

## Junior School News

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

### FEDERATION NEWS

#### Lost Property

Please ensure that all uniform and belongings are named clearly with your child's name and class so that any lost items can be identified and returned.

#### We have a bus!!

We are unbelievably excited to say that we have managed to secure a bus which will stay permanently on our school field! The bus was very generously donated by Plymouth City buses free of charge. We have wanted some shelter on the field for some time and the school council last year had many requests for a quiet, dry space on the field so here it is!! The bus will be known as the 'Ladysmith Reading Bus'. It will be available during lunchtimes all year round for children to read. It will also be available for parents to use after school to read with their children. We will be looking for volunteers over the coming weeks to get involved to develop the space within and around the bus to make it into a really attractive, usable space for the children and parents. In the meantime, the bus will be open and available from next week. The children have all had a chance today to sit on the bus – we are sure it will be well used!



#### Homework

Children have brought home a homework book today with details of what they have been asked to do. Please support your child to learn their times tables, spellings and ensure that they are reading for at least 20 minutes daily. All homework will be given out and handed in on Fridays. If you have any questions about homework, please see your child's teacher.

#### Science Dome

Year 4 and 5 enjoyed their science dome sessions today. Year 4 learned all about the digestive system and year 5 learned all about space.



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## SEN

Concerned that your child is not making enough progress? Are they receiving support additional to, or different from, that given to other children in their class? Has Special educational needs been mentioned? Help is available.

Devon Information Advice and Support can support parents and carers as they guide their children along the special educational needs and disability journey.

They can support you to:

- Learn more about SEND support in school
- Understand the process and paperwork
- Express your views
- Discuss the impact on your child
- Prepare for meetings
- Make contact with other groups and services and understand their roles
- .....and much more!

## Devon Information Advice and Support – DIAS



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## SEND 'Working Together' - Drop-in-Session

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 8:50am**

**Infant School – The Link Room**

Everyone is invited to drop in and have a cuppa and a chat with our **SEND Co-ordinators** from both schools, Louise Williams and Helen Keenor, and our joint **Family Support Worker**, Lindsey Blackwell.

## Library

We have a group of wonderful volunteers who come in once or twice a week to help in the library. This is for half an hour at the start of the school day and at the end of the day so that children have an additional opportunity to change their reading book. If you are able to give up some time, please see Mr Broad.

## Curriculum Enrichment Programmes

You have received details via Parent Mail of the autumn term curriculum enrichment courses available through Exeter University. There are many different courses including history, ICT, sports, writing, maths, geography and art. If you book onto a course, please complete an absence request form from the school office.

### Dates for the diary:

**26<sup>th</sup> September – SEND drop-in session**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October – Parent's meetings**

**3<sup>rd</sup> October – Wildlife Champions Conference at Stokehill**

**4<sup>th</sup> October – CPTT rep meeting at 6pm @ the Infant School**

**4<sup>th</sup> October – No Pens Wednesday – details to follow**

**18<sup>th</sup> October – Half termly open evening – 3.30pm – 5pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of half term**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November – Fireworks night – details to follow**

### Parents Evening

Please complete and return parents evening slips to your child's teacher by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

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