

## Junior School News

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

### FEDERATION NEWS

Please please ensure that all of your child's belongings are labelled. We endeavour to return labelled belongings / clothing to their owner but we are often left with huge amounts of unclaimed lost property at the end of each half term! [Click here to order Stikin labels](#) and use the code 11464; Ladysmith CPTT receives commission on every sale.

#### Illness

Please call the school office on 01392 255554 if your child will not be in school for any reason. Also, please inform us specifically if your child has / is exposed to chickenpox, measles or shingles as we have a child who is particularly susceptible to these illnesses.

#### SEND Coffee Morning

Year 3 Special education needs coffee morning – come and meet our SENDco Louise Williams and our Family Support Worker, Lindsey Blackwell.

Date: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Venue: Ladysmith Junior School - Studio

Time: 8.55am – 10am

#### CPTT



On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September, the CPTT will be holding a Lego stand at the Heavitree Park life day – 11.30am–5pm at Heavitree Pleasure Ground. We will be holding a building competition and also a fire walk. Please come along to support our wonderful CPTT volunteers.



#### Clubs

We have received hundreds of applications for the clubs on offer; the deadline for applications is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September. We will then write to you to let you know if your child is able to attend or not. All clubs are oversubscribed so any children not successful will be put on the waiting list and have first refusal for next term.

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#### Ambition

One of our 'vision for every child' statements challenges children to 'engage fully in school life'. Congratulations to our new Wildlife Champions who are doing just that! They are off to a wildlife conference on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September with Miss Mayne and Mr Hawkins.

#### Adventure

It has been great to see children embracing the golden mile and already setting themselves challenges of running further and further each day.

#### Achievement

Congratulations to Oscar who was awarded a medal for go-kart racing. If your child is given a certificate / medal / award or does something special which deserves to be celebrated, please let us know.

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## Family Assemblies

Please see below for the dates of this years' family assemblies. Family assemblies are an opportunity for you to come to watch your child's class demonstrate something they have been learning.

Date	Class
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	4RC
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	3NW
<b><i>Last day of autumn term - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December</i></b>	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	4AN
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	4NM
<b><i>Last day before February Half Term – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</i></b>	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	5AS
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	3LD
<b><i>Last day before Easter – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</i></b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	5CP
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	3CH
<b><i>Last day before summer half term – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</i></b>	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	5GM
<b><i>Last day of summer term – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</i></b>	

## Library



## Accelerated Reader

The library is now open and children will have had an opportunity to choose a book. Please support your child with their reading by ensuring that they read daily at home and by listening to them regularly. Children are expected to record their reading daily in the reading record book and we ask parents to sign at least weekly. You can also help your child by allowing them to access Accelerated Reader quizzes for their books. The link for the quizzes can be found in the useful links section of the [school website](#). If you have any questions about Accelerated Reader, please see your child's teacher or Mr Broad.

Any homework is given out on Fridays and should be completed by the following Friday. Again, if you have any questions about this, please see your child's teacher.

## Would you like to join our team?

'We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, flexible person who can interact well with children to join our team as a mealtime assistant. Your role would be varied and will include supervising children in our dining hall, encouraging play and making sure that children are happy and safe during their lunchtimes. We are a friendly team with well-behaved children.

If you would like an informal conversation about the post please contact Lorraine Carter via the school office.'

## GROW project

Please see below for a report on progress, future plans and projects in the pipeline from the GROW project.

## E-Safety Session

Please join us in the hall at 9am on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September when we will be hosting a short workshop (approx. 30 mins) on internet safety. If you would like advice on specific things, please let Mr Broad know so that we can tailor the session.

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### Ladysmith G.R.O.W. Update

The G.R.O.W. Project was started last year following the rebuild of the school in order to improve the grounds for the children. In consultation with Mr Wilkinson, Mr Broad and Mr Hawkins, the project is run by volunteers led by Catherine Davis, a mum to a former student. We have raised funds through donations, fundraising events such as Clip and Climb and through applying, and being awarded, grants.

#### The project so far:

- Collection of items e.g. tyres, dressing up clothes, for loose play.
- Re-establishing the woodland area with a new path and a seating area for teachers.
- Building the sandpit and pebble pit area with boats and jetty.
- Laying path and gardens from the Pretoria Road entrance up to the playground.
- Laying stone circle

#### Project Plan for September/October 2018

##### Woodland Area:

- More planting
- Move benches
- Put down weed suppressant fabric
- Reduce size of flower bed

##### Wellbeing Garden:

- Add soil to new raised bed and plant up
- Prepare labyrinth area by moving cobbles from front of school
- Install reflecting pool with wire grate, pebbles and water
- Plant up circular garden
- Get quotes from carpenters for octagonal pergola



#### GROW work dates for volunteers: Join us for a taster session and if you like it, pick up a volunteer's pack from the office!

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September all day
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 1:30pm
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September am (TBC)



One of our long term plans is to have a shed full of wellies to enable outdoor learning in all seasons. So if you have any wellies that no longer fit your children, please bring them into school in preparation for the sheds. There will be a collection box in the junior school office.

#### Dates for the diary:

20<sup>th</sup> September – Singing club starts  
20<sup>th</sup> September – High 5 Netball clubs starts  
20<sup>th</sup> September - Street Dance club starts  
21<sup>st</sup> September – Martial Arts club starts  
24<sup>th</sup> September – Sewing club starts  
25<sup>th</sup> September – Parent e-safety session  
26<sup>th</sup> September – Crazy Craft club starts  
w/b 1<sup>st</sup> October – Parents' Meetings – details to follow

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