



3rd September 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school academic year-I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break and are feeling ready and excited for what this term will bring.



Starting with this summer holiday, as we have had a few premises developments to include: the painting of several classrooms, general maintenance throughout the school and a deep clean.

Lonesome Staffing Structure 2024 – 2025

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Einstein	Mrs Murray	Miss Yeats Mrs Rahman
Livingstone	Miss Sarmiento	Miss Covacs Mrs Thomas
Ennis	Mrs Smith	Mrs Sammut Miss Anani
Donaldson	Mrs Parveen	Miss Yeats Mr Khan
Palin	Miss Quinn	Mrs Bateman Mrs Thompson
Wonder	Miss Bull (Assistant Head – Early Years and KS1 leader)	Mrs Paget Mrs Bashir
Lincoln	Miss Ward	Mrs Callaghan
Milne	Mr Plaistow	Miss Lindsey
Mandela	Mrs Compton (Year 3 and Year 4 phase leader)	Mrs Ward Mrs Okande



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Pankhurst	Mr Boylan	Miss Bolton Miss Thurston
Wilberforce	Miss Daft	Mrs Olley
Roots	Miss Mallcott	Miss Mak
Buble	Mr Stone	Mrs Wise Mrs Gould
Da Vinci	Miss Oliver-Tate (Year 5 and Year 6 phase leader)	Mrs Dobson

Midday Supervisors – Ms Chevannes

Breakfast Club Team – Mrs Paget

After School Club Team – Miss Bolton, Miss Yeats, Miss Anani and Mrs Lee

Site Manager – Mr Davey

Office Team – Mrs Doel, Mrs Davey, Miss Searle, Mrs Begg and Mrs Mohan

Kitchen Team – Mrs Williams, Ms Gallimore, Ms Jones and Miss Walsh

Inclusion Leader – Ms Revell

Inclusion Assistant – Mrs Newman

Points of contact and how to best communicate with us

If you have any concerns about your child's welfare or ability to learn successfully, please do make an appointment with your child's classteacher.

If you feel that after this initial contact that you would like a leader to be involved in a meeting about your child, then the leader to make contact with, based on their phase responsibility will be:



Year group	Day
Early Years/KS1	Thursday Miss Bull
Year 3 and Year 4	Tuesday Mrs Compton
Year 5 and Year 6	Tuesday Miss Oliver-Tait

If you would like to discuss concerns that may link to a specific learning/emotional need then please make contact with Ms Revell.

Our Head of School, Ms Revell will be available to discuss any further concerns relating to your child's education or any concerns that you may have about your child's behaviour and please do contact myself, if you have any further concerns related to school matters.

May we remind you all that all staff welcome respectful engagement so that any discussion about your child or school matter is solution focussed and professional.

Timings of the school day



The timings of the school day remain unchanged this year. School will start **for all children** at 8.30 am. Please do make sure that your child is in school on time daily. Your child will miss out on key learning, if they arrive to school late. School will finish at 3.15 pm on Monday – Thursday and will finish at 2.30 pm on a Friday.

Enjoy a free school lunch



Please may I remind you that any child in Reception – Year 6 will be entitled to a free hot lunch on a daily basis. We will also continue to fund a hot school lunch for our fulltime Nursery children too.

You do not need to do anything to ensure that your child has their free school meal. Each morning, your child’s classteacher will ask them if they are having a school dinner or a packed lunch on that day and the kitchen will then prepare and cook enough meals for all of the children to enjoy. You may choose for your child to have a hot meal every day of the week or on given days, there is no expectation or limit on how many days your child can enjoy a school lunch.

We have revised our lunch menu to reflect some of the children’s favourites, as well as offering greater vegetarian choices. Please do share our menu, which may be found on our website with your child to encourage them to have one.

Uniform

We believe that wearing a smart and practical uniform allows all children to feel equal to their peers and confident in their appearance. We also believe it is important for children to wear clothing that is conducive to a successful learning environment, including activity-appropriate clothing, such as sports attire.

We expect our children to be wearing the following in terms of uniform:

- School colour fleece or jumper with or without the school logo
- Grey/black skirt, pinafore, shorts or trousers
- School colour checked summer dress
- White polo shirt with or without the school logo
- Black shoes or trainers.

- Children are also expected to bring in:
- School colour book bag or rucksack with the school logo
 - Water bottle.

Children are expected to come into school with their PE kits on, the day that they have PE. Please see below:

Day of Week	Classes
Monday	Livingstone Wonder Palin
Tuesday	Bubl�e Da Vinci Donaldson Pankhurst Mandela



Wednesday	Einstein Lincoln Milne Ennis
Thursday	Roots Wilberforce

A PE kit will include:

School colour PE t-shirt with logo on
Grey, blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
Black trainers or plimsolls

Relationships and Behaviour Policy review-detentions

Our Relationships and Behaviour Policy supports our belief that developing strong relationships enable us to work together with the common purpose of helping everyone learn. In order to achieve this, we apply restorative approaches to low level arising incidents such as, friendship breakups, disputes over games, running in school etc. which encourages everyone to take responsibility for their behaviours.

By promoting positive behaviour throughout the school the majority of our children will develop self-discipline and learn to co-operate with others at all times. It is, however, acknowledged that sometimes children may exhibit inappropriate behaviours from time to time and that some form of sanction may be necessary, e.g. a text home, detention etc. A text message sent from school will alert you to the fact that we are concerned about your child's behaviour and this in turn could lead to a face to face discussion about some additional support mechanisms that we may apply. A detention will only be given to any child in Years 3-6 who displays any physical behaviour or a behaviour that is emotionally or verbally harmful to others. We will inform you on a Thursday each week, if your child is to have a detention, as this will take place on a Friday from 2.30 pm-3.00 pm with a Senior Leader. If a child in Year 1 or 2 displays similar behaviours, then they will have some reflection time with a Senior Leader instead of a playtime with their friends in order to regulate and reflect on the behaviours seen.

A reviewed Partnership to Success document will be parentmailed to all families to include support for the school in terms of our sanctions and reward systems and expectations.



Celebrating achievement

All children will have the opportunity of earning themselves an 'ask me what I have achieved today' sticker during the school day. Children may be sent to visit the Head of School or myself to share their learning successes. They will then receive an Achievement Certificate to take home at the beginning of the following week.



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'Wow' cards will still be sent home fortnightly as recognition of some wonderful learning, fabulous attitude to a challenge, impeccable manners, friendly and supportive attributes etc.

Attendance certificates for classes who achieve the weekly target of 94% will be delivered to each class on a Monday ready for staff to display prominently in their classrooms. In addition to this, the class with the best attendance on a Friday will receive the very popular prize of a special pizza party on the following Wednesday. The Head Boy and Girl team introduced pizza parties last year to try and improve attendance across the school on a Friday. This incentive has improved the overall attendance of the school on a Friday. Please do remember the importance of making sure that your child is in school every day.

Covering a class when there is staff absence

As we continue to work hard to reduce a deficit in our budget, our focus continues to prioritise learning and teaching that inspires and challenges our children to achieve their very best. With our most Senior Leaders spending a greater percentage of their week in the classroom and our cover staff now class based, we do not have as much capacity to be able to cover staff, as we have had previously. This has meant that we have had to devise a cover plan to ensure that children have a teacher in the classroom, in the event that their classteacher is absent. On the first day of absence we will be linking children if they are in Years 1-6, which will involve 2 or 3 children joining another class/year group with pre-prepared learning tasks to complete in the presence of the classteacher of the class that they are joining. The children will know which class is their 'link' class and will go to this class anytime that their classteacher is absent for the period of one day. If a teacher in our Early Years is absent, we will cover the class with a leader that isn't scheduled to be in class that day, a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, the Inclusion Leader or the Head of School. This is manageable, as long as we do not have many staff absent all at once. If a member of staff is due to be absent for a longer period of time, then we will have no option but to book a supply teacher. This would be the last resort.

Eco Schools Green Flag Distinction Award

We are thrilled to be able to share that we have received an 'Outstanding' award for our Eco Schools Green Flag Award. Some of the feedback given is below:

The work of your large team of Eco-Warriors is supported by several adults. This tells us that your school champions environmental education and youth-led eco-action. Having multiple adults on your Eco-Warriors is a great way to distribute the workload, set an example to young people, and prevent over-reliance on a single staff member! We're in no doubt that this approach will have massively benefitted your Eco-Schools activities!

Your Eco-Warriors have used an impressive variety of methods to promote sustainability and keep their school community informed about their Eco-Schools' initiatives throughout the academic year. Using your school's newsletter to discuss your Eco-Schools' work is an excellent way to engage the entire school community in important environmental conversations Your Eco-Warriors have managed to



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involve their wider school community in their Eco-Schools' work and this will help them to maximise their positive impacts. Your Eco-Schools noticeboard looks fantastic, with lots of data demonstrating the positive impacts you and your Eco-Warriors have created. You've inspired enthusiastic young environmentalists who are excited about sustainability and empowered to make a difference, so it's no surprise pupil engagement has been a highlight of your journey.

A very big thank you to Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Murray and our fabulous Eco Warriors.



Clothes Recycling

When you come into our Key Stage 2 playground, you will see a new clothing recycling bin. Please do bring along any old clothes you may like to recycle. School uniform must not be recycled this way please. All clothes donated will raise additional money for our school.

Extra-curricular opportunities

Our programme of extra-curricular activities will resume for the children, with staff and outside providers taking the lead in a variety of creative, physical, social and academic activities this coming term. These will start the week beginning the **16th September 2024**. Information detailing what is on offer will be sent home on **Monday 9th September 2024**. Please do make sure that you check your parentmail for this information in order to register your child/ren.

Snacks

Most children require a small snack at morning break to keep them going until lunchtime. We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks full of vitamins and minerals containing no added salt, fat or sugar. Many of these will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate. It can be hard during the week to think of suitable items for them to bring in to school, and with the help of the children, we have reviewed our expectations of what will be allowed in school. This not only supports them in making healthy choices regarding snacks but will also reduce food packaging and waste. Providing snacks in a small, named, recyclable container is ideal.

If you are intending to send in healthy snacks with your child, please limit them to the list below.

- Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit, high in soluble fibre and vitamins would also be a great snack– pineapple, apple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.

We need the children to stay hydrated so please ensure they bring a named water bottle into school daily. Squash and fruit juice are not permitted. We hope that with your help, we can encourage the children to develop healthy eating habits that become a normal part of everyday life. By keeping high calorie snacks to a minimum and establishing healthy eating habits early on, improvements can be made for a child's quality of life both in the short and long term.



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Exciting News

We are thrilled to be able to inform you that Mrs Cook has given birth to a very healthy baby boy on the 17th August 2024. They have named him Freddie and both are doing very well. We look forward to meeting him soon.

Details of the autumn term events will be with you in separate fortnightly BeDifferent Bulletins and as you know, we do like to be busy.

Looking forward to a successful term ahead,

Mrs Bull



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