

Ladysmith Federation

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 20th July 2018

FEDERATION NEWS

The end of another amazing year at Ladysmith!

This will be the last newsletter of the year and what a great year it has been! We would like to thank all parents, children, staff and governors who have supported the school throughout the year. We hope you have a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September. The first day of autumn term for KS1 and 2 children is Wednesday 5th September.

Stars of the Week

The Stars of the Week enjoying an ice lolly as their treat!



Baker Prize

Every year we award a book token in recognition of outstanding achievement in **Year 2** in memory of a former pupil of the school, **Mrs Ada Baker**.

This year book tokens have been given to

Pau and Sofia (Dolphin Class); **Dexter and Sofia** (Seahorse Class); **Lamorna and Ned** (Turtle class)

CONGRATULATIONS

School Council

Thank you to all the School Council members:

Year 1: **Ava, Reid, Charlotte, Kenji, Eva and Daniel**; Year 2: **Lillabelle, Ollie, Chelsea, Oliver and Ellis**

Our School Council have been an amazing group to work with this year, behaving in a mature and collaborative way to collect and discuss issues raised by classmates. Their ideas have been taken to Senior Leadership Meetings for further discussion and they have had a positive impact on the way that children play in the playgrounds by bringing the views of the pupils into focus.

Goodbyes

We are saying a sad goodbye at the end of this term to five of our staff members. From Nursery, Key Worker, Alice Green is leaving to further her education and training to be a teacher, and Mrs Suzie Taylor who is taking up a new challenge at another Nursery. From our Teaching Assistant team, we are losing Mrs Heather Corble who is leaving to spend more time with her family and grandchildren. From our lunchtime play team we say goodbye to Mrs Joanna Krezelok. We also say thank you and goodbye to Miss Cristina Tudela who has done a brilliant job standing in for Miss Ronchetti in Rabbit Class. Miss Tudela is returning home to Spain. Finally, Miss Joey Lee who has been teaching in Year 2 for the last few months.



We wish them all the very best for the future and will miss them hugely.

Ambition Adventure Achievement

Goodbye to Year 2!

We say goodbye and good luck to all our Year 2 children who are transferring to Junior School.

We hope they have enjoyed their time at Ladysmith Infant and Nursery School and will take many happy memories with them.

We must say Thank you to:

All our volunteers who have given up their time to come into school to help in the classes and Forest School. **We really do appreciate your help.**



If anyone would like to become a Volunteer helper in the class or Forest School next term, please pop into the office to collect a form.



Thank you to all the members of the CPTT who have worked so hard to raise funds for our School and the Federation. At a time when all schools are experiencing financial pressure we need everyone to lend a hand.

A very colourful Friday

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Colour Run and End of Term Party last Friday – you helped to raise over **£3300** for our schools, which is amazing. We hope you had as much fun as we did! Special thanks to Vic Matthews for organising and to all those who volunteered to set up/clear away/run a stall/marshal. Lots of you have been sharing your photos over on our Facebook page and on our Facebook group and it's lovely to see so many colourful pictures and smiling faces.

In fact, the feedback has been so positive that we are already planning to hold the Colour Run again next year!



Thank you also to the parent who thought of the school when clearing out her work stationery cupboard and donated files and paper to the school. If anyone else is having a clear out over the summer break please think of our school. The more money we can save on supplies the more we can spend on educating your children.

Opal

Here are some photographs of the children enjoying lunchtime in the theatre, quiet area and disco!



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Garden Party

We have had wonderful weather for this year's garden party and the children have worked so hard to decorate the Forest School and learn their songs. Thank you for all the lovely cakes sent in and for all the help given to support this lovely event. A special thank you for Mrs Pounds for all her hard work.

Nursery Garden Party

What an amazing event! About 140 visitors came to enjoy the afternoon, listen to the singing, explore the Forest School Area and pop into the café. Great fun.

The rendition of "There's a worm at the bottom of the garden" accompanied by the Kazoo was memorable!

URGENT REMINDER re: Consent Booklets

All children in **Reception** and **Year 1** need to read carefully the Consent Booklet and **return it duly signed** to their class teacher **BEFORE** the end of the term. **This is an important document due to new legislation concerning sharing of personal information.**

Lost Property

We have a mound of lost property in School which needs to be cleared before we break up for the Summer holidays. If your child has lost a fleece, shoe, coat, lunchbox, bag etc please look in lost property and reclaim it.

Lost Lunchbox

A child has lost a blue lunchbox with compartments somewhere in school. If anyone finds it please bring it to the office for onward transmission to the child. Thank you.

Remember to take your bikes/scooters home - you might need them during the summer break.

Library Books

Please remember to return all Library Books before the end of term.

Things to do before the end of term – Tuesday 24th July 2018

As we approach the end of this Academic Year please may we remind everyone to ensure that all monies due, whether it be for Sponsored events, Nursery meals, Nursery Fees, Cooking Contributions or snacks be made in full payment so that we can balance the accounts and submit them to DCC ready for auditing.

Food Technology

Please remember to make a donation towards the cost of cooking ingredients before the end of term if you haven't already done so:

Reception: £5 per term please, to cover the cost of their Friday snack (toast and preserves) and cooking ingredients.

Year 1 and Year 2: £3 per term please, to cover the cost of cooking ingredients.

Parent Questionnaire

We welcome your feedback and would like to invite all parents to give your views about your child's experience at Ladysmith Infant and Nursery School this year by completing the Parent Questionnaire. We hope you agree that we have provided enriching learning opportunities at Forest School, through the Opal play project, trips, visitors, clubs and stand-alone events. Alternatively you can register with Parent View to log in and complete the questionnaire.

Please follow the link below

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-view>



Chocolate FREE School

We would like to remind everyone that we have a teacher with a severe allergy to chocolate. We do not have any chocolate in school.



At Ladysmith we also try to avoid too much sugar, for example sweets and fizzy drinks. We also say no to glass bottles, thermos flasks or fizzy drink cans as they can be dangerous. If your child does not like school dinners please remember to pack a **Healthy Lunchbox and NO nuts!**

Exeter Foodbank Vouchers

Ladysmith Federation are distributors of Exeter Foodbank vouchers.

If you feel your family will suffer significant hardship through the loss of the free school meals service during the 6 weeks holidays. Foodbank Vouchers may be available for you.

Please contact: Lindsey Blackwell, Family Support Worker via Infant or Junior School Office to find out if you qualify.

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

If you are concerned about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone contact our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **0345 155 1071** or email mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk and give as much information as you can. [Child protection - Education and Families - Devon County Council](https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/child-protection)
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Governor's End of Year Report 2018

We are coming to the end of what has been another very busy year for both of the schools in the Ladysmith Federation. Delivering education in the current climate of expectation from the Government with performance pressure on children and schools is no easy task and staff and children across both schools have responded well again. The task is made harder for both schools by the increased pressure on budgets; but again the response from staff, parents, children and volunteers has been enormous and this has had a huge impact on how the schools perform, especially regarding the environment in which the children learn. I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the work done by all those who have contributed towards this.

The Children Parents Teachers Together group has again put on really successful events which has enabled them to contribute a huge amount towards school projects. The OPAL play project could not have developed in the way that it has without their support, nor without the support and encouragement from staff and parents. The GROW project continues to improve the grounds of the Junior School and during this year has secured a hefty grant towards these improvements. We have also seen the development of sand play areas in both schools with volunteers helping to cart the sand around. The nursery has had a sorely needed interior redecoration and has been massively improved. I am sure that there are many other instances of volunteer support for the schools which I have not mentioned. None of these would have been possible without the support and goodwill of our dedicated staff, parents, children and other volunteers who are owed a great vote of thanks for their contribution towards the educational environment in which our children spend so much time. If you have not been involved in these projects but have some time to spare I am sure that your involvement would be welcomed.

I would also like to offer thanks to my fellow governors who are also volunteers and devote a considerable amount of their time for the benefit of the schools.

Finally I would like to wish all of the Year 6 children good luck with the next stage of their educational adventure. It is a big step and can be daunting; but an adventure for all that.

I hope everyone has a restful summer holiday.

Ian Gibson
Chair of Federation Governors

Last Day of Term

The school closes for the Summer on Tuesday **24th July 2018 at 3.20pm**

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