

Ladysmith Federation

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 12th May 2017



FEDERATION NEWS

This year's Summer Fair is on **Friday 7th July**, straight after school on the Junior School Field. Book the date in your diary – if last year was anything to go by, it's going to be another fantastic afternoon.

Ambition Adventure Achievement



Ambition to RAISE MONEY for the BEAVERS!

On **Thursday 18th May** we will be celebrating "Empty Classroom Day" and as part of it will be raising money for the Devon Wildlife Trust who will be visiting us to talk about the River Otter Beaver project. In order to support the charity we are asking children to come to school in **non-uniform** in return for a small donation.

Adventures in Heavitree Park

It was with great excitement that Reception set out on their adventure to Heavitree Park – their 'first school trip'. The sun shone as they climbed, swung, slid, ran and balanced in the play area, enjoyed a snack and had fun on the grass with sports equipment. The morning was part of Reception's learning about "Journeys" and developed understanding of the local area. It also gave a great chance to enjoy some physical exercise in a different environment.



Health and Safety

We have started getting complaints again from residents around the school vicinity, as well as other parents, 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 not to 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.



Phonics Workshops

Letters have gone out today inviting Reception parents to a Phonics Workshop. Each workshop will start promptly at **2.50pm** in the classroom on the following dates:

Monday 15th May 2017 - Phonics Workshop for Parents (**Squirrel Group**) RM

Wednesday 17th May 2017 - Phonics Workshop for Parents (**Hedgehog Group**) RJ

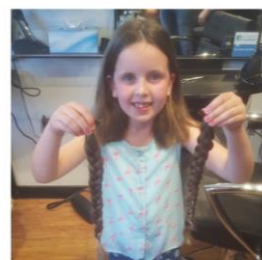
Thursday 18th May 2017 - Phonics Workshop for Parents (**Rabbit Group**) RR



Little Princess Trust
Providing real hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs free of charge to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. After her grandmother sadly died from cancer, Daisy wanted to do something in her memory so she decided to have a haircut and donate her plaits to the charity that makes wigs for cancer victims.

Daisy has already raised money for the charity, but if you would also like to donate to this very worthwhile cause, please visit **the Little Princess Trust** website www.littleprincesses.org.uk.



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Seed Planting – Heavitree Park

Bumble Bee Class enjoyed their recent walk to Heavitree Park. The Devon Wildlife Trust helped them plant hundreds of seeds to create a meadow. Look out for a beautiful bed of flowers in the summer!



Sainsbury's Vouchers

Time is running out! Please ask family and friends to pass on spare vouchers to us. The more vouchers collected, the more equipment we can get! There is a wonderful range of equipment for the school.



Keeping the School Updated

Remember to keep the school updated with any family changes (ie home address, telephone and mobile numbers, email address, work numbers).



Twiddlemuffs!

Do you have any unwanted buttons; keyrings; wool; textured fabric; buckles; zips; small toys; etc. that we could use?

We are making Twiddlemuffs for our new "Link" room.

Playtimes

To avoid upset and tears could we remind you that the children should not be bringing toys into school? There has been a surge of fidget spinners, pocket dolls and football cards in year 2 recently! We have a variety of apparatus to keep children occupied at playtimes.

Ladysmith Big Wild Sleep Out

Friday 23rd June 5pm – Saturday 24th June 10am
RSPB Aylesbeare Common



giving
nature
a home

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.

The event costs adults £25, children £15 – price includes dinner, breakfast and guided activities. If you would like to join in, please fill in the booking forms available from outside the school offices and return with full payment to the Ladysmith Infant School Office. Bookings will end on Friday 26th May (last day of the half term).

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis. Once your booking is confirmed further information will be sent by email.

RAMM Sea Life Exhibition.

Join Paddleboat Theatre for a treasure trove of activities on **Saturday 20th May** at the Museum.

10am to 4.30pm - Workshop

6pm to 8pm - Show

RAMM's spectacular summer exhibition includes living sea creatures alongside coast-inspired art, buckets filled with costumes and sounds for younger explorers. For more information and booking see What's On at <https://rammuseum.org.uk/>

Dates for the diary:

15th May 2017 – Phonics Workshop (Squirrel Group)
17th May 2017 – Phonics Workshop (Hedgehog Group)
18th May 2017 – Phonics Workshop (Rabbit Group)
18th May 2017 - Empty Classroom Day
18th May 2017 – Non--Uniform Day
23rd May 2017 – Year 1 Paignton Zoo Trip
29th May – 2nd June inc. – Half Term
7th June 2017 – Secondhand Uniform Sale
8th June 2017 - Polling Day
9th June 2017 - Year 2 Teacher Info Meeting
20th June 2017 – SEND Coffee Morning
23rd June 2017 – Sports Day
23rd June 2017 – RSPB Big Wild Sleep Out Weekend
30th June 2017 – Sponsored Skip

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