

# Ladysmith Federation

## Junior School News

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### New Member of Staff



We are delighted to introduce Laura Miles who is our new clerical assistant. She will be working alongside Annette Dickinson and Lorraine Carter in the school office. Many of you will already have met Laura if you have been into the school office since half term. Laura brings with her a great deal of experience and she already knows the school well, having been a parent of a child at Ladysmith. She offers a warm welcome and a friendly face and she assures us that she has enjoyed her time at Ladysmith so far!

### Summer Fair



You should have received an information letter regarding the summer fair being held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Please do take the time to read this so that we can make the fair a real success.

### Exe Valley Challenge



We now have 20 teams entering the Exe Valley Challenge on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – that's 80 children in total! If you are part of a team but have not yet returned your slip or the £4 entry fee, please do so by the end of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. The organisers are yet to confirm the start time but we expect the first teams (Y6) to start leaving at 8.30am. The groups will arrive back between 12.30pm and 2pm and presentations will be made at 2.30pm. Whilst there will be a representative from Ladysmith on site for the duration of the event, please can you ensure that at least one adult for each team remains at ISCA throughout the day. More details will follow in a separate letter when we have confirmation from ISCA. All children taking part will be attending the practice walk on 28<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to those parents who have indicated that they are available to help with supervising this walk. Mr Broad will be sending a note out separately to confirm this. On 28<sup>th</sup> June, we will leave Ladysmith at 10.15am, have lunch during the walk and then return to school by 3pm.



### Music Showcase

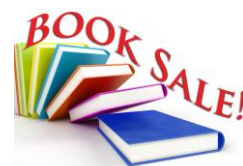
On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, there will be an opportunity for parents and children to attend a music showcase in the school hall, between 5pm and approx. 6.30pm. Our peripatetic music teachers will be presenting their instruments and talking about the opportunities available for children to learn to play in the next academic year.

### Extreme Reading

We have had some fantastic entries from children and staff to our extreme reading competition. There's still time to enter! Photos must be handed into reception by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

### Book Sale

There will be a book sale in the hall after school on Monday and Thursday,. There will be lots of excellent quality books for all ages for sale.



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## Sports Days

As per the letter emailed out last week, sports days are as follows:

Year 3 and 4 – **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 1.45pm**

Year 5 and 6 – **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, starting at 1.30pm**

You are welcome to join your child for lunch on the field from 12.30 on Monday (yr3/4) or 12.00 on Thursday (yr5/6). Please enter the field via the gate on Samson's Lane.

Both sports days will be finished by 3.30; children will return to classes and go home as normal.



As always, we would love you to get involved and we welcome as much vocal encouragement as you can muster! Time permitting, there will be a parent's race at the end of the afternoon...

Children will be competing in 'house groups' and we are asking that children bring a t-shirt in the colour of their house:

**Tor – Red**

**Venn – Green**

**Clyst - Blue**

A group of Year 5 children will be selling ice pops during the afternoon and after school.

## Charity Hair Donation

*Little Princess Trust*<sup>®</sup>

Providing real hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss

We are hugely proud to say that several children at Ladysmith have decided to grow their hair and donate it to charity. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland who have sadly lost their own hair through cancer treatment. It is a real commitment as the hair must be in excellent condition and has to adhere to stringent rules. We admire the ambition shown by Amelie, Trudy, Rosie and Kira. You can donate to Amelie or Kira through their 'Just Giving' pages: Claire Garnett – Amelie's Story or Kira-Sylvester.

Rosie and Trudy are currently growing their hair and have committed to donating next academic year so we will give details of how to donate again next year.

## Class Assembly

Well done to 6MC who shared their experiences of BEAM house and activities week in last week's class assembly and to 6KM who today told us all about Lyme Regis and Mary Anning, a famous fossil hunter.

### Dates for the diary:

**20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 and 4 Sports Day (1.45-3.30pm)**

**21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 6 Life Skills trip**

**23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 5 and 6 Sports Day (1.30-3.30pm)**

**24<sup>th</sup> June - 6JE Family Assembly (9am)**

**27<sup>th</sup> June – Primary Olympics at St Luke's**

**28<sup>th</sup> June – Exe Valley Practice Walk**

**30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Dartmoor Trip**

**3<sup>rd</sup> July – Exe Valley Challenge**

**7<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Day**

**12<sup>th</sup> July – Open Afternoon 3.30pm – 5.30pm**

**13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 show (2pm and 7pm)**

**14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 show (2pm and 7pm)**

**15<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fair**

**19<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Disco (Year 6 only) 7-8pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of summer term**

**5<sup>th</sup> September – First day of Autumn Term**



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### Ladysmith PTFA Big Wild Sleep Out

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. 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!!!

**Join in! There are still places left on the second Big Wild Sleep Out 8<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Booking forms in the Infant School Office.  
Bookings end next Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**



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