

# Livingstone News

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR



We are now in our fourth week of the New Year and the children have settled back in to school, ready to learn and to do their best in all aspects of school life. There is an atmosphere of enthusiasm throughout the school which is so important at this time of the year.

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25<sup>th</sup> January

## Remembering Rabbie Burns A Scots Poet



We were cheered up in assembly when some brave children donned kilts to celebrate 'Burns' Night'. They declined a taste of Haggis, neeps and tatties (swede and potato), the usual fare at a Burns Supper but they did enjoy a piece of shortbread!

**Attendance** We have had lots of absence in the last few weeks due to colds and sickness bugs. **Remember to keep your child at home for 48 hours after any vomiting or diarrhoea.** Please phone the office if your child is absent from school.

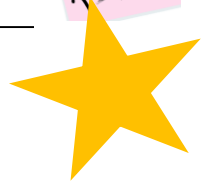


**Polite request!** We would be so grateful if each family could donate a box of tissues- we go through so many at school it would help if we had an extra supply!

**THANK YOU**



Reminder!



**HALF TERM**- 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> February- Back to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS** -25<sup>th</sup> March- 11<sup>th</sup> April BACK TO SCHOOL on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
**Bank Holiday** – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
**HALF TERM** 30<sup>th</sup> May- 3<sup>rd</sup> June Back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
 Don't forget- **GOLDEN AWARD ASSEMBLY** this Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2.45pm

Health Charity. We have been busy learning a new song for this year 'Reach out your hand'. We are lucky to have some volunteers from the charity who will be coming to Livingstone to help us sign the song.



**NON UNIFORM DAY-MUFTI £1**

### Class Assemblies

Please join us for your child's class assembly on the following dates this term

- Swallows -Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9.15
- Swifts- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February
- Wrens-Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15
- Owls - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 9.15
- Wagtails - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15
- Woodpeckers'-Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15

Join us afterwards for tea and coffee



### Thank you.....

It is over 4 weeks since Christmas but we'd just like to say thank you! Many thanks from all the staff for the gifts and good wishes that you sent us last term.



### School Development Plan 2015-2016

Every year we look carefully at how we can improve teaching and learning at our school. We monitor and evaluate the work we do and how we can extend opportunities for everyone at Livingstone. All schools have the capacity to become better and at Livingstone we take our commitment to school improvement very seriously.

This year we are concentrating on these areas

- Improving Phonics (sounds and letters) knowledge in Key Stage 1
- Improve children's knowledge of SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)
- To strengthen our commitment to the delivery of Basic Skills (Quality Mark renewed in November 2015)

This is our first year with Year 6 who will be taking SATs tests in May. Mr Knowles and his team are working hard to ensure that every child has the support to reach their potential in Maths and English. However, we will still be providing all the opportunities that a creative curriculum can offer.

**We are all working hard to achieve our aims!**

### PE KITS IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY PLEASE



- T shirt ✓
- Sweatshirt ✓
- Trainers/ Plimsolls ✓
- Tracksuit bottoms ✓
- Rugby shirt ✓ (Key Stage 2)



### Readers are Leaders

Reading everyday at home is compulsory for Livingstone pupils

**Please make sure you obey the rule!!**