

Ladysmith Federation

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



11th October 2019



Ambition



It was a great to see you all at the Parent Consultations this week. We always appreciate feedback from parents and carers.

If you haven't done so already we would really appreciate it if you could complete the Ofsted Parent View questions. Follow the links to the website on page 3.

Adventure

Children in Squirrel class enjoyed their first trip to Forest School this week. They had a fantastic time climbing, swinging in the trees and getting muddy in the mud kitchen.



Achievement

Well Done to the Team Player Penguins. The Stars of the Week earned themselves a well deserved toast treat!



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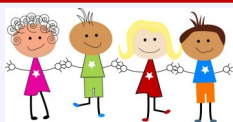
CPTT Fireworks Night

This year we have a "hallowed" themed fireworks night on Friday 1st November at the Junior School. Keep the date in your diary and get your costumes ready to come dressed up if you wish. The link to ticket sales will be re-leased on Monday with more details to follow!

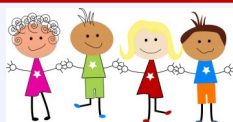


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Enrichment Week



Children across the school have had a fantastic enrichment week. The theme, 'Wellbeing' linked to World Mental Health Day on October 10th, was supported through activities focussing on healthy minds, and bodies. Children enjoyed relay activities with Mr Radford where they sorted healthy / unhealthy food and drink items. They also made delicious fruit kebabs and learnt a poem 'It's good to be me' in a workshop led by "Big Foot."



Year 1 Farm Trip

Dragonfly and Butterfly classes:

Please look out for the packed lunch sign-up board outside Year One classes (if you haven't already done so). Thank you.



Reception Junk Modelling

The children love to make models out of recyclable materials. It's a great opportunity for them to be creative and use their imagination. We use materials like: cereal boxes, bottle tops, foil trays, product packaging, food nets, pipe off-cuts, fabric remnants and buttons.

Please can you collect and bring in any recyclable materials for our junk modelling area and pass them to a staff member. Thank you



A message from Kerry at the NSPCC.... "What can I say! It has been fantastic working with you all at Ladysmith Infant School . I have been inspired by the

dedication shown by the children and the pride they have felt supporting the NSPCC. I do hope they have all gone home and thanked their family and friends. I will pop back in on October 31st to collect the additional fundraising."



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We would love to get your views on the OFSTED parent view website <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. It's quick and easy to do, registering with your email address and completing the questions.

At the moment, we have fewer than 10 responses for the last 12 months! Your help would be much appreciated if you can spare five minutes to answer the questions.

Ofsted Parent View questions

The survey asks parents to respond to 14 statements and questions.

1. My child is happy at this school.
2. My child feels safe at this school.
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.
4. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.
5. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.
6. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.
7. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? (yes or no)

If yes, the survey asks parents how strongly they agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'

8. The school has high expectations for my child.
9. My child does well at this school.
10. The school lets me know how my child is doing.
11. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.
12. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.
13. The school supports my child's wider personal development.
14. I would recommend this school to another parent. (yes or no)

Book People's Book Bus

Next Tuesday (**15th October**), we are having a special visit by the Book People's Book Bus as an alternative to our usual Book Fayres. The Book People are famous for having the latest and most popular children's books, by top authors, at really good prices. Plus, we receive commission for every penny that is spent, to spend on new books for our school. So... not only do you get to support your school, you get to go home with exciting new books as well. Perfect!

The bus will be parked on the Infant School playground and access will be from inside the school grounds, up at the Year 2 collection area (this will be signposted on the day). The bus will be open for parents and children to visit before and after school. Opening at 8:30 am and again from 2:50 pm. During the day, children will have had a chance to visit the bus for a special story time with their classes.



This is the first time that we have used the Book Bus, so we are excited to see how it looks on the day!



Aldi Stickers Reminder

We are still collecting Aldi stickers and there is a box in the office to put them in. **We have recently been informed that customers need to ask for these stickers once they have paid for their shopping.**

Thank you.

Will your school win £20,000? Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up your school's poster for a chance to win.



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Reception Tea and Tapestry

We are holding a 'Tea and Tapestry' event on **Wednesday 16th October** at **2:30pm** in your child's classroom. If you would like help using the Tapestry app, please bring your device and we will be happy to show you how to see uploaded pictures and observations and also how to put your own news on for us to share. Please come to the school office to sign in. We hope to see you there.



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HOSTED BY THE EXETER ASIAN SOCIETY AND THE EXETER HINDU SOCIETY NHSF

26TH OCTOBER 2019
2:30-7PM
THE FORUM, UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

WWW.EXETER.AC.UK/DIWALI

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Dates for the Diary

Book People's Book Bus
Tuesday 15th October

Nursery Consultations
Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th October

Reception 'Tea and Tapestry'
Wednesday 16th October
2:30pm

Yr1 Farm Trip
1BB Monday 14th October
1D Tuesday 15th October
1B Thursday 17th October

CPTT Fireworks Night
Friday 1st November

Flu vaccination
11th November

For all other dates, including Christmas performances, please visit the school website.

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October 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher?

Exeter Consortium and Teaching School Alliance is committed to improving the quality of education for the children in our member schools. We are a growing group of around 60 schools in and around Exeter, all working to improve the quality of learning for our pupils. We are keen to recruit people who can bring the special qualities that teachers need in order to offer our children the best possible education. Working in partnership with your child's school, Exeter Consortium and Exeter Teaching School Alliance are training the next generation of teachers, improving the quality of teaching, raising the attainment of pupils and closing the gap between different groups of pupils. We have a proven track record of training outstanding teachers and are proud to deliver a programme written together with our leading headteachers in order to prepare our new teachers fully for their careers. Being able to attract talented people into the teaching profession is vitally important as we know it makes such a difference to the quality of education for our children; and what better place to start than our own community!

This opportunity is possible through the teacher training route called 'School Direct', led by Exeter Consortium. More and more, people are training through the School Direct route because it allows you to train close to home, is a 'hands-on' learning experience and is guided by practising teachers working in real-life classrooms. With Exeter Consortium, you achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) from Bath Spa University, an Outstanding provider of Initial Teacher Training.

How does the course work? The course takes one year to complete and starts in September 2019. You would spend three days a week at your placement school (one of our 60 Primary Schools in and around Exeter) completing your teaching practice, and two days a week receiving training from Exeter Consortium and Bath Spa. You undertake a second contrasting placement in another school during the Spring term.

We would be interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher and if you believe you can have the special qualities needed to teach. We are looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential. If you would like to find out more, please contact Dawn Chapman at dawn@exeterconsortium.com. You can also visit www.exeterconsortium.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Dawn Chapman