



Livingstone NEWS

Issue 3 – Christmas 2018



A message from Mr Thornes



Hello to all and season's greetings...
It's hard to believe that we are already approaching Christmas and the time is flying by!

As ever we've been a really busy place with pupils enjoying learning in the classroom whilst being active and getting out to experience life too. As part of our monitoring the senior management team have been observing lessons and interventions, scrutinising books and taking part in learning walks and we've been very pleased with the high standards we've witnessed. We have then had pupils go to watch the Opera "Carmen", go on church, cinema and museum visits, sent out "Super singers" around the community to entertain folk and have participated in many sporting fixtures. This is all part of an extra-curricular offer that we are working hard on to increase and give the pupils as many opportunities as we can to expand their life experience. It's something I feel passionately about and we'll be continuing to expand.

As you may know I changed the dates of the holidays over Christmas, and you were informed of that over the summer. We are now in school until Friday 21st December, but pupils aren't due back until Monday 7th Janu-

ary. My thinking in this was to give you two whole weeks rather than half weeks and also some time after new year for families. I hope this is a really enjoyable time for pupils, parents and carers. Speaking of Christmas, thanks to everyone (staff, pupils and the PTA) who helped contribute to a successful and enjoyable Christmas Fayre last week, it really was a lovely community event.

As I write this I can hear the sound of the hall as pupils practise for their Christmas productions, the pupils and teachers have worked very hard on them and I'm sure those who can come in and watch will appreciate the performances. As we head to the new year it's also an opportunity for a new start so can I include a polite reminder that UKS2 pupils start at 8.50am and YR-Y4 at 9am, it's really important that we arrive on time and ready to learn, similarly that pupils are in the right uniform, let's make a positive start to 2019 by being on time and looking smart.

Finally just a thank you from me for the welcome that everyone has given me this year, I'm fully embracing the challenge at Livingstone and love being able to contribute to our community. It's a team effort though and if all the staff, pupils, parents, carers and community members give our best we can continue to grow and do fantastic things. Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous new year.

Mr Thornes



Our Christmas Fair on 5th December was a fantastic success. We raised over £700 for the school. A big thank you to all parents who came along and supported us.



Our Super Singers did a brilliant job entertaining audiences with a Christmas repertoire at Tavistock Court residential home and St Paul's Christmas tree festival last week.

Well done to the children who took part in performances this week

EYFS Christmas tree nativity

KEY STAGE 1 Out of this world

LOWER KEY STAGE 2 Lights, camel, action

They were all fabulous!

Children should wear school uniform every day (except for some PE days). No patterned leggings, trainers, denim or hoodies please. A full list of school uniform can be found on the school website.



Year 3 have been learning about what life may have been like in the Stone Age. They researched tools and weapons, the life of a hunter gatherer and made model Stone Age houses. They have really enjoyed learning about life in prehistoric times and showing their knowledge and understanding in a range of different ways.

The LIVINGSTONE Bulletin Board

Please don't be late!
Year 5 and Year 6 start school at 8.50 a.m. and Years 1-4 at 9.00 a.m. All children should have reached their playgrounds ready to go inside by 8.50 a.m.(Yr 5/6) or 9.00 a.m. (Yrs 1/4)

Year 5/6
Christingle
Concert
19th December
2.30pm

Tuesday 18th
December 2018
– Parrots going to
The Stables to see
Tabby McTat

**School dates to
Christmas**
Christmas break begins
Friday 21st Dec at
3.30pm.
Pupils back to school on
Monday Jan 7th.

Please remember that all children up to and including Year 4 must be brought to the playground by an adult who remains with them until the teacher on duty comes onto the playground.