

# Ladysmith Federation

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017



### FEDERATION NEWS

This year's Summer Fair is on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017** - Phonics Workshop for Parents (**Squirrel Group**) RM

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

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk).



### Ambition Adventure Achievement



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June 5pm – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 10am**  
**RSPB Aylesbeare Common**



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 20<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

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