

Ladysmith Federation

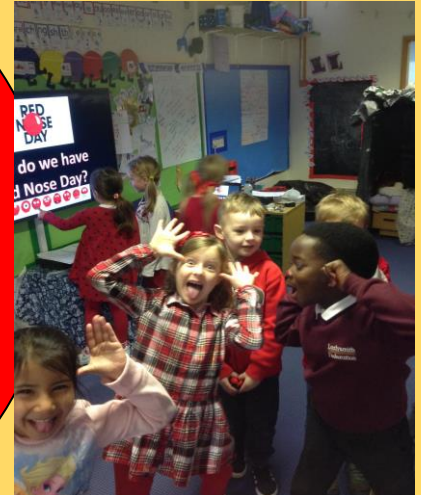
INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 24th March 2017



FEDERATION NEWS

Red Nose Day was a huge success with children from both schools wearing red in order to raise money for good causes. Our final totals have yet to be counted but so far we have raised over £250 at the Infant School! **Well done everyone!**



Ambition Adventure Achievement

*Our ambition to improve continues as we thank those of you who have spoken to us about the alteration to the timings for the school day. The majority of responses were positive so we are going to go ahead and trial the new timings next term starting on **Tuesday 18th April 2017**. The school gates will be opened at 8.45am.*

What this change will mean for you.....

Parents of Nursery Children

The alterations will not affect nursery, which will still open at 9am. If you have children in the Nursery and in the Infant school you may want to collect from the Infant school first. The doors to Nursery are open at 3.20pm as usual and this allows for a ten minute window for picking up.

Parents of Reception Children

The doors will open at 8.50am and will stay open for ten minutes. You are welcome to come in with your child or to drop them at the door. At the end of the day we will bring the children out to you at 3.20pm.

Parents of Year One Children

The doors will open at 8.50am and the arrangements will remain the same regarding dropping them off with the doors closing at 9am. We will bring the children out to you at 3.20pm.

Parents of Year Two Children

One of the doors into the year two building will be opened by a member of staff at 8.50am and these doors will remain open for ten minutes. There will be a one-way system in operation with one staircase walking up, and the other for going down. You are welcome to accompany your child up to the classrooms if you wish or you can drop them off at the door if you prefer. At the end of the day, the teachers will bring the children down to you at 3.20pm.

We hope you will bear with us as we try this new system out. Hopefully, this system will get the day off to a good start by allowing time for both home-school communication at the start of the day and for parents between pick-ups at the end of the day for both schools. Thank you.



Volunteers Needed - Thank you to the parents who have completed and returned their form volunteering to become a representative in the **CPTT (Children, Parents, Teachers Together)**. In recent years, the PTFA have put on some amazing events for both schools and the local community to enjoy. The PTFA raises valuable funds that help to contribute to the enrichment of our pupils learning and environment. We need your support to ensure that this continues and benefits the children. Please complete an application form and hand it into the School office as soon as possible.



Year 2 Transition Letter

Letters have gone out today giving information to all year 2 parents and guardians of the arrangements that have been put in place to enable the children moving on to Junior School to be a positive and natural next step in their Ladysmith Journey.



Outstanding Accounts

The end of term is next week 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).

After School Dance Performance

All members of the Tuesday After School Dance Club have received a text from Emily (*the dance teacher*) inviting parents to their end of term performance in the school hall this Tuesday.

Packed Lunch



If your child does not like school dinners please remember to pack a **Healthy Lunchbox**. At Ladysmith we follow a healthy eating campaign, which means avoiding too much sugar, for example sweets and fizzy drinks. **We do not allow nuts of any kind, cashew nuts, peanuts or peanut butter** as many children are allergic to them. We also say no

to glass bottles, thermos flasks or fizzy drink cans as they can be dangerous.



Health and Safety

We have had complaints about the group of parents who have been gathering outside the perimeter of the school smoking and blocking the pathway resulting in others having to walk on the road to get past. Please can we ask all parents to show a little consideration and not block the pavements, chatting and leave the area free so as not to cause danger or to inconvenience others by having to walk on the road to get past.

No Smoking

Please note that smoking is not permitted on the school grounds and this includes e-cigarettes.



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We are grateful for any Active Kids vouchers you can bring in. The more we collect, the more equipment we can get! We are able to exchange vouchers for a wonderful range of equipment for the school.



NHS Infection Control

We have been informed by the **NHS Infection Control in Schools** that if a child is ill with vomiting or diarrhoea they should **not** return to school until **48 hours** after the last episode.

Dates for the diary:

27th March – Dragonfly Group (1RS) to Age Concern
28th March - Year 1 Trip to Kents Cavern
28th March - Wild West Cowboy Lunch
31st March - Year 2 Campfire Cookout (2.30pm)
31st March - Last day of term (finish 3.30pm)

10th April onwards - Pretoria Road Parking Restrictions

The Infant School re-opens after the Easter break on **Tuesday 18th April 2017.**

Lost Property

We have a large pile of lost property in the box in the Year 1 corridor. Please come and reclaim anything that belongs to your child, as soon as possible, before it is donated to the PTFA sales.

Lego Club

Due to the success of our lunchtime Lego Club we would like a couple more people to help. If you are interested please pop your name and contact number on a piece of paper and drop it into the office.

Menu Change - Tuesday 28th March 2017
(Wild West Cowboy Lunch)

