



Livingstone Newsletter

22nd September 2023

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Primrose
Year 3: Aaron

Reception: Jacob
Year 4: Alex

Year 1: Astrid
Year 5: Lucas

Year 2: Layson
Year 6: William

Macmillan Coffee Morning:

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the hall on Friday 29th September straight after morning drop off. Any donations of coffee / tea / cakes and biscuits would be warmly welcomed. **No cakes or biscuits that contain nuts please.**

Our donations page for Macmillan can be found here

<https://coffeefundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm23005158>

We would particularly like to raise money for Macmillan in memory of our wonderful Karen Skeffington.

We will sell left over cakes and biscuits to the children for a donation of 50p on the day.

Mossley Hollins Open Evening:

I have attached a flyer for Mossley Hollins' Open Evening on Tuesday 26th September. This is for children and parents in Y5 and Y6.

Start times:

All children should arrive at school between 8.45am and 8.55am. Children arriving at school after 8.55am will be marked as late. Children arriving after 9.30am will be marked as an unauthorised absence "U" code. This has not changed from last year, we are just shutting the doors on time so that we can get on with teaching and learning.

Names:

Please could all items of uniform be labelled with children's names. We are getting a lot of lost or misplaced items and it's really hard to reunite them with the owners if there isn't a name (or if the name hasn't been changed from a second-hand piece!). Please make sure all items are named and this hasn't washed out. Thank you.

Free School Meals

If you are entitled to any of the following benefits, you may be entitled to free school meals. Please contact the office for a free school meals application form.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

Children who are entitled to free school meals also receive a Pupil Premium which means the school gets extra funding to spend on your child to cover costs of trips, extra-curricular activities and additional interventions to boost their learning.

It will also entitle you to support in the holidays, free holiday clubs and food boxes at times such as Christmas so it's worth applying even if your child wants to remain on sandwiches or are on free meals because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.



Watches:

Children should not be wearing smart watches to school, whilst we understand that many of these can't be used to make calls away from a phone, many also have other functions such as cameras and games. In line with our mobile devices policy these shouldn't be worn for school. Children are welcome to wear a simple digital watch or analogue watch if they wish.

PE Kit:

Please remember that all children from Reception to Year 6 need to have a PE kit in school. This should consist of shorts or leggings, t-shirt and pumps. It's also useful to add in a spare pair of socks especially when girls are wearing tights with their uniform.

School Spider

This year we will be using School Spider for all of our consent forms, parents evening bookings, class trip payments, uniform orders & for most of our communication to parents. Please make sure you have notifications switched on for School Spider. Parents/carers of our new nursery and reception children will need to download and register for the app. If you need help with the app or need a username/password reminder, please contact the office.

Below are the links to download the School Spider app from Google Play Store and Apple App Store.

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolspider.schoolspider&hl=en_GB&gl=US
<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/school-spider/id1030400910>

Flu Vaccinations

Emails have been sent out with a link for you to consent or opt out of the Flu nasal vaccination for your child from Reception to Year 6. If you did not receive this email or are unable to fill in the online consent, paper copies are available from the school office. The form needs to be completed for every child (specifying whether you would like them to have a vaccination or not) and will close on 26th October 2023.

High School Applications for Year 6:

The closing date for this is 31st October 2023. Please do not leave it to the last minute in case you have a problem with the online process. If you need any advice, please come and have a chat.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 26th September: Mossley Hollins Open Evening for Year 5 & 6
Friday 29th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning in the hall after morning drop off
Thursday 5th October: Individual and sibling photos
Tuesday 10th / Wednesday 11th October: Year 3 Spanish Day @ MHHS
Thursday 19th October: Hallowe'en Disco EYFS in the school day; Y1&2 5-6pm; Y3-6 6.30 – 7.30pm
Friday 20th October: End of Half term 1
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October: half term holiday
Monday 30th October: Start of half term 2
Wednesday 1st November: MCSP Maths challenge for Year 6
Thursday 2nd November: Flu Vaccinations; MCSP Debate meeting
Tuesday 7th November: Livingstone Open day / evening for new Nursery and Reception September 2024
Tuesday 28th November: Parents' evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 29th November: Parents' Evening 4.30pm – 7pm
Saturday 9th December: Christmas Fair 11-1.30pm
Monday 11th December: EYFS Nativity 9.30am; Year 1 & 2 nativity 2pm
Tuesday 12th December: EYFS nativity 9.30am; Year 1 & 2 nativity 2pm & 6pm
Thursday 14th December: EYFS party am; Y1&2 and Y3&4 party pm
Friday 15th December: Carol concert 9.10am; Y5&6 party pm; end of term 3.15pm
Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January 2024: Christmas holiday
Tuesday 2nd January 2024: Inset Training Day for Staff
Wednesday 3rd January 2024: Children return to school