

Ladysmith Federation

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



10th May 2019



Ambition

We are excited to announce that a trial Yoga club will be starting next half term. We have the intention that if the club is a success, it can continue and run throughout the next academic year. Yoga is the perfect way for children to have some calm in our busy world, whilst developing their core strength and flexibility. Look out for details coming



Adventure

Our changes to lunchtime play continue, with our freshly painted sheds providing newly stocked resources for the children to access. (Thank you to the wonderful volunteers from HSBC for completing the painting!)

When the children need a quieter adventure away from the bigger spaces in the playground, the role play sheds are ideal. So far, we have a home corner shed, a car and garage shed, a hospital shed and a dinosaur area!

Achievement

We finish the week with a full audit of our play provision during lunchtimes by OPAL. OPAL are an award winning organisation who rated our play quality at around 40% when they first visited two years ago.

This time we have been given a fabulous 82% which means play is now at

GOLD

Award level!

A HUGE thank you is due to Mrs Geeson and the Play Team.

Federation News

Community Film Festival



Only one Week to go!

[Click here to book your tickets now!](#)



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SERIOUS HEALTH MESSAGE

Please can we remind parents that we **don't allow children to have nuts on the school premises**. We also ask parents to ensure that if their child has eaten nuts before school, that they thoroughly wash their hands.

This includes chocolate spreads, marzipan (battenburg cake etc) and anything with nut traces. We have children who are at risk of serious and life threatening allergic reaction to nuts.



MENU CHANGE

THURSDAY 16TH MAY

Teddy Bears' Picnic



Into the Woods
(Oven Baked Sausages)

Panda Paws
(Vegetable Fingers)

served with
Bears' Tails
(Jacket Wedges)

Wormy Snack Mix
(Sweetcorn & Peas)

followed by
Teddy Bear Biscuit



'SINGING FOR JOY' Celebration

100s and 100s of Exeter children will be 'Singing for Joy' at the Great Hall in the University of Exeter on

Friday 5th July at 2pm (Year One Pupils) and 4pm (Year Two Pupils)

Our Year One children will be joining others from the River Exe Learning Partnership (www.riverexelearningpartnership.eschools.co.uk - a partnership of 8 local Exeter schools) to sing together. The partnership of schools have been fortunate enough to have successfully bid for a grant from an Exeter charity to promote singing as an element of children's wellbeing and to enrich their experience of the music curriculum. Under the inspiring direction of Debbie Kent from Devon Music Services, the children will sing songs from around the world.

The children's families will be invited to join us at 2pm (for about an hour) in the Great Hall - tickets will be on sale at £2 each, with up to 4 tickets being available for each family. This event will bring Exeter children together in a marvellously memorable way.

Watch this space for further details.....

Reception drop offs

As we begin to approach the end of this academic year, we are encouraging children to develop their independence.

Therefore, from Monday, children are welcome to come into the classroom without their adults. Class

teachers will be at their entrance gate to welcome the children.



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Outdoor Play and Learning

Here at Ladysmith Infant and Nursery School, we are committed to providing rich play opportunities for all of our children.

Many studies of early childhood have recognised the important contribution that play makes to children's education and lifelong learning. Research shows that play can enhance problem solving skills and is also widely regarded as providing key opportunities for social interaction and language development.

We would love to have old tins (baked bean and larger sizes) for our Forest School mud kitchen. Pop them into school and we'll recycle them!



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Big Wild Sleep out at Aylesbeare

Ladysmith Federation CPTT 4th Big Wild Sleep Out

Saturday 6th July 5pm - Sunday 7th 11am

Please see separate flyer below for more information

Dates for the Diary

Community Film Festival

18th May 2019

Year One and Two Garden Party

Friday 24th May 2019

Sports Day

Wednesday 26th June 2019

Reception and Year One am, Year Two pm

Year One and Two Parents Evenings

1st and 3rd July 2019

Transition Day

Thursday 4th July 2019

Year One "Sing for Joy" Event

Friday 5th July 2019—pm

University Great Hall

Big Wild Sleep Out

Saturday 6th July - Sunday 7th July

Nursery Garden Party

Wednesday 10th July 2019

Reception Garden Party

Thursday 11th July 2019

Year Two Leavers Performance

Tuesday 16th July 2019 (pm)

Year Two Leavers Performance

Wednesday 17th July (am)

Last Day of Term

Friday 19th July 2019

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Ladysmith Federation CPTT Big Wild Sleep Out Saturday 6th July 2019

RSPB Aylesbeare Common

The RSPB would like to invite you to spend a night under the stars at the beautiful RSPB Aylesbeare reserve. Set up your tent in a private area of the reserve, head out onto the reserve in the evening to track down nocturnal wildlife, enjoy marshmallows over our campfire and have your evening meal and breakfast cooked for you over the fire.

What makes the Big Wild Sleep Out Unique?

- Exclusive access to some beautiful private areas of the RSPB Aylesbeare- **camping is not usually allowed on Aylesbeare or anywhere on the Pebblebed Heaths*** in order to protect the important wildlife there - so this is a unique opportunity to spend a night out in the wild. (* We are allowed to hold a limited number of BWSO events each year at Aylesbeare Common by kind permission of Clinton Devon Estates.)
- This event contributes to looking after this special place, it also raises funds for your school (RSPB will make a £100 donation to Ladysmith Federation CPTT)
- Get out amongst nature, discovering wildlife with friends and families

What is it like?

<http://vimeo.com/72823795> This is a video of a public RSPB Big Wild Sleep Out at Arne in Dorset in 2013.

The feedback from Ladysmith's previous Sleep Outs have been hugely positive!

"We heard and saw nightjars and bats, we found a glow worm, beetles, hunting spiders, a nest of wood ants and a whole lot more. And we enjoyed a fire, marshmallows, even a pineapple upside-down cake cooked in the coals! It was super fun and it didn't even rain!!!"

"I thought the event was fantastic. The staff and volunteers were fun, friendly and a pleasure to be with. They really know their stuff and worked hard to make it great."

How does it work?

- The event costs adults £25, children £17.50 – price includes dinner, breakfast and guided activities. Children will also receive a free Big Wild Sleep Out badge as a trophy from their adventures
- Head out to RSPB Aylesbeare Common on Saturday 6th July for 5pm with your tent and sleeping bag and enjoy being on the reserve for the evening, night and following morning with the RSPB team there to guide activities and provide a delicious dinner and breakfast. There is a walk from the car parking to the camping area. We expect to be finished by 11am on the Sunday.
- If you would like to join in, please complete a booking form by Friday 24th May, 5pm at the latest. Don't wait! Our capacity is limited to 50 participants, so places will be filled on a first come, first served basis. All bookings and payment will need to be confirmed by Monday 3rd June

Need more information?

If you would like to find out more about the event before you book, please contact the RSPB event team (aylesbeare.common@rspb.org.uk) or Emma Whittingham (cptt@ladysmithfederation.net)



Big Wild Sleep Out

at RSPB Aylesbeare



Ladysmith Federation CPTT Big Wild Sleep Out

Saturday 6th July 5pm – Sunday 7th 11am

RSPB invites Ladysmith Federation to join us for
Big Wild Sleep Out 2019!

A unique opportunity for families to spend a night in the wild. Bring your tent and sleeping bag and enjoy an evening under the stars at Aylesbeare where **camping is not normally allowed***!

Last year we heard and saw nightjars and bats, discovered glow worms, beetles, hunting spiders, a nest of wood ants and a whole lot more. Not to mention the cosy campfire, marshmallows, even a pineapple upside-down cake cooked in the coals!

Adults £25, Children £17.50

Price includes dinner, breakfast, guided activities and kids BWSO badge

All booking forms with exact payment should be returned to **Infant School Office** by 5pm, **Friday 24th May**

Our capacity is limited to 50 attendees, so places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

For further information – contact RSPB event team at aylesbeare.common@rspb.org.uk or **Emma Whittingham** at cptt@ladysmithfederation.net

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Booking Form for School groups

Price per person: Adult £25 Child £17.50

Payments to be made in cash or by cheque made payable to 'RSPB'.

Booking name & contact details (phone number and email)	Name of adults and children attending	Dietary requirements (E.g. Vegetarian, food allergies etc.)	Price to pay
TOTAL PRICE TO PAY:			

Please return completed form with full and exact payment to the Infant School Office

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