# Ladysmith Federation

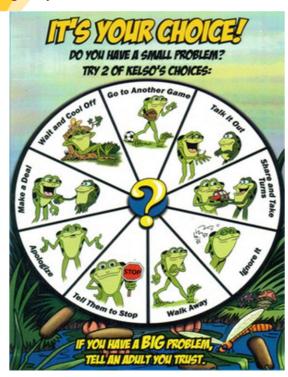
#### **INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

### **FEDERATION NEWS**

The CPTT pop-up café will be on Friday 7th

December in the Junior School Hall. We will be
asking for some tasty bakes from Year 4 and Year 5
so look out for more information next week. There
will be Christmas craft to have a go at whilst
enjoying your hot chocolate and cake so come
along and join us for some festive fun.'



Kelso's Choices: We use Kelso's Choices at school to help children to solve friendship issues that might arise. Over the past few weeks Key Stage One children have been reminded about the difference between a "small" problem (which they can try and solve themselves) and a "big" problem (which they should talk to an adult about). We tell the children that a small problem might make them feel sad, angry or annoyed. We ask them to try two of Kelso's choices before seeking adult support. For a "big" problem we ask the children to ask the following questions: Is it dangerous? Is someone going to get hurt? Is it something scary? If the answer is yes, then we ask them to go straight to an adult and explain.

They have been learning to say "We are smart enough and strong enough to make good choices!"

#### **Ambition**

Active Learn is a wonderful resource to help your child at home with their learning. You can read with your child in Bug Club and there are useful maths activities on Abacus - <a href="https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk">https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk</a> or follow the link on the school website.



#### Adventure

Children across the school this week have been developing their balancing and ball skills in P.E with our sports coach Mr Radford.



#### **Achievement**

We had some wonderful examples of children's writing in celebration assembly last week. Harrisson Woollacott in 2T shared with us his project to demonstrate the damage that plastic is doing to our sea life.



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





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#### Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who made a donation last Friday.

The total raised for Children In Need was £279.88

#### **Reception Opal Parent Meeting**



We are holding a parent play meeting next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November for all Reception parents. Due to a fantastic response from parents we will now be holding the meeting in the **school hall at 1pm**. Please come through the main front gate of the school rather than the FISH gate entrance in Pretoria Road. There will then be an opportunity to play with your child in the Forest School so don't forget your den building materials!

#### **Coffee Morning**



#### Reminders



#### **SEND**

'Working Together'
Drop-in-Session
(Open to all parents and carers)
Tuesday 27th November 2018
From 2.15pm
in
The Link Room
in the Infant's School

Everyone is invited to drop-in to this informal session with
Lindsey Blackwell (Family Support Worker),
Louise Williams (SENDCo Junior School) and
Helen Keenor (SENDCo Infant School) to have a cuppa and chat!

Special Drop-in-Session (for <u>all</u> Reception and Nursery parents and carers )

TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 9am - 9.45am in The Link Room in the Infant's School

Please join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Debbie Richards, a practitioner from the Early Years Bladder and Bowel Team, will be coming along. Debbie will be able to provide information, offer support and answer any questions that you might have regarding toileting.

Lindsey Blackwell (*Family Support Wprker*), and Helen Keenor (*SENDCo Infant School*)

### Application for Infant/ Primary School – September 2019



If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:exeter@helenogrady.co.uk">exeter@helenogrady.co.uk</a>



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#### **Theatre Alibi**

The Junior Hall was transformed on Wednesday to stage Table Mates, the brilliant new production from Theatre Alibi. Starter, Main and Pudding (with some musical help from Nibbles) came together to cook up a feast - and tell us a story from each of their lives.

There was a lot of humour, a clever use of the musical accompaniment and some unexpectedly poignant moments. As one 7 year old reviewer said: "I loved it! Some

parts made me happy, some parts made me sad." A great evening - and a portion of the ticket sales will go towards our CPTT fundraising.

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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.

#### Dates for your diary

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

- 26.11.18 Christmas Raffle Tickets go on sale (£1 a strip)
- 30.11.18 Opal Parent Meeting for Reception
- 07.12.18 Year 2 Visiting Exeter Nativity Festival
- 07.12.18 CPTT Pop up Café -Venue Junior School
- 10.12.18 Carols for Age UK Seahorse Class
- 10 12.18 Year 1 Bumblebee Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 11.12.18 Year 1 Dragonfly Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 12.12.18 Nursery Performance (2.15pm for Mince Pies and 2.45pm start)
- 14.12.18 Year 1 Book Look 8.50-9.20am
- 14.12.18 Year 1 Butterfly Christmas Performances (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 17.12.18- Year R Squirrels Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 18.12.18- Year R Rabbits Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 19.12.18 Children's Christmas Lunch (Remember to Book)
- 20.12.18 Year R Hedgehogs Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 20.12.18 Year 2 Carol Concert (from 4.45pm onwards)
- 21.12.18 Children break up for Christmas (3.20pm)



