# Ladysmith Federation

# **Infant and Nursery School News**

Friday 7th September 2018

# **FEDERATION NEWS**

# **AUTUMN TERM DATES**

#### **Autumn Term 1**

First Day: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Last Day: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

#### **Autumn Term 2**

First Day: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Last Day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Welcome back everyone! To all our Year 1 and Year 2 parents and children – I hope you all had a wonderful Summer.

It is lovely to see everyone again.

Year 1 and Year 2 children have settled into their new classrooms very quickly.

We also welcome Mrs Tracy Ferris in our Nursery and Mrs Kate Bayliss (Dragonfly Teacher) to our team.

We hope you will join us in wishing them all the very best at Ladysmith Infant and Nursery School and trust they will be very happy in their new roles.

We also welcome our new familes across the school, we look forward to this being the start of a long and fruitful partnership in which your child or children flourish and grow — achieving their potential as they take part in many wide and varied learning adventures!

If there are ever any questions, please speak to your child's teacher or contact Mrs Brown or Mrs Collinge at the Infant School or Mr Wilkinson or Mr Broad at the Junior School. Our contact details are available on the website or you can catch us on the playground.

# Ambition Adventure Achievement

# **Ambition**

The start of a new year sees us setting out our ambitions for the year ahead – look out for our federation "Ambition Week" later this term. Parents who might be happy to come into school to talk about their career or job are very welcome! We really believe that our children need to know that all possibilities are open to them – and this includes knowing about jobs that people do.

#### Adventure

Our new Reception children have all visited Forest School this week – a great way to begin their adventures at Ladysmith! The children have already had many adventures in their new classes. Here are just some examples of the children creating underwater artwork and an impromptu puppet performance.



#### Achievement

Well done to Maddison and Matilda for their highly commended awards for their beautiful artwork.





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## **Congratulations!**

Mrs Collinge is expecting a baby in January! We are all delighted with her news and am sure you would like to join us in congratulating her.

Congratulations also to our Site Manager, Jason Tarr who, over the Summer break, travelled to Brandenburg in Germany to take part in the European Nations Dragonboat Championships. The Great Britain team won 3 Silver medals and 1 Bronze. A fantantic achievement.

# Growing our own food!

We have had bumper crops of cherry tomatoes, runner beans, beetroot, onions, garlic and peas this year. The canteen staff have been busy picking the produce grown in our school gardens and serving them up for the children's lunches.

#### **AUTUMN AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

## **Gym Club**

We shall be starting an after school Gym Club (3.30-4.30pm) for Year 1 and 2 on Thursday 13th September for six weeks (until Thursday 18th October) in the school hall.

Please book via email simonssoccerschoools@hotmail.co.uk if you wish to enrol your child. The cost will be £4 per session but, an early bird payment offer will bring the cost down to £3.50 per session. Spaces are limited so it will be on a first come first served basis.

#### **Football Club**

The session on a **Tuesday** will be for Year 1 pupils from 3:20-4:35pm. The cost will be £4 per session but, an early bird payment offer will bring the cost down to £3.50 per session. Parents can book via email simonssoccerschoools@hotmail.co.uk



The session on a **Thursday** will be for Year 2 pupils from 3:20-4:35pm. The cost will be £4 per session but, an early bird payment offer will bring the cost down to £3.50 per session. Parents can book via email simonssoccerschoools@hotmail.co.uk

#### **Martial Arts**

We hope to have a Martial Arts Group starting soon, so if you are interested please watch this space for more details.

#### **Parent Questionnaires**

Thank you to those of you who returned your parent feedback questionnaires. A very positive response – 90% gave positive answers with 8% answering "don't know" to questions. We have carefully studied the feedback and our first priority is to give you dates relating to school events well in advance wherever possible. Next week, we will give you the dates that we have set in the whole school diary in order to help you plan your family calendar!

### Dates for the diary:

- 17.09.18 Yr 1 Hook Day
- 17.09.18 Yr 1 Phonics Talk to Parents
- 20.09.18 Yr 2 SWW Visit
- 08.10.18 & 10.10.18 Parents Evenings for Reception, Year One and Year Two
- 19.10.18 Break up for half term
- 05.11.18 School Photographer
- 15.11.18 Flu Vaccinations
- 16.11.18 Children in Need



