Please can we ask that Pokemon cards don't come into school. When they do, we tend to get trades happening and then children upset over trades that they regret making and want the cards back. Please save any trading for out of school when mums and dads know about it.

Asda Cashpot for Schools:



We have registered with Asda cashpot for schools scheme – just follow the simple steps below every time you shop at Asda to earn money for our school.

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

[Cashpot for Schools Terms & Conditions](#) [Asda Rewards terms & Conditions](#)

1

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

After the diary dates, I have attached some flyers about local events.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 7th October: Nasal Flu immunisations

Tuesday 8th October: Year 3 Spanish morning at MHHS; Y6 to Mossley Methodist Church for Harvest Experience

Thursday 17th October: Individual and sibling photos

Thursday 24th October: Hallowe'en disco – am Nursery and Reception, 5pm – 6pm Year 1 / 2, 6.15pm – 7.15pm KS2

Friday 25th October: End of term 3.15pm

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November: Autumn half term holiday

Monday 4th November: Children back to school

Thursday 7th November: Debate Society Meeting at MHHS

Tuesday 12th November: Livingstone Open Day and Evening for prospective Nursery and Reception for September 2025

Wednesday 13th November: Y6 Maths Interschool challenge

Tuesday 26th November: Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm

Wednesday 27th November: Parents' Evening 4.00 – 6.30pm

Saturday 30th November: Christmas Fair 11pm – 1.30pm

Tuesday 10th December: EYFS nativity 9.30pm; Y1/2 nativity 2pm

Wednesday 11th December: Y1/2 nativity 6pm

Thursday 12th December: EYFS nativity 9.30pm

Monday 16th December: pm Y3/4 party

Tuesday 17th December: pm Y1/2 party

Thursday 19th December: am EYFS party

Thursday 19th December: pm Y5/6 party

Friday 20th December: Carol Concert; End of term 3.15pm

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January: Christmas holidays

Monday 6th January: INSET Training day for Staff

Tuesday 7th January: Children return to school



TAMESIDE LIBRARIES
A Green Libraries Week Event

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS SWAP
and 'Green Halloween'

STORY TIME

WE WANT YOUR COSTUMES!
Donate your pre-loved costumes to any Tameside Library during staffed hours before 2nd October.
(Donors are entitled to an additional costume).
Costumes must be in good, clean condition.

12 October
Pick up a costume **10am - 12pm**
Stories and craft **11am - 11:30am**

Dukinfield Library
Concord Way, Dukinfield, SK16 4DB

For more info contact:
information.direct@tameside.gov.uk
or call 0161 342 4000

 **Green Libraries Week**



LET'S
WALK TO
SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

Autumn Street Safari



There are lots of interesting things to see and do as you walk, wheel or scoot to school. How many of these activities can you tick off on your Autumn Street Safari?

Find a pretty
feather



Spot a bird and
draw it



Make art using
fallen leaves



Hug a big tree



Look under a
rock - who lives
there?



Find a red leaf



Make up a scary
story



Juggle with
pinecones



Jump over a
puddle



Pretend to be a
squirrel asleep
for the winter



Learn why leaves
change colour



Spot a zebra
crossing



Say hello to a
neighbour



Dance around a
mushroom



Close your eyes
and listen - what
do you hear?



Stamp on a pile
of leaves

