

# Ladysmith Federation

## Infant and Nursery Newsletter

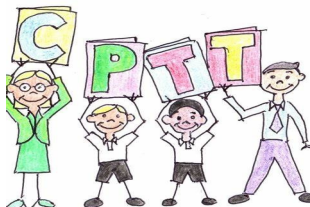


4th October 2019



### Ambition

Would you like to become a Parent Rep for the CPTT? It is a great way to raise money for the school and make new friends. The CPTT run lots of exciting events throughout the year. We are looking for new reps in Reception and Nursery. If you want to find out more please speak with your class teacher. The next CPTT Meeting is on Monday 14th October.



### Adventure

#### Space Lab

Year One had an exciting experience when they entered the Spacelab! They learnt about the planets in our solar system, what colour stars really are, the story about Orion the Hunter and what happens when our planet rotates.



### Achievement

Well Done to all of our Team Player Penguins this week. The Stars of The Week earned themselves a toast treat!



## Federation News



It was great to see so many parents at the NSPCC online safety workshop last week. In today's ever changing online world, it can be difficult to stay ahead of what our children are accessing online. The NSPCC have sent us some useful links to access information and support on games and social media. Please have a look at the links on page 3.

**If you are ever concerned about your child's safety online, please let us know.**



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## Community Insight Survey

A message from our local councillor:

We want everyone in Devon to live their lives well. To do this, we need to understand what matters most to you and where you experience difficulties in your life.

The Community Insight Survey asks about your experiences of a range of services and the County Council's strategic aims. We will also ask you about Council Tax increases and community resources and capacity (such as your ability to look after yourself), which can impact on the Council's resources.

The results will be shared across services and used to inform budget decisions and how services are provided in future.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/community-insight-survey-2019/>



## **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



# NSPCC

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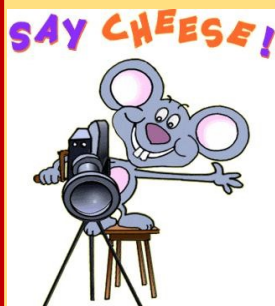
We have so far, raised an incredible **£751.32** for the NSPCC. Thank you to all the children who have been busy collecting the pennies and those who have kindly donated.

Please can any remaining sponsorship money be brought in as soon as possible. Thank you



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## Photographer

Tempest photography are coming on **Friday 11th October** for individual photographs. There will also be an opportunity to have family photos with siblings, starting at 8.15am. Families arriving early for photos should go to the main hall via the disabled entrance on Pretoria Road from 8.15am onwards. Please try and get here early, especially if you have children at the Juniors. If it seems likely they could be late please contact the Junior School.

## Online Safety Guidance

Following our recent visit from the NSPCC, please find below some guidance for parents on keeping children safe online. We have had some concerns from parents this week regarding some of the content being shared via social media platforms such as WhatsApp. Please get in touch if you have any concerns about your child's use of the internet.

### Monitoring Services

[Qustodio on O2](#)

[More About Qustodio](#)

[Google Family Link](#)

[Apple Families](#)

[PC Mag Article](#)



WhatsApp

### Tik Tok (Previously Musically)

[Tik Tok Privacy & Safety](#)

[Common Sense Media](#)



### Fortnite

[Parents' Guide](#)

[Net Aware Information](#) – Fortnite doesn't come up in the app search, however there is this section of information for parents.

[PEGI Ratings](#)

### MOMO

Whilst MOMO was reported to be a hoax, we took the opportunity to remind parents about using content controls on YouTube, using YouTube Kids as an alternative for younger children, blocking/reporting features on services like WhatsApp and sharing some additional online safety resources.



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## Teaching Assistant posts available at Ladysmith Infant and Nursery School

Are you highly motivated, resilient, with a sense of empathy and fun? Are you able to support and celebrate achievement of pupils? Can you work flexibly, using your initiative and do you have a desire to develop your own skills and understanding? Do you believe in "Ambition, Adventure, Achievement" for all?



If so, we would welcome your application. We have various working hour options available around the 8.50 to 3.20 school day. The Teaching Assistant posts available are fixed term contracts to cover maternity leave, a member of staff leaving and children with additional needs. We would also welcome an application if you would like to be added to our bank of supply Teaching Assistants and you are happy to work on an ad hoc basis.

If interested please email Jessie Hay at [finance@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:finance@ladysmithfederation.net) for an application form and let us know the days/ hours you would be available. **Closing date: 10.10.19 at 12pm.**



Parent event: What is Developmental Language Disorder?

Does your child have language and literacy difficulties? Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) affects 7-10% of children, causing them to struggle in their learning of oral language as well as impacting on their literacy development.

If you would like to learn more about DLD and language needs, including how to support your child at home and how to access further information, please join us for this free training event taking place around the county in recognition of National DLD Awareness Day.

The Communication and Interaction Team and Speech and Language Therapy service will lead this informal session. There will also be an opportunity for questions.

North	Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October - 10-11.30am, South Molton Community College
South/West	Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October - 1.30-3pm, Stowford Primary School
East	Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October - 1.30-3pm, Littleton Primary School
Exeter	Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October - 10-11.30am, St Peters CofE School, Exeter

For a free place, please contact: Sue Vanstone 01392 287239  
[sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com](mailto:sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com)

# Dates for the Diary

### Yr R, 1 & 2 Parents Consultations

Monday 7th October 3:45-5:45  
Wednesday 9th October 3:45-6:45

### Tempest Photography

Friday 11th 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

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

Check Dates online: [Online Calendar](#)

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## SKILLS DEVELOPED THROUGH PLAY



### Stay and Play

Last Friday we kept the upper playground open for the children to play after school. It was a bit damp but some brave folk were not put off and stayed for a snack. Next Friday 11th October we will be doing the same again but this time we will be on the playground by the Reception classes. Why not come along from 3.20-4.15 and have some fun digging in the sandpit!

## Welcome to our new monthly OPAL newsletter!



### Do you have a talent?

We have lots of ideas about how we can make play times even more interesting and exciting for the children at Lady-smith. The photographs show some of the projects that we'd love to be able to replicate at our school. If you think you might have the skills and time please get in touch and we will source the materials for you.

### Toys

Are you having a pre Christmas clear out? If so we would love any small world toys/ dolls and fairies to help develop our children's imaginations at lunchtimes.

### Wellies

If your child would like to play at Forest School during their lunchtimes, they will need to have a pair of **named** wellington boots, which can be kept at school.

### We need You!

Do you have any contacts with building companies or recycling centres? We are always on the look out for resources to replace our loose parts that the children play with at lunchtimes. Come to the office or speak to Mrs Brown or Mrs Collinge and let us know how you might be able to help.



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