

Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Friday 25th September 2015

New Chair of Governors

My name is Ian Gibson and I have just been elected as Chair of the Governing Body of the Ladysmith Federation. I have been involved with the two schools for many years as my step-son attended them both and has just moved on to comprehensive school from last year's Year 6. I have only been a school governor since the beginning of this year, although I have previously had several years as a school governor in a primary school, with six of them as Chair of the Governing Body. This is the first time that I have been involved with a federation so there is a lot to learn. Following many years in social care procurement with Devon County Council, I retired in January which is why I feel that I have the time to take on this demanding role. The next two years are going to be busy with the development of the new junior school building. The governors are going to have to work hard to provide support and encouragement to the schools to ensure that the current high standards are maintained and there is no impact on the children's education. If anyone connected with the school wishes to contact me, I would be grateful if they could leave their name and contact details at either of the school offices and I will get back to them. It would also help to give a brief outline of the issue that you wish to discuss.



The Governing Body will keep you up to date with developments during the year.

Free School Meals?

At Ladysmith Junior School, if your child is eligible for Free School Meals they will also receive:

- **A free school jumper**
- **A free 'new style' school sports polo shirt**
- **A free pencil case and stationery**
- **50% off all school trips, residentials and paying clubs at school**

This forms part of our provision from the Government's Pupil Premium Grant. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and are not earning more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Applying for Free School Meals:

Phone – 0345 155 1019 Parents/Carers can ring the Education Helpline. Have your National Insurance Number to hand.

Application Form – Collect a form from the school office. Office staff will be happy to help you complete the form.

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Christmas Cards

Next week, the children are going to have the opportunity to design their own Christmas card and for it to then be professionally printed. They will bring their design home and you may then place an order, although there is no obligation to do so.

There will be some card samples to view in Reception at that time as well as details of how other family members/friends can take part. The printed cards will be returned in early November.



Federation Book Bags

Federation book bags are now on sale from the Junior School Office at a price of £3.70 each.



Park Run

In Heavitree Park, every Sunday at 9.00am, there is a free 2K run for 4 to 14 year olds. Children can get a free barcode and then they can track their times on-line to see if they improve them. For more details, google 'Heavitree Park Run'.

E Safety and Digital Parenting Magazine

This week in assembly, we have continued to think about on-line safety and we will continue to promote safe practice on-line throughout the year. We have discussed 'Hector the Protector' and have watched one of his short cartoons on e-safety. These are available on the CEOPS site and, although they are mostly aimed at the younger children in school, they do have a clear message for all of the children.

For more information visit: www.thinkuknow.co.uk



Your child should have brought home a copy of Digital Parenting: a free magazine with some really interesting articles and practical suggestions on how to keep your children safe.

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