



Livingston Village Primary School

Newsletter 2

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School Update

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Open Door Policy

Parents are welcome to visit the school at any time. Please speak to Mrs. Young at the office to arrange an appointment.

See below for member of management with overall responsibility for your child's class.

Mrs. Turnbull: Nursery, P1, P5, P6 and P7

Mrs. Currie: P2, P3/2, P3/4 and P4

Harvest Service

The harvest service will take place at 11am in Livingston Village Church on Friday 16th October. All parents, carers and friends are warmly invited to join us.

Harvest gifts will be donated to the Open Door. Any donations would be appreciated.

We have had a very busy month in September. The children have all worked very hard to improve in their learning in all areas.

We have begun to implement our new approaches to writing and already we are seeing improvements in the quality of the children's writing. Ask your son/daughter to tell you what WOW words and effective connectives they have been learning this week.

P5 had a wonderful time at Lowport and were a credit to the

school and to their parents. They were well behaved, polite and took part in all the activities. Everyone had a great time as the display of photos in school show.

Thank you to those parents who attended the Internet Safety workshop. This is an area of the curriculum that we will be delivering after October. If you would like copies of any of the materials used at the workshop, please contact the school office. Parent information and support on internet safety can

also be found on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

By accessing the website you will also be able to see the materials that we will be using with the children. If you have any further questions, please get in touch.

As always, we welcome help and support in school. Many thanks to those parents who continue to help out with story sacks, maths sacks, the swimming run, additional help on trips and in school. Your help and support is, as always, very much appreciated.

Health, Safety and Welfare

I would like to remind you that parents are **not allowed to use the school car park** for parking or dropping off and collecting children.

Can I also ask you to ensure that you park

safely when using the layby at the front of the school. A number of cars have been dangerously parked recently and I have had complaints and concerns from local residents.

Headlice

Can I remind you to check your child's hair regularly for head lice.

Information leaflets are available from the school office.

Halloween Disco



We are looking forward to our first event of the session, which is the Halloween disco, on Thursday 29th October.

Admission will be payable on the door due to the late return after the October break.

Nursery - P2 Disco

6:00- 7:15pm

Entry on the door £3.00
(includes a party bag)

Parents are welcome to stay with their children.

P3 - P7 Disco

7:30 - 8:45pm

Entry on the door £2.50 (tuck items will be on sale)

Parent helpers are required to supervise. Please contact us if you are able to help.

Dress as scary as you dare!
There are even more prizes this year!

Pupil Council

Our pupil council representatives for this session are:-

P7: Garry McGeouch

P6: Aaron MacSwan

P5: Ross Nevin

P4: Jodi Renwick

P4/3: Andrew McBain

P3/2: Yasmine D'Souli

The pupil council have been given £500 to spend on areas of our school they would like to improve. They will submit a letter to Mrs. Turnbull outlining what they would like to buy and why along with a spreadsheet outlining costs to enable them to manage their budget effectively. We will inform you later in the session on what has been purchased.

Voucher collection

We have started collecting

Morrisons Let's Grow vouchers again this session. Last session, we collected enough vouchers for many items of gardening and growing equipment. We hope to be able to do the same again this session.

There is a collection box at the school office.

Jeans for Genes

By taking part in this fun day we raised the sum of £227.30



A big thank you to all who took part.

McMillan Coffee Morning

Pupils, staff and parents took part in 'The world's Biggest Coffee Morning'. This raised £451.50



Thank you to all who attended, donated baking and helped on the day.

Milk Money

Milk money will be due to be paid from Wed 28th October. This will cover until 23rd December. Cost is £5.00

Bags 2 School

Once again we are taking part in a 'Bag 2 School' fund raising activity. You will shortly receive a leaflet and collection bag which explains how you can take part.

Continually Striving To Improve

At Livingston Village Primary School we are continually striving to improve the quality of the education and service that we provide. In the questionnaire sent out in May, 12% of parents disagreed that there was effective communication between the school and parents.

We have employed a number of strategies to improve our communication and hope that

you have found these to be more effective.

Firstly, we have launched our new website, www.lv-ps.co.uk This will provide you with up-to-date information from the school. This easy to navigate site was created by Mr Coates and we are very grateful to him for his time and talents. Secondly, we have utilised 'Groupcall' - a text message system which can send reminders to your mobile phone.

Thirdly, we have changed the layout of our newsletter. We hope that these changes are resulting in improvements and would welcome feedback. To enable parents to meet the teacher early in the session we also offered 'meet the teacher sessions'. The purpose of which was to give you an overview of the session for your child's class. Again we hope these were useful and informative.

Nursery and wraparound

Autumn is our new Nursery topic. We have been on an autumn walk to collect leaves for our display. A big thank you to all the parent helpers.

We also took part in Jeans for Genes and raised £40.

After the October break, the nursery will start back on Tuesday 27th October.

Wraparound - October holiday

week, 19th - 23rd, will be held in Inveralmond Early Years Centre. The in-service day, Monday 26th October will be held here in school. Please let staff know if your child will be attending.

After the October break, on a Tuesday and Thursday at around 2pm we will be going on woodland walks. With our wonderfully predictable Scottish weather, we ask that children come prepared

with outdoor clothes as it may be wet.

Snack money is now due.

Parents, if for any reason you are late or unable to attend wrap-around please let us know as soon as possible.

There are some spaces available in Wraparound for Nursery and School children. Please contact Wraparound staff for further information.

Little Villagers

Well we really can't believe that the October holiday club is about to begin. The holiday forms have all been issued and we have an exciting programme on offer to keep all the children amused over this holiday period. Activities include fishing, sausage sizzle, tree climbing, Tarzan building and an outing to the cinema. We will also be doing Halloween arts and crafts, pizza making and sports. Can parents please note that an additional day has been added onto the October holiday (Tuesday 27th). Activities for this

day are children's choice, as this was not added to the booking form.

We have a few changes happening this year. Fiona has joined our team and is settling in well and enjoying her first few months. Lorraine will be leaving us in December on maternity leave as she is expecting a baby girl in January. Also, sadly Anita will be leaving on 27th November to go back home to Hungary. She will be sadly missed by all the staff and children but I am sure that you will wish her the best of luck for the future.

We are currently in the process of recruiting another member of staff to join our team.

Can all parents please remember that we are holding our AGM on 13th October at 6:30pm. Child care will be provided for all parents to attend.

We have also got our website up and running. Please have a look at www.littlevillagers.org.co.uk Some areas are password protected. If you require a password, please register your details. Little Villagers.

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Diary dates—October

Wednesday 1st : P1 Courier Photograph

Monday 12th: P1 to Mill Farm & Dog Warden to P7

Wednesday 14th: P5 Handball Festival

Friday 16th: Harvest Service 11am at the Church

Monday 19th—Friday 23: School Holidays

Monday 26th: In-service: school and nursery closed.

Tuesday 27th: Curriculum for Excellence In-service

School closed, nursery open.

Wednesday 28th: School pupils return to school

Thursday 29th: Halloween Disco

Diary Dates: November

Monday 2nd: Afterschool Clubs start today

Thursday 5th: Football match v Carmondean

Tuesday 10th: Parent Council meeting 7pm

Wednesday 11th: P6/7 Indoor football tournament

All for the children for all of the children !

COMMENTS SLIP

Pupil's name and class: _____

Please feel free to comment on any item in the newsletter or anything else regarding school.

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