

Ladysmith Federation

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th November 2018

FEDERATION NEWS

CPTT NEWS

Despite the storms last Friday the Fireworks event proved to be a huge success. Thank you to everyone who braved the elements and supported the event. A special thank you to the CPPT reps for giving up their time and James Hewlett for organising the fireworks and keeping everyone safe.



THEATRE ALIBI Table Mates

A new play by Daniel Jamieson.

Wednesday 21st November 2018

7pm Junior School Hall

The story in **Table Mates** is told through storytelling, dance and original live music. Suitable for 5–11 year olds. The show is an hour long with no interval.



There are still tickets available for **Theatre Alibi Tickets (£4 child/£5 adult)**. The CPTT will continue selling tickets after school in the Junior School. A few year 6 students will also be selling left over sweets from fireworks night.

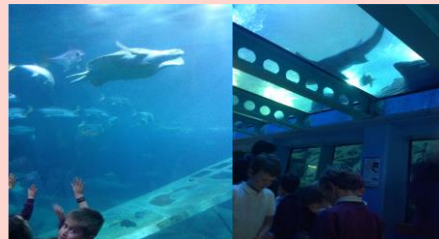
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We have been overwhelmed with the response for the poppy designs to mark the centenary of Armistice Day. Just look at the displays throughout the school!



Adventure

Year 2 had a wonderful time at the aquarium last Friday. We spent the day learning about all sorts of strange creatures like unicorn fish, and heard how they are adapted to survive in their habitat. We spent time as scientists researching which animal is best at eating plankton and how whales float in the ocean.



Achievement

Well Done to the Stars of the Week and Team Player Penguins who received a certificate and some toast as a treat!



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who 'Got Dotty' today and made a donation. The total raised for Children In Need will be announced in next week's newsletter.



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Fundraising

Please vote for Ladysmith School in the Digby Tesco Superstore. We could win a grant of up to £4,000 for "Cosy Corners for Kids" as part of the Junior Schools GROW project.

Staying Safe on the Roads

On Monday we had a visit from Emily from the Child Brain Injury Trust. Her assembly to KS1 children helped them to understand how important it is to look after your brain. As part of this, the children learned 6 ways to stay safe on the roads. Hopefully the children will remember some of them if you ask them! If not here is the list:

- Wear reflective or bright clothing
- Use a pedestrian crossing
- Wear a helmet if on a bike or skateboard
- Use a car seat until you are 12 years old
- Don't distract the driver when in a car
- Remember to wear your seatbelt



Find out more: <https://childbraininjurytrust.org.uk/campaigns/gloweek/>

Concerns are growing of the dangers of parking by the main entrance of the school in Ladysmith Road either side of the crossing point on the single and zig zag yellow line.

Many parents are parking to drop children off on these lines. This area should be kept clear between 08.15 am-16.15 pm for the safety of **ALL** children.

Clubs:

There are still a few spaces available on the **Flim Flam Dance Club** with Lizzie Swinford on **Mondays 3.20-4.10pm** until 10th December. Sessions are £2 each.

For more information and to book a place please contact Lizzie directly elizabethswinford@yahoo.co.uk



Drama Club

We have been told that there are places available for the Helen O'Grady Drama Class which is held on Thursday evenings. If you are interested please pick up a flyer from the information stand outside the school office or email exeter@helenogradyschool.co.uk

Application for Infant/ Primary School – September 2019



If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 (inclusive) you need to be thinking about applying for school. The application process for primary places opened on 15 November 2018 and will close on 15 January 2019.

Please make sure you complete an Admission Form online. **Admissions to schools are not automatic** – every place has to be applied for regardless of what school you would prefer.

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. Applications made after 15th January 2019 will be classed as late and may lead to disappointment due to all the places being filled.

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Early Help 4 Mental Health - Reminder -

There will be another Coffee Morning on the 20th November A 'Normal Magic' (9am) in The Studio at the Junior School. Please remember to return the reply slips if you would like to attend.

Found

Two pairs of children's spectacles have been handed into the office (*one boys and one girls*). We do not know who they belong to so if you have lost glasses please come in and claim them.



School Times Reminder

A gentle reminder that the day starts at 8.50am for the children in Reception and Key Stage One and finishes at 3.20. (Nursery 9am start). There are always those "one-off" occasions that can occur, but we'd really appreciate it if you can ensure your child is in school on time and picked-up promptly. Thank you.

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Book Swap

Join our book swap! Research shows that when children see parents reading books they are more likely to enjoy reading themselves - it can be a really positive influence on children - so we have introduced a book swap box. You can find it in our reception area near the school office. Bring in a book and swap it for another- there's a section for you and one for your child so you can swap together!

Lost Property

As the end of the term is approaching please check lost property. We have a mound of various clothing items (*including coats!*). Remembering to name **ALL** clothing would help enormously and if your child should come home wearing the wrong sweat shirt or fleece, please return it to the class teacher. Please remember to name **all** items and encourage your child to look after them.

Laundry

From time to time, children have a toilet accident and we do our best to make them more comfortable by issuing them with replacement clothes (*the soiled clothes are put in the carrier bag and handed to the parent*).

We should be grateful if this happens with your child that you return the clothes freshly laundered to the school office as soon as possible so that we can replenish our stock of spare clothes.

School Photographs

Orders have now been sent off and photographs will be given out to the children once they have been processed.



Dates for your diary

<https://ladysmith-federation.eschools.co.uk/web/calendar/215286>

- 18.11.18 – Exeter Festive Day 11am Lights switch on at 5pm
- 20.11.18 – EH4MH 'Normal Magic' Session (9am Junior School)
- 21.11.18 - Theatre Alibi (7pm Junior School)
- 30.11.18 – Opal Parent Meeting for Reception
- 07.12.18 – Year 2 Visiting Exeter Nativity Festival
- 10.12.18 - Carols for Age UK - Seahorse Class
- 10, 11, 14.12.18 –Year 1 Christmas Performances (2pm)
- 12.12.18 – Nursery Christmas Performance (pm)
- 17, 18, 20.12.18 – Reception Christmas Performances (2pm)
- 19.12.18 – Children's Christmas Lunch
- 20.12.18 – Year 2 Carol Concert (5.30pm)
- 21.12.18 – Children break up for Christmas (3.20pm)

Term Dates 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

- Children return to school – Wednesday 5 September 2018**
- Half Term – 22 October – 26 October inclusive
- Children return to school - Monday 29 October 2018
- End of term – Friday 21 December 2018

Spring Term 2019

- Children return to school - Tuesday 8 January 2019**
- Half Term - 18-22 February inclusive
- Children return to school - Monday 25 February 2019
- End of Term Friday 5 April 2019

**Nursery date will differ from main school



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