



Friday 30th January 2015

Federation News

We are really excited about the ways in which the Federation is developing, and how by working more closely together we have been able to make things better for our children and families.

This week teachers from both schools met together again to brush up on their grammar knowledge. This will make sure that the way we teach these key skills and the terminology we use will be consistent as the children move from the Infants to the Juniors. School leaders have also been looking at children's English and maths work to make sure the children are making good progress and that expectations are as consistent as they can be. We have a number of Federation events coming up in the next few weeks that we thought you'd like to know about:

Red Nose Day 13th March

The children will be able to come to school wearing something red instead of their school uniform in return for a donation to the Red Nose Day charity

World Book Day 5th March

Each school will be holding a book swap, where the children will be able to bring in some books that they have read, and swap them for some new ones

Hedge Planting Friday 27th Feb and Monday 2nd March

Every child in the Junior, Infant and Nursery Schools will be planting a tree to form a new hedge along the Sampson's Lane boundary.

Federation Assembly Friday 20th March

The children will be getting together in the Junior School gym to celebrate being part of the Ladysmith Federation

Devon County Council is making cuts to School Crossing Patrols meaning that there is a very real risk that the Lollipop Man on Hamlin Lane will no longer be funded and the service will end. This means that children and parents will need to cross a busy road without the very helpful assistance of Ken, who has been the Lollipop Man here for many years. This is a real worry and potentially means that our children are more at risk of being involved in an accident. Ben Bradshaw, M.P., will be meeting with a group of concerned parents and their children this Thursday at Hamlin Lane to see for himself how essential it is for the children to have help crossing the road safely.

As concerned parents there are a number of things we can do:

- Sign the on line petition at <http://chn.ge/1B4Uonq?recruiter=218694311>
- Facebook: save our school crossing patrols
- Twitter #saveourlollipops.
- Email your local councillors: richard.westlake@devon.gov.uk and olwen.foggin@devon.gov.uk

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Pop Up Cafe

Thank you to Year 2 parents/carers for the amazing support and baking abilities! We had a great cafe held for the first time at the Infants Canteen. Next year group on the baking rota is Year 5 for the Wednesday 25th February cafe. During this term there will be no cafes held at the Junior school on a Friday.

Facebook Page

If you like our facebook page www.facebook.com/LadysmithSchoolsPtfa you will have immediate access to updates as they happen. And top tip - when you like the page go to the 'Liked' thumbs up sign and click on 'Get Notifications'. This will mean every time we post something you will get a notification - never miss an important date or event again!

Coffee, Cake and Chatting - Monday 2nd Feb 9am Infants Community Room

An informal get together to talk about new ideas, plan events and general chit chat! Everyone welcome (including little ones).

Sweet Tooth Tuck Shop

Penelope, one of our Y6 children, has set up a tuck shop to raise funds for the 2nd Exeter Scouts trip to the Haarlem Jamboree in Holland. The tuck shop will be open on Thursdays after school until Easter, by the top entrance to the playground.

Willow Project

The School Council would like to thank all the parent volunteers who have come in to help with the planting of our new willow sculpture. Every child has been involved, and it has been really exciting to see the project go from an initial idea to securing the funding from the PTFA to finally see the trees in the ground.

We are looking forward to enjoying playing in the new structure and taking advantage of the extra shade on the field when the sun starts beating down in the summer term.



Getting started ~ learning how to plant and weave the willow

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