



Livingstone Newsletter

29th September 2023

Star of the Week:

Nursery: Jessica
Year 3: Jacob

Reception: Thomas
Year 4: Annabelle

Year 1: Adaline
Year 5: Juliet

Year 2: Izzy
Year 6: Ruby

Clubs: All clubs are on next week.

Macmillan Coffee Morning:

Thank you for your amazing donations of cake for the coffee morning. We have a mountain of cake left over, and will sell plates and packets for a donation at the end of the school day – so please bring some change! Any leftover food, we will donate to the Mossley Food Bank. You can still donate online at

<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 let you know how much we raised next week.

Online Safety - Roblox:

In 2022, PEGI decided to change the age rating for **Roblox**. Roblox is now considered as a platform with diverse content rather than an individual game product. The use of sexualised language among primary school age children is becoming more prevalent due to this gaming platform and, as a result, the PEGI 7 age rating was replaced by the Parental Guidance label (an icon displaying an exclamation mark, always accompanied by the '*parental guidance recommended*' text descriptor). Such a change is rather unusual for PEGI, but given the large variety of user-generated content that is available in Roblox, it was deemed necessary. In order to put parental controls in place specifically for Roblox, please follow attached guidance: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-roblox-and-how-your-kids-can-play-it-safely/>

Individual and sibling photos:

Individual and sibling photos will be taken on Thursday 5th October. We will manage sibling photos for those children in school. If you have any younger siblings who are not yet in school, you can bring them to the hall (rear entrance door) from 8.30am.

Instagram:

We will soon be starting to use our school's Instagram page as a way to update/remind parents, carers & family members about events and activities happening in school. We know that many family members such as aunts, uncles, grandparents etc, can't access School Spider but do use Instagram and this can be a nice way for them to keep updated with what is going on at school. We will also be using the platform to promote the school to prospective parents. The account won't be monitored daily in the same way that the school email is, so we ask parents not to use this channel to communicate with us about their child/ren. Our Instagram account name is @livingstoneprimarymossley and you can follow using this link: <https://instagram.com/livingstoneprimarymossley?igshid=NzZhOTFIYzFmZQ==>

As always, safeguarding is our main priority so we have developed a new social media policy which all Instagram posts will adhere to. This policy can be viewed on the school website. Parents/carers will need to complete the permission slip on School Spider to let us know whether you **DO** or **DO NOT** give permission for your child's image to be used in social media posts. In most cases we won't need to use children's names, they will be referred to by group (e.g. Y6, Nursery, Debate Team etc.) but if we do need to use names (e.g. in the case of an individual achievement) this will be first name only. You'll be able to find the permission slip in "surveys and forms". If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office who will be more than happy to discuss this with you.

Monster Phonics Parents Webinar:

From September 2023, we adopted a Phonics scheme in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This scheme is called 'Monster Phonics'. They are holding a free parents' webinar on Wednesday 4th October at 7pm. Parents and carers can book on at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/monster-phonics-a-guide-for-parents-tickets-668760981097?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



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.

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.**

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.

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.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 4th October: Monster Phonics Parents' webinar 7pm

Thursday 5th October: Individual and sibling photos

Tuesday 10th 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

