

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## Infant and Nursery Newsletter

### Parent Meals

It was lovely to see so many parents join their children in Reception for lunch this week. The feedback was very good but if you did not have a chance to write a comment and would like to it's not too late. Just pop into the office.

### Harvest Festival

This year we will be celebrating Harvest during the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Foodbank Shopping List:** (*small tins/packets for individuals only please*) Meat, Potatoes, Pasta, Vegetables, Noodles, Squash, Tea bags, Puddings, Coffee, Rice (500g), Biscuits, Jams, Cereals (*small boxes*). Loo Rolls and Toiletries are also needed.

If you want to find out more visit their web page: [www.exeterfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.exeterfoodbank.org.uk)

### Reading Books

Children have got some exciting new reading journals. They are worth having a look through as in the middle of them you will find a very helpful section which includes phonic sounds, key words and helpful hints for reading with your child. Please record when you read with your child as this will help class teachers to have a picture of your child's reading journey.

### Pine Cones

If you are walking in the forest and find some pine cones at the weekend please bring them to school.

### 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 Reminder

All children in Year 1 and 2 will be given an information pack from Boots regarding the nasal flu vaccination. The immunisation team will be collecting Consent forms on Wednesday. If you have not completed and returned the form yet please do so as soon as possible and pop it into the school office.



### Asthma Sufferers

If your child suffers from asthma and is likely to need an inhaler whilst in school please remember it is essential to complete the necessary medical form from the Class Teacher. The inhaler should be named and also given to the class teacher. The school is not allowed to keep an emergency supply.

### Allergies

It is very important that you tell the school office and class teacher of any allergies your child may have.

### 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

We are starting a Lego lunchtime club for Key Stage 1 children next Wednesday. We are looking 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.



### Ladysmith Community Toddler Group

The Toddler Group is back!

We run two sessions on Tuesday and Thursday  
9.30 until 11.00 am and 11.30 until 1.00 pm.

Please come along and join us for lots of play and fun. We meet weekly in the Community Room at Ladysmith Infant School.

New families are always welcome.

### Community Fun Day Heavitree Pleasure Ground Sunday 18th September 2016

This is a free event with music, food, ale and Pimms tent, coffee and cakes, craft and children's stalls, bouncy castle, face paints, rides, cookery, go karts.

For more information contact  
[smile@heavitreefunday.co.uk](mailto:smile@heavitreefunday.co.uk)  
Find us on Facebook!

### 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  
[wbeecroft@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:wbeecroft@ladysmithfederation.net) or  
[emma.w.whittingham@gmail.com](mailto:emma.w.whittingham@gmail.com)

### Parent Support Group

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

We meet every half term to share experiences, tips, worries and laughs.

Our next get together will take place on,  
**Monday 26th September, at Jury's Inn, Exeter.  
7.45pm.**

Where we will meet for a drink and a chat.

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

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



Message from PTFA.....

Hi everyone!

Our purpose as a PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) is to raise money for the school, through running fun community events. The money is used to provide fun experiences (eg. visiting theatre productions,) or to buy equipment (eg. developing outdoor spaces,) that enrich our children's experience of school life.

Emma Whittingham and Charlie Nixon have co-run the PTFA this last year, but would like to pass it onto some new people. If you'd like to get involved or have ideas for the future of the PTFA then please come to an informal coffee morning, open to all parents/carers of Infants and Juniors.

**When: Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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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