



Livingstone Newsletter

10th March 2023

Star of the Week:

Stars of the Week will be announced in Monday's assembly.

Snow Closure Friday 10th March:

Please be assured that we only make the decision to close school if we feel that it is unavoidable. Given the heavy snowfall overnight, the state of the roads and access to school for staff and for emergency vehicles, I made the decision to close as early as I could once I had all the available information. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Clubs next week:

No Y1/2 Multisports due to Mr Flint going to an MCSP dodgeball competition. I'm sorry this club has been disrupted again. All other clubs on as normal.

Digital online Safety:

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/>

Common sense media is a website that reviews games, books, TV and film for parents so that they can assess what children are getting into and know whether or not they are suitable for the age of the child.

Forthcoming NEU strike days:

There are two more NEU Strike days planned for 15th and 16th March. School is fully open on these days.

Nursery Offer letters:

Nursery offer letters for places for September were sent out last week. Please return these before 21st March to help us plan for September.

Year 2 Visit to the Fireground museum:

Year 2 will be visiting the Fireground Museum to tie in with their learning on the Great Fire of London on Tuesday 21st March. This has been added to School spider and a letter sent home. All parents need to give their permission for children to attend the trip which you will find under 'surveys and forms' and then payment can be made on School Spider too.

Parent's Evening:

Due to the NEU planned Strike action we have moved Parents' evening to 22nd and 23rd March. Both these slots will be in person and are now available to book on School Spider.

Easter Concert:

We are holding an Easter Concert performed by children in Year 3, 4 and 5. Tickets will be available for the performances at 2pm and 6.30pm. These will be on School Spider next week. Each child will be allocated 2 tickets. There will then be a reserve list where families would like more than that – please contact the office to ask to be put on the reserve list. Please can all children come back to school for the evening performance. Thank you.

The Big Sing:

Year 4 will be participating in the MCSP 'Big Sing' on Thursday 23rd March. They will be performing songs that they have been rehearsing with the choral tutor to children from other schools and watching performances from these schools. They will have an early lunch and then walk up to Hollins ready for 1.30pm. The event will be over by 2.45pm when they will walk back to school, hopefully arriving just for the end of the school day. Please note this is just an event for children at the MCSP schools and not open to parents. Year 4 will be singing the same songs at the Easter concert.

Friends of Livingstone Easter Egg Raffle:

We will be holding our usual Easter Egg Raffle to raise funds for the 'Friends of Livingstone' and would welcome any donations of Easter Eggs. We use this fund raising to pay for things we couldn't normally afford out of the school budget such as helping to fund the cost of school trips, contributions towards our new reading for pleasure scheme 'Top Ten Reads' and to the recent playground markings. We will sell raffle tickets in the last couple of weeks of term and draw the raffle on the last day.

Staffing changes after Easter:

I wrote to all Year 5 and Year 2 parents last week. After the Easter holidays, there will be a few staffing changes in school due to teachers returning from maternity leave. Year 5 will be taught by Mrs Bromley on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mr Flint on Thursdays and Fridays. Year 2 will be taught by Mrs Marshall on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Flint on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Miller will return to her post in Nursery on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Both Mrs Miller and Mrs Bromley will return to school in the week before the Easter holidays allowing for them to get to know the children and ensure the best possible transition. Mr Buckle will be leaving Livingstone and his last day will be Friday 31st March.

Y5/6 Show Racism the Red Card Workshops on Monday 6th March:

Year 5 and 6 participated in anti-racism workshops in school by Show Racism the Red Card and Odd Arts on Monday. It was a very useful day, thanks to Tameside for funding this.

Y1/2 Tango's Big Adventure performance Thursday 9th March:

Year 1 and Year 2 watched a performance called Tango's Big Adventure on Thursday. This has been commissioned by Tameside Culture to help deliver the Relationships Education curriculum for KS1 and was fully funded by Tameside. There will be some follow up activities based on the play in the next few weeks.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 14th March: MCSP Dodgeball competition Y3/4 @ Mossley Hollins
Wednesday 15th March: NEU Strike day – school open for all pupils.
Thursday 16th March: NEU Strike day – school open for all pupils.
Tuesday 21st March: Y2 Educational visit to Fireground museum
Wednesday 22nd March: Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6pm
Thursday 23rd March: MCSP 'Big Sing' Y4
Parents' Evening 4.00 – 6.30pm
Tuesday 28th March: Y3,4,5 Easter Concert 2pm and 6.30pm.
Thursday 30th March: Y4 MCSP Virtual Times Table Challenge
Friday 31st March: End of term 3.15pm
Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April: Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April: Children back to school
Monday 1st May: Bank holiday – school closed
Tuesday 2nd May: Y5 to MHHS to watch A Midsummer Night's Dream performance
Monday 8th May: Bank holiday due to coronation – school closed
Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May: Year 6 SATs
Wks beginning 15th May and 22nd May: Y2 SATs assessments
Friday 19th May: Y6 educational visit to Eureka
Wednesday 24th May: Y1/2 MCSP Cone-it competition 3.45pm – 5pm
Friday 26th May: End of term
Monday 29th May – Friday 9th June: Whit holiday