

Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Friday 16th September 2016

Golden Mile

The children and staff have really embraced the daily 'golden mile' run and it has already become part of our daily routine. At a conservative estimate, we have already run a combined distance of over 2000 miles this term! We are starting to use an online recording database for each child to record their laps. At the moment, 4KH are in the lead, having recorded 231 miles!

Year 4 cemetery trip

Year 4 have visited Higher Cemetery this week to study the difference between trees. They will return again in the autumn, winter and spring to observe the changes.



Year 3 music

Year 3 have started to learn Taiko drumming. It sounded amazing and the children were already perfectly in time. Well done to the Year 3 teachers who have learnt to play themselves so that they can teach the children.



Lunch orders

Thank you for bearing with us as we transfer to on-line ordering and payment. There has been some confusion over payments and messages sent from ParentMail. ParentMail automatically generates a reminder for payment to all parents who have ordered lunches. Please ignore this request if you have already paid.

Flu Vaccines

Year 3 parents will have received today an information pack about flu vaccines. This year, the flu vaccine is being offered to all children in school years 1, 2 and 3. The pack contains permission slips which must be returned by 23rd September. We do not yet have a date for the vaccines but will let you know as soon as we do. You do, of course, have the option to not provide consent. Please take the time to read the information pack.

Lost toy!



At the recent new parents meeting, this toy was left behind and has been living on Mr Wilkinson's desk! We would like to reunite it with its owner; if you recognise it, please come into the office.

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Mr Hawkins' helpers!



Mr Hawkins and his band of helpers have been busy seeding the new play areas on the field, ready for the Spring. If you haven't already, do come and have a look at the field and take a walk (or a jog) around the track to see how the field has changed.

Clubs

If your child has applied to join one of our free after school clubs, they will have received a letter today informing them if they are able to attend or not. There were over 70 applications for Mr Taylor's multi-skills club! If you have not been able to go to a club this term, we will do our best to get you into a club of your choice next term.

Lunchtime clubs

Library - The library is now open every lunchtime as well as before and after school.

Homework – The ICT suite is available during lunchtimes on Wednesdays for any children who are unable to complete their homework at home. We would like all children to complete homework at home where possible.

Animation – Mrs Brown will be running an animation club for years 5 and 6 on Mondays, starting on Monday 26th September. Details will be given to the children next week.

Board / card games - Mrs Groves will be running a board games / card club for year 3 and 4 on Thursdays, starting on Thursday 29th September. Details will be given to the children next week.

Parent Support Group.

There is a group of parent / carers who have children with a range of behavioural, medical and/ or educational needs who meet every half term to share experiences, tips, worries and laughs.

Our next get together for a drink and a chat will take place on Monday 26th September at Jury's Inn, Exeter at 7.45pm

If you would like to join us, just come along or call Lindsey Blackwell, our Family Support Worker. Tel: 01392 255554 or 271596.

'Design a Christmas Card' project



As in previous years, the children are going to have the opportunity to design their own Christmas card and you may, if you wish, place an order for them. The ordering process has changed this year to an online system and details of this and your child's design will be sent home by 4th October.

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Book bags



We have new, branded Ladysmith Federation book bags available for £3.70. They are available from the school office or, next week, they will be available in the mornings before school in the top playground by Year 3.

Exeter Children's Orchestra



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Exeter Children's Orchestra offers children and young people aged 7-18 the chance to play a wide variety of music in a fun, friendly and safe environment. New members are always welcome and there are no scary auditions!

Ned in year 5 goes every week and really enjoys it: *'We learnt to play the 'The Lord of the Rings' theme music and there's a tuck shop too!'*

The orchestra plays a constantly changing and varied range of music

from classical to jazz, film and TV theme tunes to opera!

If you are interested in playing, visit www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk or email exeterchildrensorchestra@gmail.com

PTFA FUNdraisers News

Hi everyone!

Our purpose as a PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) is to raise money for the school, through running fun community events. The money is used to provide fun experiences (eg. visiting theatre productions,) or to buy equipment (eg. developing outdoor spaces,) that enrich our children's experience of school life.

Emma Whittingham and Charlie Nixon have co-run the PTFA this last year, but would like to pass it onto some new people. If you'd like to get involved or have ideas for the future of the PTFA, then please come to an informal coffee morning, open to all parents / carers of Infants and Juniors.

When: Wed 28th September, 9ish - 10ish

Where: Forest School Room, next to Infants Canteen

If anyone would like to attend but cannot make this time, please get in touch at ladysmithptfa@googlemail.com and we can sort something out.



In the meantime, a date for your diaries is our Fireworks night, which Charlie had already planned to run this year, on **Friday 4th November**. Save the date, and think about how you might like to help out on this fun night!

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Infant and Nursery School playtimes

The Infant and Nursery School is keen to develop playtimes so that children have more choice. We would welcome good second hand equipment such as lego, building blocks, dressing-up clothes and role play toys. If your child has grown out of any of these items and you are thinking of giving them away, please donate to us! Thank you.



Fitkidz Multi-sports club



FitKidz Multi Sports Club offer boys between the ages of 8-12 the chance to try over fifty different types of sport. The club is also unique in that it provides all the equipment needed for children to take part in the various sports.

For more information, email: fitkidz.exeter@hotmail.com

FitKidz have organised a fundraising disco and would like to invite you along.

80s Night Disco - relive all the classics!

Friday 30th September - 7pm-midnight.

Heavitree Social Club. 80s dress optional.

Please help support a local charity.

Tickets £7, purchase at Robinsons News, or www.eventbrite.co.uk

Raffle prizes.

Email, goodygumdrops72@hotmail.com with any question

Dates for the diary:

- 20th September – Writing club starts – 3.30pm - 4.30pm**
- 21st September – Multi-skills club starts - 3.30pm – 4.30pm**
- 22nd September – Singing club starts – 3.30pm – 4.30pm**
- 27th September – Year 5 trip to RAMM – A.M.**
- 4th October – Parent's Evening – details to follow**
- 6th October – Parent's Evening – details to follow**
- 4th October – Y4 trip to Stokehill Junior School – on-line safety performance – details to follow**
- 21st October – Fraser Photography – individual and sibling photos.**



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