

**14th February 2019**

### A Message From Mr Ardé

Dear parents/carers,

Another successful term has come to an end at David Livingstone Academy.

The curriculum at David Livingstone has developed into a rich, knowledge-based curriculum, which is providing children with a deeper understanding and a breadth of opportunity.

We are proud of the progress your children have made this half term and we are looking forward to another successful half term as we move into Spring 2.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our community a good and relaxing half term break.

We look forward to seeing everyone again when we return on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Ardé

### Golden Tickets

Well done to the following children for receiving a golden ticket this week:

**Chloe**  
**Janai**  
**Ethan**  
**Ella-Mae**  
**Malachi**  
**Dylan**

### Upcoming events

**Thursday 14th February** - Last day of half term for pupils

**Friday 15th February** - Academy Closed for Inset Day

**Monday 25th February** - Academy Re-opens

**Tuesday 26th February** - Year 2 Class Trip

**Thursday 28th February** - Reception Class Trip

**Thursday 28th February**—Year 4 Starting Swimming Lessons

## Attendance Winners

The Attendance Winners this week are:

**Year 1 and Year 6B with  
99%**

## PE Kits

A gentle reminder,

When your children return on Monday 25th February, please ensure that they bring in their full PE kits. P.E kits can remain in school throughout the week. They should however be taken home on Friday for cleaning and brought back to school on Monday.

## Dinner Money Debt

Dear Parents/Carers,

In order to keep our dinner money debt to a minimal we are asking for ALL Parentmail dinner accounts to be less than £6.30.

If your dinner money account increases to more than £6.30 we will ask you to provide your child with a healthy packed lunch.

If you have any queries regarding this or feel you may be entitled to free school meals, please come to the Academy office to collect and complete out a Pupil Premium form.

Thank you for your on going support.

## Attendance

If a child is absent, parents should call the Academy office by 9.30am on the first day of absence stating a reason. Parents must contact the Academy daily to update on the medical condition and the anticipated length of time of any continued absence. On the child's return to school, a note explaining the reason for the absence and/or medical evidence must be provided.

A pupil's absence during term time can seriously disrupt their continuity of learning. Not only do they miss the teaching provided on the days they are absent, they are also less prepared for the lessons building on that after their return.

There are two types of absence:

- **Authorised** (where the Academy approves pupil absence eg absence due to sickness, religious observance, funerals);
- **Unauthorised** (where the Academy will not approve absence eg holidays during term time, taking children out of school without permission ie birthdays, parents or siblings attending medical appointments).

This policy applies to all pupils across the Trust, including children of non-statutory school age.

