

Friday 7th October 2016

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



Parent – Teacher Consultations and Book Fair

Parent-teacher consultations are taking place for all year groups after school on **Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October**. Please sign up on the list outside your child's classroom.

We are holding this event in the school hall again this year, alongside a **Scholastic Book Sale**.

You will be able to purchase or order books both evenings. There are hundreds of great children's books to choose from and some titles that cannot be bought elsewhere.

As a bonus, the school will receive a percentage of the sales in books for our Library, which means the children will benefit from every book that is sold.



Jellyfish Poetry Performances

This afternoon many parents attended the celebration of the work that **2F (Seahorse Group)** have done.

At 3pm on **Monday (10th)** it is the turn of **2P (Turtle Group)** and on **Friday (14th)** it is **2S/J's (Dolphin Group)** turn to come in.

Year 1 Parents

Invitations will be going out next week from the children inviting you to come in and look at their work in the classroom before school.

Flu Vaccination

The nasal flu vaccine will be given on Monday 31st October 2016 (*the first day back after half term*) to those children who handed in their consent form before the deadline. The Pharmacist has requested that, if possible, can the children having the vaccine bring in their NHS Red Book (Personal Health Record Book) on the day.

Buggies and Bikes

Please **do not** leave buggies or bikes in the playground - there is a cycle park (*next to Year 2 Playtrail*) where they can be left (*preferably locked*) at your own risk.



Parking – Safety: Concerns are growing of the dangers of parking/dropping off on the zig zag lines and between the traffic cones. Offenders will be reported to our PCSO. **Keeping children safe at all times is paramount.** **Dogs** (*carried or otherwise*) and **smoking** (*including e-cigarettes*) are also not allowed on the school premises. **ALWAYS SHUT THE GATES.**

Harvest Menu – 12 October 2016

Succulent Devonshire Roast Chicken, Cranberry Sauce and Gravy or Tasty Homemade Homity Pie (made with fresh Leeks, Onions and Mature Cheddar Cheese) served with Fresh Garden Carrots and Farmer's Fresh Cabbage and Crispy Golden Roasted Harvest Potatoes followed by Traditional Homemade Apple Pie with Custard Sauce.

Harvest Festival

This year we will be celebrating Harvest during the week commencing 17th October. We are going to ask you to help support the Exeter Food Bank, a local charity which provides emergency parcels of **non-perishable** food for local people in crisis.

If you want to find out more visit their web page:
www.exeterfoodbank.org.uk

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**'Working Together'
Drop-in-Session
(Open to all parents and carers)**

Tuesday 18th October 2016

9.10am-10.30am

in the old

Health Centre Room

in the Infant's School

Everyone is invited to drop-in to this informal session to have a cuppa and chat!
Hope to see you there.

Food Technology

Please remember to make a donation towards the cost of cooking ingredients before the end of term if you haven't already done so:

Reception: £5 per term please, to cover the cost of their Friday snack (toast and preserves) and cooking ingredients.

Year 1 and Year 2: £3 per term please, to cover the cost of cooking ingredients.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Universal Free School Meals All children in Key Stage 1 are automatically entitled to a free school meal. The criteria for Pupil Premium is similar to Free School Meals applications.

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England. If any of the benefits below apply to you, it means that the school is able to receive additional Pupil Premium funding.

- Income-based and contribution-based JSA or ESA on an equal basis
- Income Support (IS)
- Income based jobseekers allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190

Very few parents have returned their form, can we please emphasise the need for all parents to complete it (regardless of whether you receive any benefits) so that it enables the school to know about every child on roll who is eligible for the Pupil Premium additional funding.

Curriculum

We have been developing "Characteristics of Learning" with the children. The children may have commented on being a "Concentrating Dolphin" or a "Can-do-bird" as they set about tasks at home or try new things. The twelve animals used have stories to accompany them and help the children to recognise their own learning behaviour. For more detail see the school website: http://ladysmith-federation.eschools.co.uk/web/infant_school_curriculum/218131

The CBeebies website has further information and describes how we promote a growth mind set and the value of this change in the way we think about our abilities.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

SIMON SOCCER SCHOOL

Simons Soccer School is now **FULL** on Tuesdays and Thursday at Ladysmith.

School Photographer

The photographer will be coming to school on **Monday 7th November 2016**. All children in the school will be photographed individually and family photographs will take place after school. More details out soon.

Internet

The internet is now a part of our daily lives and keeping up with the latest apps can be difficult, especially when you are trying to protect your children from unsuitable content. The following link takes you to a site run by the NSPCC where you can find out about the latest apps and assess the risk for yourself. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk>

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

24th – 28th October 2016 (inc).

**Children return to school on
Monday 31st October 2016.**



Friday 4th November 2016

Tickets on sale soon for **Fireworks** night .
If you can help on this fun night please let
Charlie Nixon know.

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