

# Ladysmith Federation

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### FEDERATION NEWS

#### Pop-up Café

There is a chance for a great start to the weekend with some festive fun, a drink and slice of delicious cake at our Pop-up café in the Infant School Canteen after school **TODAY!**  
Enjoy an after school treat and pop in to our pop-up.....in the process help us to raise much needed funds for our GROW and OPAL projects, which are already having a big impact on outcomes for children.

### Ambition Adventure Achievement

#### Christmas Concerts

We hope you enjoyed Nursery and Year 1's performances. It has been lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas celebrations. The children were brilliant remembering what they had to do and say, singing beautifully, some even coping with being a last-minute understudy! They have all shown great courage, performing in front of a large crowd! Next week it's the turn of Reception and Year 2. A huge "thank you" to the class teachers, teaching assistants and parent helpers for all their hard work behind the scenes. **A fantastic effort!**



### GIANT SANDPIT BUILDING DAY!



We are working towards our community powered sandpit building day on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January**. We plan to install a **GIANT** sandpit that runs the length of the wall that separates the playground outside the reception classes. We'd love **LOTS** of enthusiastic volunteers (with wheelbarrows and spades) to move the sand! If you can help by lending us your muscles please email or pop into the office. There will be hearty fare to keep the workforce going and plenty of hot drinks – children and their spades/wheelbarrows also welcome!

THANK YOU FOR all the brilliant donations so far! We need approximately 1000 loose items to give the children enough variety and choice in their play so we're still collecting:

- ✓ MORE suitcases!
- ✓ Pots and Pans – if you have new pans, trays, colanders, sieves, bowls, wooden spoons, large metal spoons etc. for Christmas please let us have your old ones!
- ✓ Swimming "noodles" or pipe lagging
- ✓ Astro turf off cuts
- ✓ Plastic guttering off cuts
- ✓ Plastic tubes of all sizes



There are some bins for you to drop them into just outside the school office. Thank you for your help.

#### Outstanding Accounts

The end of term is near and we need to balance our books. Could we please ask everyone to clear all debts and drop payment into the office: **Nursery Fees and Nursery Meals; Cooking and Snack money (£5 per child per term Reception); Cooking Money (£3 per child per term YR1 and YR2.); Year 2 Puppetry (£7)**



#### Exeter Foodbank

We are a registered provider for Foodbank vouchers. If you would like to find out more about the scheme you can discuss this with our Family Support worker, Lindsey Blackwell. She can be contacted confidentially through the School Office or by emailing her directly at [lblackwell@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:lblackwell@ladysmithfederation.net)

## Application for Infant/ Primary/Junior School – September 2018

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 (inclusive) you need to be thinking about applying for infant/primary school. The application process for primary places opened on 15 November 2017 and will close on 15 January 2018.

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](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline). Applications made after 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 will be classed as late and may lead to disappointment due to all the places being filled. If you cannot apply online, you will be able to apply using a hard copy of the common application form. If you require a hard copy of the application form please contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019. Please note that it will not be possible to make an application by email. Your child must be in full-time education at the beginning of the term following his or her fifth birthday. This would be at a school unless you decide to educate at home, in which case you should contact Admissions for further advice. Any queries should be directed to Devon County Council Admissions on 0345 155 1019.

**This also applies to our Year 2 children who will be joining Junior Schools in September.** 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](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline).



### Lost Property

As the end of the term is approaching please check lost property. 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. **Thank you!**

**FISH** holiday clubs are offering Drop and Shop childcare sessions for children aged 4-11 years in the lead up to Christmas so parents can get some weekend Christmas shopping session without little people in tow! The last session run from Ladysmith Infant School is this Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3.30pm. A range of Christmas activities are taking place including Christmas arts and crafts, baking, bouncy castle and a Christmas movie and hot chocolate! **Session fee is £15 per child** and are in aid of the Women Vs Cancer charity with 100% of the session fee going towards this cause. Two of FISH's staff members are taking part in a 450k cycle across India next year for the charity and these sessions will go towards their fund-raising efforts. **To book please call FISH directly on 08445 618847.**



### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – REMINDER

Reception performances start promptly at 9.45 am

Hedgehog - RH (Miss Symons) - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Rabbit - RR (Miss Ronchetti) - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Squirrel - RS (Mrs Jarrell/Mrs Youde) - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Year 2 performances start promptly at 2.30pm

Seahorse – 2S (Mrs Heuer-Evans) – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Turtle – 2T (Miss Potter) - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dolphin – 2D (Mrs Slack/Mrs Collinge) - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017



*Please don't be offended if we say no to your request to take a sibling out of class to attend a performance with you. This is for the following reason: We have nine different performances over the next two weeks and each class has many children with brothers and sisters in other classes. It would be very disruptive if they each attended one or two other performances on top of their own. Your understanding in this matter is much appreciated. **Thank you.***

**Children's Christmas Lunch** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**School Christmas Parties** – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Last day of term is the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 3:20pm.**

**Children return to school Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**(except NURSERY who return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018)**

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Ladysmith Toddler Group's

## Christmas Party! (& fundraiser)

Newcomers welcome – bring a friend!

Christmas lights, decorations & music,



Christmas story & songs,

Christmas craft & decorate a gingerbread man!

Party food! - regulars please bring a small plate to share!

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30-11am

Dress up in something Christmassy!

**£3** entry per family (plus £1 for a wrapped present)

Price includes mince pies, hot/ cold drinks,

Christmas craft & gingerbread man to take home,

A wrapped present under the tree for every child!

Plus of course a Christmas story

and singing with jingly bells!



Where? Ladysmith Community Room,

next to the Infant School, Pretoria Road,

at the bottom of Sampsons Lane. Look out for the tinsel!

