

Friday 7th November 2014

Federation Training Day

On the first Friday of half term the teachers from the Infant and Junior schools had an opportunity to get to know each other a little better. We worked together to develop their skills in various workshops, including using iPads and making puppets, which they will be able to use with the children in the coming weeks.

We also looked at how we want the Federation to develop, which will help the governors when they come to think about this in the future.

Children in Need

This year's Children in Need Appeal Night is Friday 14th November. We will be joining in the fun and fundraising by having a 'Federation Superhero Day' next Friday.

In return for a donation to Children in Need your child can come to school dressed as a superhero (or in their own clothes if they prefer).

Friendship Week

The **week beginning 17th November** is National Anti-Bullying Week. We will be expanding this to hold our **Federation Friendship Week**.

The children will be learning about how to be a good friend, how to identify what bullying is, and how to deal with it if it happens to them or one of their friends.

The Year 5 and 6 children will be having some input from Childline (you will have received a separate letter about this) and all of the children will taking part in a fun workshop next week in preparation.

It will really help your child if you take some time to talk to them about what they have been learning so that they can get the most out of the input.



Assembly themes

This half term's assembly theme is '**Getting on and Falling Out**'. We will be looking at how the children can learn to get on well together, and how falling out with each other is normal! We will be using stories to help them understand how they can be as good a friend as possible. If you want to help there are a number of activities you can have a go at here:

<http://www.edu.dudley.gov.uk/primary/seal/SEALbox/gettingonfallingout/familyactivities.pdf>

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Clubs After a busy start to the year, we now have several clubs up and running at school both in lunch times and after school. We also have some new clubs starting this half term. These are:

- Craft Club (lunchtimes)
- Trading Cards Club (lunchtimes)
- Tag Rugby Club (after school)

Your child will have been given a letter today that gives you an overview of all the clubs that are happening, including where, when and how to join them.

The joining letters for the three new clubs will be in the letter holder just inside the main entrance of the school by the end of today. Please help yourself, and return the slips for these clubs to the office.

If you have any questions over clubs or feel that you may be able to offer a club at school, please contact Mr Wilkinson.

Dogs Thank you for tying your dogs up outside the school when you drop off and pick up your child. Please make sure they **don't block the path or the exits**. Some children are nervous about squeezing past them, even if they are very friendly and gentle.

Remembrance Day Poppies are still available in school until Tuesday 11th November to raise money for the Royal British Legion. There is no set contribution for the normal paper poppies, but the metal poppies (for adults) are £1 - £2 each. All donations will be appreciated.

On Tuesday 11th at 11.00am Y6 will laying a wreath at a ceremony organized by the British Legion at the war graves by St Marks Gate in Higher Cemetery. You will already have received a letter about this giving you the full details. You are welcome to join them if you would like to.



Vacancies We are looking to recruit three Mealtime Assistants to join our team.

We need one Mealtime Assistant to work with a specific child with special educational needs and two Mealtime Assistants to work within our team to supervise children and to help make lunchtimes enjoyable, safe and fun.

Ladysmith Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This includes obtaining references and ensuring compliance with the safer recruitment process.

A DBS disclosure is required.

The hours are from 12.05pm – 13.30pm (7.25 hours a week) for 38 weeks a year, term time only. £6.50 per hour.

Please contact the school office for an application form.

Teachers out of Class Just to let you know that the teachers were all out of class for an hour this week to meet with Mr Wilkinson and I. We spent the time talking to them '1:1' about the children in their class and planning additional provision for any of them who may be beginning to struggle, particularly in maths.

I realise that it can be unsettling for the children to have a different teacher, but spending the short time doing this planning will make a big difference to all the children and will make sure they all get the best possible deal while they are at Ladysmith Junior.

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