



Livingston Village Primary School

Newsletter 1

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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

Parent Council AGM

The parent council AGM will be held on Thursday 9th September at 7pm in school. Wine and nibbles will be provided. Come along and learn more about what the parent council does and see how you could get involved.

Welcome Back

A warm welcome to the new session at Livingston Village Primary School.

I am pleased to report that everyone has returned safely after the summer break and I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing all about the exciting holidays that the children have had.

I am delighted to welcome all the new parents of pupils in school and in the nursery to our school and hope that you and your children will enjoy being part of our school.

I look forward to working in partnership

with you to further improve our school.

If you would like to become involved in the daily life of our school and use your time and talents to help us please let us know. Any parent helpers must complete a disclosure form and these are available from Mrs. Young at the office.

Please let her know where your skills, talents and interests lie.

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to our school:

Miss Meikle - P2

Miss McMurray - nursery teacher

Mrs Clark - nursery nurse

Mrs Price - nursery nurse

Mrs Allsopp - P7

This session Mr. Stewart will be teaching P.E. and drama across the school and Mrs. Barclay will be teaching drama.



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. Parents may use the lay-by in front of the school.

As part of our health curriculum and in the interests of reducing the spread of germs, all children have been taught how to thoroughly wash their hands and the 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' message has been

reinforced. All classes are encouraged to wash their hands before eating and I am currently trying to source antibacterial hand wash for each classroom.

Meet the teacher

If you have a child in P2-6 You are warmly invited to school on Wednesday 16th September at 3:30pm to meet your child's teacher. This will be an informal meeting and will enable the teacher to share an overview of what your child will be learning over the course of the year, share expectations and any organisational issues regarding homework/P.E. etc.

This is an opportunity for you to meet them but is not a forum for discussing individual children or their progress. The focus for this will be at our formal parents night in October. If you have any concerns before then, please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

Please note: P7 meet the teacher will take place on Wednesday 23rd September

at 3:30pm.

A curriculum evening for all P1 parents will take place at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 16 September

We look forward to seeing you !



P.E. Kit

For P.E. pupils require gym shoes, shorts and t-shirt (with short sleeves not straps). On occasions the pupils will have their P.E. lessons outside. On these occasions, tracksuit bottoms may be worn.

Pupils are encouraged to leave their P.E. kit in school unless it is going home for washing.

School Meals

Pupils having school meals can choose from lunch menus. Lunches must be ordered and paid from before 9:30am. The cost of a school lunch is currently £1.60.



School Fund

Thank you to all of the parents who have supported our School Fund. School Fund is a voluntary contribution and is used to provide extras to the pupils (eg. Christmas Parties). The suggested contribution is 50p per week. This can be handed in on a Monday morning. If you prefer to pay for a term or the session, please see Mrs. Young.

Healthy Tuck

Pupils can purchase tuck from the School Tuck Shop. Some of the items on sale include:

Fresh Fruit	20p
Cereal Bars	30p
Raisins/dried fruit	10p
Fruit juice	50p
Water	50p

Lost Property

We have a large box of lost property in school which was collected at the end of the summer term. Those items with names have been returned to their owners but we still have a lot left. If you think you have lost something please contact the office.

Milk Money

Nursery and P1-3 children all receive free milk.

Milk money can be paid either termly or annually. The cost for August to October is £5.00 The cost for the whole year is £22.80

Free milk is also available to pupils whose parents receive income support

School Improvement Plan for 2009—10

We have now completed the school Improvement Plan and a condensed copy of this and the standards and quality report will be available in the next few weeks. If anyone would like full versions of these, please let me know.

Our main priorities for this session are as follows:

Priority 1: To develop a programme for & approach to the teaching of writing which

reflects recommendations of Curriculum for Excellence.

This priority will be developed alongside Carmondean Primary School.

Priority 2: To maximise the attainment and achievement of all pupils through embedding a range of learning and teaching methodologies and AiFL strategies.

We will also be further developing active learning, global citizenship and spelling. As part of health and wellbeing, we will be developing a new whole school P.E. programme. We will also be implementing a new ICT programme teaching children about internet safety. A parent workshop regarding this will be available for any interested parents.

Nursery and wraparound

We hope everyone had a good holiday.

We are in the process of welcoming all our new friends to Nursery.

Themes for this term will be At Nursery ,About Me and Road Safety.

There will be a Maths Sack Information Evening on Tuesday 15 September at 6.45p.m.

Please reply to Nursery staff for attendance.

Story Sack will cost £1.50 each term.

Wraparound News—any donations of tissues, anti bacterial spray or wipes would be greatly appreciated.

Snack money is due to this term.

Anyone wishing holiday cover

on Monday and Tuesday 21 and 22 September—please contact Wraparound staff no later than 14 September.

Wraparound staff would like to thank the parents and children for their lovely cards and presents received at the end of last term

Little Villagers

Well we really can't believe the summer is over and the holiday club has come to an end. What a fantastic time we have had at the biggest holiday club yet. We have done a variety of activities including dance, BBQs, highland games, pizza making, ten pin bowling, Blair Drummond Safari Park, kite making and face painting. The children and staff have had a great time. Now we are back to

school and welcoming a lot of new faces along. It is also good to see the old faces back for another year. We are so busy this year that the only sessions available are Friday pm and a few breakfast club spaces. If anyone is interested in these please see Nikki who will advise on availability. As we have increased our numbers, we welcome Fiona Docherty to our team.

Fiona has come along to gain experience for pursuing her career as a primary school teacher. We have also changed our e-mail address.

Our new e-mail address is littlevillagers.nikki@gmail.com

We are looking forward to another fun packed year and I would like to thank you for all your continuing support,

Little Villagers

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Diary dates

- 31 August: P1 children in all day
31 August: P5 children to Low Port
2 September: P5 children return from Low Port
4 September: P6 cycle training begins
7 September: Enjoy a ball in school for the
Nursery, P1 and P2 PE Kit required
9 September: Parent Council AGM 7pm
16 September: P1 parents curricular evening 4pm
16 September: Meet the teacher (P2-P6) 3:30pm
21 September: HOLIDAY
22 September: In-service Day
24 September: Parent Workshop in Internet Safety
and Child Protection 6:30pm
23 September: P7 Meet the Teacher at 3.30 p.m.
25 September: McMillan Coffee Morning
30 September & 6 October : Parents' Night

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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