Junior School News

Friday 1st July 2016





Year 5 Dartmoor Day

Year 5 certainly had an eventful day on Thursday! They had a fantastic time on Dartmoor taking part in a variety of activities including drawing maps, making animals from sticks and stones and walking around Haytor.

The group had an eventful return trip as well: they were stuck in traffic on Haldon Hill for nearly an hour and a half! The children (and staff!) coped brilliantly and they arrived back at school at 7.20pm still in high spirits. Thank you to all of the parents who waited patiently for their return. It was a really worthwhile trip and certainly one to remember!

Photographs



The deadline for orders of the year 6 leavers photo and the year 3,4 and 5 class photos is on Wednesday 6^{th} July.

BEAM house 2017



So far, 62 children have secured a place on the 2017 residential trip to BEAM house in Torrington. Initial deposits need to be paid by Friday 8th July. If you have any questions about the trip or would like another letter, please see Mr Broad.

PTFA News - Last Pop Up Café of the Year!

Come to our final café next Wed, 6th July, 3-4.30pm in the Infants Canteen. Reception year to bake! Come for a cuppa and cake, plus kids craft. There will also be 2nd hand uniform for sale, and the Year 5 enterprisers will be selling raffle tickets for the summer fair!



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New Benches!



We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA who paid for 6 new picnic benches. They look great on the field and they are getting plenty of use. We are trying to develop the field into an area which can be used all the year round. Watch this space for some exciting projects on the horizon!

Projects such as these would not be possible without all the hard work done behind the scenes by our wonderful PTFA. Please do get in touch on <u>ladysmithptfa@googlemail.com</u> if you would like to get involved.

Exe Valley Challenge



Summer Fair



You should by now have received final details for the Exe Valley Challenge taking place on Sunday 3rd July. Thank you for your patience while the details were being finalised. Either myself, Mr Wilkinson or Mrs Groves will be at the event so we look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions on the day, please call us on: 07955333973.

Don't forget to book the summer fair into your diaries! The fun starts after school until 7pm on Friday 15th July on the school field. If you are able to help or if you have any questions about the summer fair, please contact Sarah Dart and the year 5 summer fair committee

year5enterprise@ladysmithfederation.net

Library opening



We would really like to be able to open up the school library before and after school. We need volunteers to commit to a regular slot to supervise the changing of books between 8.45 and 9am and from 3.30pm – 4pm. If you would be able to volunteer, please call the office or speak to Mr Broad. You will need an enhanced DBS check. The office will be happy to process the check for you if you don't already have one.

Please could you have a look at home for any school library books. Often, children say they have lost their books or can't find them. If you do find any books, please send them to school with your child or drop them into the school office at any time.

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Big Friendly Read



What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part! The Summer Reading Challenge website helps you keep track of your reading all year round: find new books to read, take part in competitions and play games.

Musical Showcase

It was great to see so many parents and children at the music showcase last night. It was a chance for the children to see if they would like to start learning to play an instrument next year. If you have registered your interest, the music teachers will be in touch with you directly. If you were unable to attend but are interested in music lessons, please see Mrs Nyeko in year 3 or contact the school office.



Teacher Strike Action

School will remain open as normal on Tuesday 5th July.

Transition Day

A reminder that all year 6 children need to go directly to their new school on Thursday 7th July. Year 3,4 and 5 will also need to go straight to their new classroom. Please see the additional letter for more details.

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Dates for the diary:

3rd July – Exe Valley Challenge 7th July – Transition Day 12th July – Open Afternoon 3.30pm – 5.30pm 13th July – Year 6 show (2pm and 7pm) 14th July – Year 6 show (2pm and 7pm) 15th July – Year 6 show (2pm and 7pm) 15th July – Summer Fair 19th July – Leavers Disco (Year 6 only) 7-8pm 20th July – Last day of summer term 5th September – First day of Autumn Term

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