

# Ladysmith Federation

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018



### FEDERATION NEWS

A huge Thank You to everyone who took part in raising money for Sports Relief. Everyone enjoyed the joint family run on the Golden Mile Track at the Junior School. It was also good to see so many children dressed up as their favourite sports star during the day. The total amount raised by Ladysmith Federation was an amazing **£549.90**.

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week who all enjoyed a hot chocolate!



#### Year 5 visit Year 2

Year 2 had the opportunity to enjoy the achievements of the Year 5 writers when they came over from the Junior School to share their Graphic Novels with them.

### Curriculum Letters

Summer Term Curriculum letters for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been sent home outlining the activities planned for the Summer Term. Ladysmith believe that working together at home is a vital ingredient in helping the children make the most of their skills, knowledge and understanding outside of the classroom. Letters are also available on our web page [www.ladysmithfederation.net](http://www.ladysmithfederation.net)



#### CPTT - Pop Up Café

A huge thank you to the busy bakers and parent volunteers from the Reception and Year 2 classes. Thank you also to the fantastic Year 5 helpers and everyone who turned up to buy delicious cakes at our recent Pop Up Café.

This was the first café to be organised by the new coordinators. A staggering **£338.71** was raised.

Look out for our next café in the summer term at Juniors with Year 6 & 3 baking.



**Parklife Heavitree** is a community group (and charitable company) focused on what goes on in Heavitree Pleasure Ground, Exeter.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2-4pm Easter Egg Hunt.**



Everyone is welcome to join in. Come and join us for a special Easter egg hunt around the park. Fun for all the family. 50p per entry. Refreshments available to purchase from our coffee van. [facebook.com/parklifeheavitree](https://www.facebook.com/parklifeheavitree)



The Force Shop in Heavitree is hosting a fun Easter event on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. There will be activity sheets and an animal themed Easter Egg Trail. All children who complete a sheet can pick a prize from a selection of cuddly toys and other children's books. There will also be a bake sale.



Ambition Adventure Achievement



## Children, Parents, Teachers, Together (CPTT) Open Air Cinema Event



Please sign up if you are able to lend a hand at this exciting new event.

We will be hosting an open air cinema screening of **SING** on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 from 6.30 onwards**. Tickets will go on sale **16<sup>th</sup> April 2018** on a first come first served basis. Tickets cost £5 and under 3's are free. Volunteers to help support this event are much needed. Priority booking and a guaranteed ticket will be available to all volunteers.

### Year 1 Hook Day – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April (first day back after the Easter break)

The children in Year 1 will be trying to answer the big question - **How do animals adapt to their environment?** The children can come to school on that day dressed as a wild animal (*preferably not a pet*). We would also like the children to bring in an empty box, either the size of a shoe box or smaller to make an animal environment. The children will also be having an exciting visit from the falconry. Don't forget to let your teacher know if your child has any phobia about birds or animal allergies. Thank you once again to the CPTT for funding another wonderfully enriching experience.



### Year 2 Hook Day - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April



The exciting new topic in Year 2 is **Pirates and Explorers**. The children can come to school dressed as their favourite a pirate or explorer. The children will be making treasure maps and taking part in a pirate and animal mask workshop.

We are grateful to the CPTT who have agreed to fund this pirate workshop which will be delivered by Captain Rocky Cliff.

### Orthoptic Vision Screening for 4-5 year olds (Reception and Year 1 children)

At the age of 4 to 5 vision can be accurately tested using a subjective assessment, in an enjoyable format for children.



It is important that any vision problems are detected early so treatment can be undertaken and not interfere with their education. Treatment of most vision problems caused by a need for glasses (long sight, short sight or astigmatism), detected at this age will achieve a good result.

Your child will be seen by an eye professional who is trained and experienced at testing a child's vision.

**What will the Examiner test for?** They will check the visual acuity (eyesight) of either eye, with the main aim is to pick up reduced vision caused by a need for glasses. This may be in one eye, or both.

The test will be done during the school day on **April 27<sup>th</sup> or April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Your child will be taken out of class at a convenient time and returned after the test. The test will take 5-10 minutes and we aim to make it fun. Your child will be asked to match or name letters or pictures, so it is not a problem if they do not know the alphabet.

**Any Reception and Year 1 parents who do not want this screening to be given to their child please remember to return the 'opt out' slip on your letter duly completed and signed.**



### Easter Holiday

The school closes for Easter at 3.20pm  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** and  
re-opens **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8.50am**

We hope you all have an enjoyable Easter



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