

Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Friday 30th September 2016

New Build Update

We have added a section on our new website to keep you up-to-date with the new school building. You will find photos of the build along with plans showing what the building will look like upon completion.

Please do visit our new school website at www.ladysmithfederation.net

Year 5 trip to R.A.M.M.

On Tuesday, year 5 enjoyed a fascinating trip to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter. The purpose of the trip was to investigate ancient artefacts and whether we can learn anything from them today. The children used an archaeological field journal to record anything they found interesting, unusual or worth recording.

Anju in 5NW said, *"It was very good because we saw an ancient Greek helmet and some Egyptian sarcophagi."*

Many of the children were curious about the stories and messages on some of the Greek pottery. Some conversations between the children included: What is the story on the vase about? Are these people famous? Why would anyone record this?

Year 5 will be using their fact finding mission to help curate their own museum exhibition on Greek artefacts, over the coming weeks.



Parent Meetings

Parent meetings are next week. You should have received a slip back confirming the time of your appointment. Please let your child's teacher know if you have not yet got a slot. Year 3, 5 and 6 will be in the main hall and year 4 will be in 4RC at the end of the corridor past the hall. Please enter via the main door.

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Exeter School Football League

Good luck to the year 6 football teams who start their tournament on Monday evening at St Peters C of E High School. They will play 12 games in total between now and Easter; watch this space to find out how they get on.

Lunchtime clubs

Library - The library is now open every lunchtime as well as before and after school.

Homework – The ICT suite is available during lunchtimes on Wednesdays for any children who are unable to complete their homework at home. We would like all children to complete homework at home where possible.

Animation – Mrs Brown, with help from Jacob in year 6, will be running an animation club for years 5 and 6 on Mondays, starting on Monday 3rd October. All children who applied for the club are able to go so we have not sent individual letters out.



Board / card games - Mrs Groves will be running a board games / card club for year 3 and 4 on Thursdays, starting on Thursday 6th October. All children who applied for the club are able to go so we have not sent individual letters out.



Lunches

The majority of parents are now paying for school lunches through ParentMail. Therefore, paper menus will not be sent home by the class teacher but will be available from the letter rack just inside the main entrance or at reception.

PDA Event

If you would like to find out more about Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA), there is a workshop available on 20th October for parents or carers of children who have PDA (or suspected PDA). To find out more, please see the flyer which was emailed out to all parents today or contact paula.webb@pdasociety.org.uk

Messages from the Governors

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 children in our schools.

Thank you in anticipation of your help and support.

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Anne Smith

Following a period of ill health, Anne Smith, Headteacher at the Infant School, has retired. The Governors 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. I know that you will join with me in wishing Emma good luck in the role that she is taking on. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Emma or myself.

Best wishes

Ian Gibson
Chair of Governors

Job Vacancy

*We are looking to recruit a permanent Mealtime Assistant to join our team.
Previous experience is desirable but not essential, as full training will be provided.
Working hours are from 12.10 – 13.35 daily for 38 weeks a year (term time)
Please call the school office, 01392 255554, for more information or an application form
Ladysmith Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to have a check through the Disclosure and Barring service.*

Dates for the diary:

- 3rd October – Ladysmith B Football team playing at St Peters.**
- 4th October – Parent's Evening**
- 4th October – Y4 trip to Stokehill Junior School – on-line safety performance**
- 5th October - Parent's Evening (4RM and 3LD only)**
- 6th October – Parent's Evening**
- 10th October – Ladysmith A Football team playing at St Peters.**
- 21st October – Fraser Photography – individual and sibling photos.**
- 4th November – Fireworks Night – details to follow**



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