Ladysmith Federation

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 26th May 2017

FEDERATION NEWS

Federation Governors News

Ladysmith Governors met on Monday evening for our half-termly Full Governing Body meeting. We all agreed that we would like to thank the Heads and all staff of both schools for their hard work and continued passion over recent months. There have been several big changes, with the building move in the Junior School, which was managed remarkably well, and with Emma Brown being confirmed as the Headteacher of the Infant School and making an excellent start. We are pleased also to confirm that the Infant School has now appointed a new Deputy Head who will be joining us in September. Further information about the Governing Body's ongoing work will be made available in our Annual Report, which is due later this term. You can also find out more about who we are and what we do by visiting the school website www.ladysmithfederation.net

Ambition Adventure Achievement

Year 1 and Year 2 Hook Days

Year 1 - Hook Day - Monday 5th June 2017 - "Who lived in a Castle?" Please could the children come to school dressed in medieval costume? (see separate letter for more details)

Year 2 – Hook Day – Wednesday 7th June 2017 – "What made the Ancient Egyptians awesome?" Children should bring an old white pillowcase to school to wear as a tabard during the Hook day. Remember to inform the class teacher if you do not give permission for your child to take part in the face painting or watching the film "Prince of Egypt". (see separate letter for more details)

Curriculum overview letters have gone out to every year group today with next terms' planning for parents to follow.

Health and Safety

Residents and visitors have complained about the group of parents who have been gathering outside the perimeter of the school smoking and blocking the pathway resulting in others having to walk on the road to get past. Please can we ask all parents not to block the pavements so as not to cause danger or to inconvenience others by having to walk on the road.

Pretoria Road can be a hazardous area first thing in the mornings. We would like to encourage all parents to walk children to school where possible to avoid the build-up of traffic. Please be vigilant when crossing the roads as the number of cars manoeuvring in and out at the junction makes it potentially very dangerous.



Respect for our Neighbours

We have had a number of complaints relating to problems with members of the public, and more specifically those visiting the school. There have been reports of littering, picking flowers from private properties surrounding the school area and disrespectful behaviour in the cemetery. We do ask that everyone on their journey to and from school shows respect for other people's property, customs, beliefs and the environment which we all share. Thank you for your support.





Paignton Zoo Trip

Year 1 had a brilliant day at Paignton Zoo on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so exciting.





Wanted: Year 2 would like Plastic 500ml Water Bottles with lids. Year 1 would like Cardboard tubes for making castles, plastic bottle lids for making 3D flowers and empty drink cartons for making bird feeders. If you have any of these items please pop them into school. Thank you.



Ladysmith Big Wild Sleep Out - SOLD OUT

Friday 23rd June 5pm – Saturday 24th June 10am RSPB Aylesbeare Common . If anyone has not handed in their booking form yet and wishes to join the sleep out, they can be put on a waiting list in case someone drops out.





Sports Day – 23rd June 2017 - Ladysmith Junior School Field

Year R: 9.30 - 10.30am, Year 1: 10.45 - 11.45am and Year 2: 2.00 - 3.00pm



Please can children come to school on Sports Day wearing their shorts, t-shirts, trainers, sun screen and a sun hat or cap. A shady water station will be provided as part of the carousel of activities (hopefully to give shelter from sun not rain!)

We will be going across to the field at various times before Sports Day to practice, so it would be very helpful if all children could keep a pair of trainers in school, plus t-shirt and shorts as well for year 1 and 2 children.



Sainsbury's Vouchers

We have collected and counted **14,000** vouchers so far. Our target this year is **27,000**! Ask friends and relatives if they have any vouchers to give us. We can do it!

Could you help....?

We are looking for some volunteers! Do you have a special skill or hobby that you would be happy to share with us?

We want to start a programme of curriculum enrichment days, where the children will have the opportunity to experience additional activities. We want these activities to be fun and exciting for them, as well as teaching them important life skills and maybe just exploring something they wouldn't normally do!

These days will be once every half term and we hope to have mixed age groups of about 15 children for each activity. All volunteers will need to obtain a DBS clearance as usual, which will be organised through the school office. If you are interested, please let us know.

Sponsored Skip

Letters have gone out today regarding a sponsored skip taking place during the week beginning 26th June 2017. This is to encourage the children to develop a healthy lifestyle and promote wellbeing. The proceeds will go to the British Heart Foundation to help them in their research work to save lives.





Food Technology

We ask for a termly donation to contribute towards the cost of cooking ingredients. Please remember to make your contribution: **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.



CHILDREN, PARENTS, TEACHERS TOGETHER

The new CPTT page will shortly be up on the Federation website. Have a look to see photos of the reps from our recent meeting.

Everyone is invited to come along to the <u>Pop Up Café on Wednesday 14th June 3-4.30pm in the Junior School Hall</u>. Indulge in Year 2 and Year 6's baking and check out the second-hand uniform sale!

<u>Plans are already underway for the Summer Fair on Friday July 7th, 2017 (after school)</u>
Donations would be much appreciated. We require -

Bottles (Alcoholic & non-alcoholic) for the bottle tombola being run this year by Year's 1 & 4; Bric-a-brac & Teddies for the main tombola stall being run by Reception and & Year 3.

If you are having a clear out over half term please consider donating old toys, books, toiletries & TEDDIES to our fun filled Summer Fair!! If you have any questions either speak to your class rep or email cptt@ladysmithfederation.net





Half Term

School re-opens at 8.50am on Monday 5th June 2017.

We hope you all enjoy the holiday.



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