

Friday 30th September 2016

Infant and Nursery Newsletter

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

Forms have gone out today to every child and we ask 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.

Thank you for your support.

Lunchtimes

Please ensure you go straight to the office to sign children out at lunchtime. We can then arrange for your child to be collected and inform the relevant staff. Your child's safety is paramount at Ladysmith Infant.

Always remember to close the school gates.

ParentMail

Technical problems have been sorted and we hope you are now receiving this newsletter by **ParentMail**. This is a much quicker and secure way to keep parents informed of events at Ladysmith. Please let the office know as soon as possible if you are **not** receiving information via ParentMail.

Flu Vaccination

The nasal flu vaccine will be given on Monday 31st October 2016 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

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 at your own risk.

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

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.

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.

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Message from the Governors of the Ladysmith Federation

Pollution Levels from vehicle emissions on Ladysmith Road

It has been brought to the attention of Governors of the Ladysmith Federation that the pollution level from vehicle emissions outside the schools is very high at drop-off and pick-up times. This is bound to be having an effect on the children especially those affected by breathing problems or allergies.

*We would like to ask all parents to help in managing this issue by **only bringing a vehicle if it is absolutely necessary** and, if you do have to, please **switch the engine off** whilst you are waiting.*

Your help with this would be greatly appreciated and any reduction in pollution achieved will have a direct impact on all of the children of our schools.

Parental Agreement to Administer Medication

If your child is prescribed medication that needs to be given at school (*including a Ventolin inhaler*) please remember to speak to the class teacher and sign the 'Parental Agreement to Administer Medication' form.

It is proving more and more time consuming working out every child's dietary needs. If your child has allergies please make sure the child is aware of this. Likewise, if you wish your child to stay to a hot dinner but he/she has a severe allergy it is very important that you meet with Mrs Hoare, the kitchen manager and mark off on the lunch menu what he/she can eat.

We need to ensure that children are properly catered for in school at all times.

SIMON SOCCER SCHOOL

Due to the growing popularity of Simons Soccer School, an extra night for Year 1's has been planned for Tuesday after school. Please contact Ben Simons – Tel. 01392 421670 Mobile 07919360222 or email Footballacademy@hotmail.co.uk to enroll for this extra session.

Year 2 PE Kits

Children in Year 2 started outdoor PE lessons this afternoon. Please remember to provide your child with a suitable PE kit to be left in school until half term. This needs to include a t-shirt, shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers.

LADYSMITH FOREST SCHOOL

Would you like to volunteer as a Forest School Parent?

We are looking for committed parents to help support our Forest School sessions, assisting the staff to give children as much time as possible outdoors. **Help is required on the following mornings from 9 am – 12 noon: Monday (Year 2); Thursday (Reception); Friday (Year 1).**

DBS checks are required and can be organised through the office.

If you are interested in helping, please email wbecroft@ladysmithfederation.net or emma.w.whittingham@gmail.com

Jellyfish Poetry Performances

As a celebration of the work that Year 2 have done, during their Oceans and Seas topic, the children are going to be putting on a **Jellyfish Poetry Performance**.

Year 2 families are invited to come and join them for an afternoon of poetry and dance. The dates are as follows:

Seahorse Class (2F) – 3:00pm, Friday 7th October

Turtle Class (2P) – 3:00pm, Monday 10th October

Dolphin Class (2S/J) – 3:00pm, Friday 14th October

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>



Friday 4th November 2016

Remember to put this date in your diary for **Fireworks** night. If you can help on this fun night please let Charlie Nixon know. ladysmithpta@googlemail.com

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