

Friday 14th November 2014

Charities

Across the Federation we make time to help Ladysmith learn about the needs of others and the importance of giving charitably. With so many calls upon everyone's finances and time we have thought hard about focusing our giving upon the charities that we would like to support in 2014-15.

We have looked at the websites and mission statements of all the charities listed regarding their ethical credentials, and hope that you will join us in supporting these worthwhile charities through your child.

This term we are supporting **Children in Need** by making a donation and dressing as superheroes

Next term (on March 13th) we will be supporting **Red Nose Day**.

In the summer term we may also be supporting the **Devon Wildlife Trust** with an event (yet to be decided).

Apart from PTA events we are not planning any other major fundraising activities for this school year.

Learning Letters and Questionnaire You should find attached to this newsletter a 'Learning Letter' that outlines the key things your child will be learning about during the rest of this half term. You should get one of these each half term from now on – let us know if yours doesn't make it home.

There should also be a questionnaire for you to complete. Please can this come back to school by next Friday.

PTFA

I hope you all enjoyed the fireworks as much as we did. The PTFA did an amazing job - organising this kind of event takes up a huge amount of time and energy, and we are all extremely grateful!

We have attached a flyer from the PTFA outlining the upcoming events. If you are able to help in any way there is a **planning meeting on Friday 21st November** at 9.30am in the new Community Room in the Infants School.

Illness - When children are ill we often get asked about when they can come back to school. We use the Devon guidance about this. I hope this table will help you if you are in doubt about what to do.

Illness	Exclusion period
Temperature	Until the temperature is in the normal range
Sickness	24 hours off school after the last bout
Sickness and diarrhoea	48 hours off school after the last bout
Head lice	Absence from school not necessary
Chicken pox	Until scabs are dry (minimum of 5 days)
Measles	6 days from onset of the rash
Conjunctivitis	Until eyes stop weeping
Mumps	5 days from onset of swelling

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Friendship Week

Next week is our Federation Friendship Week. The children will be learning about the importance of friendship, how to be a good friend, and what to do if friendships go wrong.

As it is also National Anti-Bullying Week, at the Junior School we are also going to do some work on bullying, particularly looking at:

- What is bullying?
- How can children stop bullying from happening?
- What they should do if they are being bullied.

On Wednesday Childline came into Assembly to talk to Year 5 and 6 about their work. They described bullying as 'behaviour and happens **Several Times On Purpose**', which

for us and yourselves to use with the children.

During the week the children will learn about:

- Physical bullying
- Emotional bullying
- eSafety and appropriate use of social media
- Racism
- Tolerance and respect to all groups and individuals

Another key message from the Childline Assembly was that if children are worried about anything they should **Start Telling Other People**. They were able to identify lots of adults in and out of school that they could talk to, which was very reassuring.

It will help your child if you are able to talk to them about work they are doing this week.

