

## Junior School News

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### FEDERATION NEWS

We would like to say a huge thank you to Sarah Dart and the CPTT reps for another amazing Summer Fair! Many of our new parents and child representatives were instrumental in making the event such a success last Friday afternoon. As always, Mr Hawkins was on hand all day to help with preparations and worked tirelessly before, during and afterwards! It was a fantastic afternoon filled with entertainment, fun and music. It reminded us how lucky we are to have such a wonderful community at Ladysmith. The event raised an amazing £3,500 for the school which will be used to enrich the children's learning across the Federation.

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#### Ambition

Year 5 were certainly ambitious this week when they set about creating their own bags. With help from some parents, the children designed and made a bag for use on Dartmoor. Some of the sewing skills were very impressive!

#### Adventure

Year 5 spent today on an orienteering adventure around Heavitree followed by activities on the field, including fire making.

#### Achievement

Congratulations to Leila who has passed her Grade 2 ballet with merit!

### Parent Governor Role

Following the request for expressions of interest for the Parent Governor's role with the Ladysmith Federation that was sent out a few weeks ago, we have received only one application from a parent who is willing to take up the role. This means that there is no requirement to hold an election process. However, to ensure that we haven't missed anyone who may be interested in becoming the Parent Governor for the Federation I am extending the deadline until the end of term. If you are interested in taking up this role please complete an Expression of Interest form (obtainable from one of the school offices) and return it to the office by the last day of term.

Best wishes

Ian Gibson

Chair of Federation Governors

### Bike Safety

Please remind your child to wear a helmet if they are riding their bike to school. We have heard from parents who have seen children on the road on their way to school without helmets.



### Year 4 Birds of Prey visit

'On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, year 4 were visited by 'Devon Bird of Prey Centre.' They brought in an eagle owl (Amber) and an American kestrel (Dink). We all learnt lots of facts like 'owls can turn their heads 280°, because they can't move their eyes.' Most of us held Dink and we all had a great time. **By Katie and Megan**

### Foodbank vouchers

If you feel that you may need help over the summer period when free school meals are unavailable, please contact Lindsey Blackwell, our family support worker, who can provide food bank vouchers. You can contact Lindsey by contacting the school office or emailing her direct at [lblackwell@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:lblackwell@ladysmithfederation.net)

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## Fans



We are expecting the weather to warm up again next week and year 6 have asked if they could borrow any electric fans for use during the year 6 show. The hall can get very warm with 81 children dancing and up to 150 people in the audience! We would need to PAT test the fans on Monday and they would be returned to you after the last performance on Thursday. If you are able to lend a fan, please leave them with reception with your name clearly labelled.

## Football Tournament

Thankyou to everyone who has volunteered to help at the football tournament next Thursday. We now have enough adults to run the tournament. If you are helping, please could you arrive at school at 9am for the year 3/4 tournament or at 1pm for the year 5/6 tournament.

Any children taking part are invited to wear their PE kit / football kit to school if they would like to. They will not need football boots but should wear shin pads if they have them.



## Music Showcase



We will be holding a music showcase on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, from 5pm - 6pm, in the Junior School hall.

This is a chance to meet the instrumental teachers, ask questions and possibly try out an instrument. Teachers will have information about costs and other details.

If you are unable to attend the showcase, but want to start your child learning an instrument, don't worry: you will be able to sign up for instrumental lessons in September.

## Year 3 visitor

Recently, Mr Laidler came to visit year 3 to talk about flooding. They talked about different types of flooding and remembered the time when the Infant School flooded and they couldn't go to school!

**Freya in 3AN said,** *'He said that there are 3 different types of flooding: river flooding (water spills over the banks), drains getting blocked up and coastal flooding.*

*He showed us pictures of a dam and the coastal flooding at Dawlish from a few years ago and of a flood where the water would have been up to my waist!*

*He also said it's more likely for floods to happen in cities because if water is on the soil, it is absorbed but if it rains on concrete the water just sits there.'*

As always, we are extremely grateful for visitors in school. It is great for the children to hear from experts; it really engages the children and provides wonderful enrichment to the curriculum. If you have an area of expertise which you could share with us, please get in touch.

## Snap Chat

If your child uses or has access to 'Snapchat' you may be aware of a new feature called snap-map which has been released with the latest update. We have been advised that this new feature could pose a risk to children. For more information, please see the link below.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/snap-map/>

### Dates for the diary:

17<sup>th</sup> July – Music Showcase 5pm – 6pm

18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Show

20<sup>th</sup> July – Y2 and Y6 leaver's disco – details below

20<sup>th</sup> July – Football tournament – details above

21<sup>st</sup> July – Last day of term.

6<sup>th</sup> September – Back to School!

### Year 6 Leavers Disco

Please find details below of the year 6 leavers disco on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

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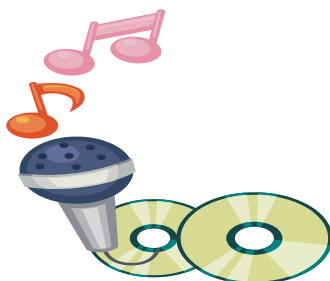
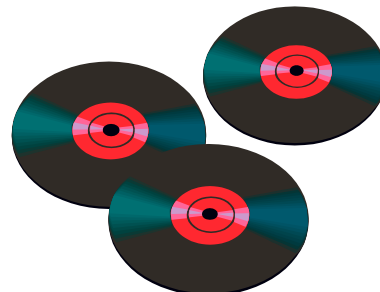
### LEAVERS DISCO

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**(7.00pm to 8.00pm)**

in the

**Junior School Hall**



Come and have fun with music, dancing and games.

**Admission £1.50 at the door**

Don't forget to bring extra money  
for refreshments.

*Hope to see you there!*

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