

Friday 23rd September 2016

Infant and Nursery Newsletter

Message from Chair of Governors.....

*I wrote to you two weeks ago informing you that the Headteacher had resigned and that the governors of the Federation would be considering options for leadership and management of the school in the immediate future. We have asked the **Deputy Headteacher, Emma Brown**, to take on the role of **Acting Headteacher** for this academic year and we are very pleased to say that she has accepted.*

Emma is an experienced professional who we believe is more than capable of taking on this role but we have no illusions in relation to the magnitude of the task we have asked her to do. The governors will provide whatever help and support will be needed by Emma and the staff to ensure that this is a successful year in the School.



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.

Buckfast Abbey



Visits to Buckfast Abbey were arranged for Year 2 to visit the Abbey on September 13th (2F), September 19th (2S/J) and September 20th (2P). The feedback has been brilliant and everyone (including the parent helpers) had a fantastic time.

Vacancy

We are looking for someone to work in our school canteen for 10 hours per week to help serve the daily meals and tidy up. If you are interested please contact our Kitchen Manager, Tanya Hoare.

Flu Vaccination

All Year 1 and 2 children Flu forms should be handed in to the office **BEFORE 23rd September 2016**.

Bug Club

Bug Club is our online library, full of reading books for the children to select. If you have lost your password, ask at the school office for a new one. Children in reception will have to be patient for a little longer as new passwords and usernames need to be created for every child. We will send these home as soon as we can.

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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LEGO CLUB

A Lego lunchtime club was launched on Wednesday for Year 1 children. It proved a great success but we still need to boost our Lego stocks so if you have any spare or unused Lego at home please bring it into the school office. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

This term Premier Sports will be running the following clubs:

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm – Dance

Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm - Fencing

Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm – Gymnastics - **FULL**

Enrolment forms have been given out

Further information: 07711 788 525

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SIMON SOCCER SCHOOL

Due to the growing popularity of Simons Soccer School, an extra night for Year 1's has been arranged 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.

ROLE PLAY SHEDS

We are trying to replenish our role play sheds in the Year 1 and 2 playgrounds. Please look around at home to see if you have anything that may be of use – any dressing up clothes, plastic tools and toys. Themes are: Construction, Hospitals, Wedding etc.

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

SAFEGUARDING

As you know, safeguarding children from harm is our top priority and we have become concerned that some of the children waiting to go into year two in the mornings are climbing on the railings. This is potentially dangerous and we would really appreciate your support in preventing this. We have also been made aware that some parents are parking on the zig-zag lines outside the school. We strongly urge these parents not to do this. Children are put at risk where they and other road users lack full visibility when crossing the road.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

We are a group of parent/ carers who have children with a range of behavioural, medical and/ or educational needs.

Our next get together is on,

**Monday 26th September, Jury's Inn, Exeter.
7.45pm.**

If you would like to join us, just come along or call,

**Lindsey Blackwell. Family Support Worker.
Tel: 01392 271596 or 255554.**

HONEYSCRIBE

Punch & Judy Show – It's Bee-hind You!

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th September

11am – 3pm Princesshay Square

(See the notice board for more exciting events)



PTFA informal coffee morning, open to all parents/carers of Infants and Juniors.

When: Wed 28th September, 9ish – 10am ish

Where: Forest School Room, next to Infant School Canteen

If anyone would like to attend but cannot make this time, please get in touch and we can sort something out ladysmithptfa@googlemail.com

In the meantime, a date for your diaries is our Fireworks night, which Charlie had already planned to run this year, on **Friday 4th November**. Save the date, and think about how you might like to help out on this fun night!

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