

Friday 9th September 2016

Infant and Nursery Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Received from Mrs Anne Smith, Headteacher:

"Following a period of ill health I've taken the time to make some important decisions about the future and I feel that now is a good time to hand the school onto others and to move on to new opportunities.

I would like to thank everyone for the five and a half wonderful years I have enjoyed at Ladysmith and wish all the children every success in the future."

At the moment Emma Brown, Deputy Headteacher, is covering all of the responsibilities in respect of the Headteacher's position. The Governors of the Federation are currently taking advice as to how to proceed with the leadership in the Infant School from this point. As soon as a decision is reached we will communicate with you again.

WELCOME!

Welcome to you all, both old and new families, to Ladysmith.

We are pleased to see how well everyone is settling into school this term.

We welcome 3 new teachers to our team for this term: Miss Rebecca Symons, Year 1, Miss Helen Potter, Year 2, and Nursery Teacher, Mrs Rebecca Budiman.

We also welcome back Mrs Gemma Jarrell who returns to Year 2 after maternity leave.

Many of you will have also noticed Mrs Kate Bayliss in school. Her plans didn't quite work out so we are delighted to welcome her back on our staff as a very experienced HLTA.

We hope you will join us in wishing them all the very best at Ladysmith Infant and Nursery School and trust they will be very happy in their roles.

PARTNERSHIPS

We believe the partnership between home and school is very important. **Curriculum letters** and dates for parent meetings will be starting to come out to you soon. Working together at home is a vital ingredient in helping the children make the most of their school learning by applying and practising their skills, knowledge and understanding outside of the classroom. A good example is when you read to your children or let them read to you. We encourage everyone to read and sign a home-school agreement.

Well done to all the children in Year 1 who remembered to bring their "All About Me" box. We have enjoyed hearing children talk about the items inside and what they mean to them. If you have forgotten, it is not too late for children to bring theirs in. Children just need to put three items in a box (such as a shoebox) that reflect their interests, character, background or other important aspects relating to them.

Year 2 children were given an envelope in which to collect 'summer memories'. We also asked them to bring in a smooth pebble for painting on the **first day back after the summer break**. (5th September). Well done for remembering.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Please remember to make a donation towards the cost of cooking ingredients.

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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SAFEGUARDING

As you know, safeguarding the pupils in our care is our top priority. We would really appreciate it if you could take the time to read our Child protection statement:

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice.

Additionally, we have included the contact number for MASH (The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub). The MASH is the central resource for the whole of Devon receiving all safeguarding and child protection enquiries. It is staffed with professionals from a range of agencies including police, probation, fire, ambulance, health, education and social care. These professionals share information to ensure early identification of potential significant harm, and trigger interventions to prevent further harm.

MASH contact details:

Worried about a child's safety?

If you are concerned about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone contact our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **0345 155 1071** or email mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk and give as much information as you can. If a child is at immediate risk contact the police on **999**.

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.

FLU VACCINATION

All Year 1 and 2 children will shortly be given a letter and consent form for completion and return to the school office BEFORE 23rd September 2016.

LOST PROPERTY

We still have a mound of lost property in School which needs to be cleared. Please help child to look after their uniform and remember to name **ALL** clothing.



Ladysmithpfa@googlemail.com

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SALES

The PTFA will be holding Secondhand Uniform Sales on the following days after school:

Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Wednesday 4th January 2017

Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Wednesday 19th April 2017

Wednesday 7th June 2017

HEAVITREE LIBRARY

Heavitree are starting a library within Heavitree Parish Church in Church Street.

It will be open on the first and third Friday of each month between 10am and noon and is to feature a storytime for pre-school aged children from 10.30am to 11am each session.

Everyone welcome to pop along. Refreshments will also be available (*see notice board for more details*).

CONTACT NUMBERS AND CHANGES

Have you moved in the holidays? Changed your telephone/mobile numbers?

As you all know, we are dealing with very young children at Ladysmith, therefore, we cannot emphasise enough the importance of keeping the school informed of any changes that occur during your child's time here. It is also **essential** that you keep the office informed of any **allergies** and **medical conditions** your child may have.

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

Enrolment forms have been given out today.

Further information: 07711 788 525

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