

# Ladysmith Junior School News



## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Welcome Back** - I hope you all had a fantastic summer break and have returned feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. It has been lovely to meet all our new children in Year 3 and in other classes across the school – I hope you all really enjoy your time at Ladysmith Junior School, and we are all looking forward to getting to know you better in the coming months and years.

It is great to finally be here and to get started! The school has a lovely feel to it, and I have been very impressed by the hardworking, caring and positive approach of the staff.

**New Start to the Day** - You will have noticed that we have changed the start of the day routine. From now on we would like all of the children to **make their way straight into class** as soon as they come on to the site in the morning. You are **very welcome** to come into class to settle them in or to pass on important messages to their teacher.

We will also be holding our school assemblies first thing in the morning – it is therefore even more important that your child arrives at school on time. The school gates open at 8.45am, and children arriving after 8:55am are late for school.



**School Uniform** – The children look really smart and ready to learn when they come into school in their full uniform – thank you for supporting us in this. We have reminded the children today that they should not be wearing rings, bracelets (including loom bands) and necklaces to school. Please can you keep an eye on this and help them to get it right before they set off for school.



**Newsletters** - We will be sending home a newsletter every Friday – look out for it on yellow paper. In the longer term we would like to make better use of our school email system for this. Next week we will be sending home a 'contact details' sheet for you to update – please make sure that we have your up to date email address.

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**New Teachers** – We are really pleased to welcome our two new class teachers to the school. They were carefully chosen from over 60 applicants, and we are very pleased to have them on board. I asked them to introduce themselves to you:

*‘Hello, I’m Miss Helliard and I’ve just joined the Year 5 team. Before teaching here I have taught across Key Stage Two but I am really looking forward being back in Year 5. I’m very sorry if anyone hears me singing in my classroom when I think no one is listening!! I love baking cakes but this does mean I try and get to the gym lots. I have a very big family who I am very close to and have lots of pets, but you will have to come and ask me to find out more!’*

*‘Hello, I am Miss Mayne, a new Year 3 teacher. I come to Ladysmith Junior School with lots of enthusiasm and creativity, which I hope will rub off on the children’s approach to learning. I enjoy walking, climbing, art and spending time outside. Along with the rest of the Year 3 team, I look forward to an exciting year ahead’.*

**Meet the Teacher** - We have arranged some times next week when the teachers will be available after school to introduce themselves to you, and to give you the opportunity to ask any questions about routines etc. They will be in class after school until about 4.30pm on Monday (Year 4 and 6) and Wednesday (Year 3 and 5).



*Miss Helliard and Miss Mayne*

**Clubs** – Mr Broad has been working hard to put together a selection of sports clubs that will be running after school.

The children were given a presentation in assembly this morning to let them know what will be happening, and you will get a letter next week giving you the opportunity to sign your child up for these.

Have a lovely weekend, and enjoy the sunshine

*Roy Souter*

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