

# Ladysmith Federation

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

### FEDERATION NEWS

#### Welcome Back!

We hope that you enjoyed the Easter break and are looking forward to the Summer Term as much as we are. There is always lots to pack into the next few months but with the warmer days, lighter evenings and the new Junior School building open, it will be an exciting time at Ladysmith.



#### Ambition Adventure Achievement

As the new term begins, the children start their new topic areas with a "hook day". Year One children (and adults) went wild and were transformed into a huge range of different animals. Over the term they will be learning more about animal classification and camouflage. The knowledge they brought with them on the "hook day" was incredible – we already have some potential animal experts of the future. Watch out David Attenborough!



#### Book Fayre



Our Scholastic Book Fayre has raised £384 in Free books for our school.

A big thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event.



Sainsbury's  
**Active Kids**  
Eat well • Move well • Live well

#### Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please ask family and friends to pass on spare vouchers to us and collect as many as you can over the next few weeks. The more vouchers collected, the more equipment we can get! There is a wonderful range of equipment for the school.

#### Seed Planting

**Bumble Bee Class (1P/T)** will be walking to Heavitree Park on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**. The Devon Wildlife Trust will help them create a meadow of bee friendly flowers.

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and their **wellington boots** as they will be stamping in the seeds. They will need to bring their **school shoes** in a named carrier bag.

#### Reminder KS1 Tests

A meeting has been planned for all Year 2 parents on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017** at **9.05am** in the School Hall to outline how the KS1 tests will take place during May 2017 and how parents can best support their child.

#### Reminder Parent Questionnaire

Please remember to complete and return the Parent Questionnaire which was sent out at the end of last term to all year groups **BEFORE Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017**. We are always looking at ways to improve our school and questionnaires are a very good way of finding out what parents really think.



#### Dance Club

Due to hospitalization the Tuesday After School Dance Club will not be running this term. I am sure you will join us in wishing Emily a speedy recovery.



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## Bank Holiday

The School will be closed on **Monday 1st May 2017** for the Bank Holiday.  
School will re-open at **8.50am** on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**.

## School Photographer



Class photos will be taken on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017** across all year groups. In addition, Year 2 children will have individual photographs taken as a memento of their time at Ladysmith Infant & Nursery School.

Please let the office know beforehand if you **do not** wish your child to be photographed with their class.

## Polling Days

The Community Room is being used as a Polling Station for the coming elections on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017** and **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. The School, however, will remain **OPEN** and all children are expected to attend school in the normal way.



### **SEND 'Working Together' Drop-in-Session** (Open to all parents and carers)

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 2.15pm**  
**Infant School - Family Room**

Everyone is invited to drop in and have a cuppa and a chat with our SEND Co-ordinators from both schools (Louise Williams and Helen Keenor) and our joint Family Support Worker (Lindsey Blackwell).

It is an open agenda so if you have any questions, concerns or areas for discussion, please bring them to the session.

### **Parent Support Group**

Our next social meeting is on  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017** at the **Jury's Inn**  
(opposite the Vue Cinema)  
at **7.45pm**.

If you are a parent or carer of a child with physical, behavioural, educational or emotional needs and would like to join us, please come along and meet our friendly group. We meet once every half term to share experiences, ideas, worries and laughs.

If you would like to join us just come along, or ring  
Lindsey Blackwell, Family Support Worker,  
Mobile 07746621886



**The warmer weather is here to stay (*hopefully!*) so please remember to bring in a sun hat and apply sun cream before school.**



## **Ladysmith Community Toddler Group**

Ladysmith Community Toddler Group meets weekly in our Community Room  
(*entrance via Pretoria Road*) on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

There are two sessions: 9.30am – 11.00am and 11.30am – 1.00 pm.

Come along and join us for lots of play and fun. New families are always welcome.  
A small charge is made of **£2 per session**.



## **Children, Parents, Teachers Together (CPTT)**

A big thank you to all the parents and children who have applied to be **CPTT** reps.

Our first meeting for all reps will be on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017** at

**6pm** (*venue tbc*) and **NOT 3<sup>rd</sup> May** as originally stated.

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