

Junior School News

Friday 20th October 2017

FEDERATION NEWS

We hope you have a great half term holiday and that the children enjoy a well-earned rest. Please see below for a link to a parent's guide to staying safe on-line.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child over half term, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 03451551071 or email mashsecure@devon.qcsx.gov.uk and give as much information as you can.



CPTT Update

**Fireworks Night, Fri 3rd
Nov 5.45pm-7.30pm**

We have so much in store for you this year at our Fireworks night, we are very excited! No need to rush tea beforehand as there will be several delicious food options (including vegetarian & gluten free). Wash that down at our bar with mulled wine, mulled cider or Fred's delicious Ladysmith

Ale, whilst listening to an acoustic band. Or have a hot cup of tea and a sweet treat at the tuck shop! Have lots of fun at our games stalls and win a prize, visit our flashing glow stall, and have your face painted in glow-in-the-dark paint. All this, and you'll just about have time to admire the entries for our famous pumpkin carving competition (look out for separate flyers), whilst warming yourself next to a fire barrel! **And**, there are even more surprises in store.... let alone the amazing fireworks display to top it all off!!

Tickets are selling fast - make sure you buy your tickets before the event as it will be ticket only entry. Available from Mr Broad & Mr Wilkinson at the Junior School and from the Infant School office.

We are still in need of a few volunteers on games stalls - please hand in your form or get in touch at cptt@ladysmithfederation.net

So, bring lots of pennies (but not old £1 coins) and we'll see you there!!



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A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who have already signed up to help with the fireworks night – we have a shared ambition to make the event a huge success. We still need more help – find out how to get involved below.

Adventure

We wish Ms Murchison the best of luck on her new adventure as she leaves us at Ladysmith. She is spending some time in Australia with her new grandson. She will be sorely missed by staff and children.

Achievement

Well done to Trudy and Olivia who are our newest Accelerated Reader millionaires! We celebrated Cameron's sporting achievements: he has passed an aptitude test to get him into the Exeter City Development Squad. Megan and Amelie won a cheerleading competition, Alex won a football trophy and Asya, Liya and Oscar all received



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Sustrans Bike Project

We are excited to announce that we are beginning a project with Sustrans to encourage more children to travel to school on foot and by bike and scooter. Helen from Sustrans will be coming in to talk to the children in assembly on the first day back after half term to introduce some of the exciting events coming up. On Monday 30th October (the first day back after half term) we will be hosting 'Dr Bike' which is a mobile bike checking service. Dr Bike will check the childrens bikes, completing a 'health check' on the bikes, looking at gears and brakes etc.

If you would like your bike checked, just park your bike in the shelter and attach a tag to your bike which will be available on the morning.



On **Wednesday 1st November**, we will be holding a 'Bike to School' day where we would like as many children (and grownups!) to ride their bikes or scooters to school.

There will be Golden Tickets attached to some bikes which can be exchanged for prizes and the class with the most children riding in will receive a special 'bikers breakfast' the following week, provided by Sustrans!

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There will be many other exciting events to follow including the 'Leg it to Lapland' competition.

Christmas!

Please see the diary section below for dates and times of the year 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration (a Christmas play with songs) and the Year 5 Christmas Concert which will be held at St Mark's Church. Further details will be available after half term.



Lunch

The new dinner menus start after half term and the children have taken a paper copy home with them today. There will also be a copy in the display boards at the main entrances to school.

Exeter Food Action

Thank you to everyone who donated food this week. Charles from Exeter Food Action spoke to the children in assembly about the importance of not wasting food.



Family Support - Lindsey Blackwell



For those of you who are unaware, my role involves helping to support children and their families / carers by being an additional point of contact within both schools. If you would like further information or I can help with a query you may have, please be aware I will be available every Wednesday morning from 8.50am – 10.00am for a coffee and a chat.

Venue: Ladysmith Junior School – Food Technology room

This will begin after half term with the first session on Wednesday 1st November.

If you would like more information, please contact the school and ask to speak to me.

I look forward to seeing you.

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Handy size Internet Safety Parents' Leaflet (SWGfL)

This pocket size leaflet gives parents and carers ideas to consider and useful links on the following topics:

- Gaming
- Bullying
- Live Streaming
- Apps
- Instant Messaging



You can download the leaflet here:

<http://swgfl.org.uk/products-services/online-safety/resources/online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

Open Afternoon

It was great to see so many of the children's grown-ups in school on Wednesday at our open evening. We loved seeing how proud the children were of their work and the progress they have already made.

Year 4 Story Telling

We often speak to the children about the purpose of their writing and in particular who their 'audience' is. This can have a huge impact on their writing as they need to plan their writing with the reader in mind. Year 4 have been writing stories to share with year 1 children; on Friday, they spent time at the Infant School reading to the younger children. It was amazing to see how engaged the younger children were and how proud year 4 were to show off their work.



Ladysmith GROW Project

We would like to say a huge thank you to Catherine Davis who has given up a great deal of her own time to help to launch the Ladysmith GROW (**G**ardening, **R**ecreation, **O**utdoor learning and **W**ellbeing), project which aims to develop the school grounds into a '*vibrant, safe learning environment where teachers and children can maximise the use of the school grounds for learning and play*'. With involvement from the Devon Wildlife Trust, we are developing a detailed plan for the site and Catherine has had some amazing ideas and we can already see the space beginning to take shape. After half term, we will be asking children and parents for their ideas on how the space could be developed. Look out for details in upcoming newsletters.

YouTube

YouTube contains clips which are inappropriate for children and often, when looking at something completely innocent, children can be led to other, less appropriate content by clicking on links. YouTube Kids gives your family an easy way to watch their favorite shows. It's free, simple to use, and full of family-friendly videos. There is an app available or it can be found at <https://kids.youtube.com>.

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Learning Letters

We have sent an email with your child's half termly learning letter which outlines what the children will be doing and learning next half term. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

SOE3 Forms

We have sent home hard copies of SOE3 forms today. These forms act as consent for local walking trips and provide us with up-to-date information about your child which is needed in school and on trips. Please return these as soon as possible after half term.

Boots Opticians

There is powerful evidence of the value of having early screening checks on children, and many conditions that are detected in young children can be corrected. We will continue to lead for the critical importance of proactive eye health for children and offer a basic visual acuity check for children via our Zookeeper Zoe e-book <https://www.zookeeperzoe.co.uk> in which parents/carers and teachers can work through the screening check. This vision screening check includes the following checks:

- Astigmatism check (shape of the eye and focus ability)
- Colour vision check (how well different colours are distinguished)
- Duo chrome check (ability to focus correctly)
- Visual acuity check (accuracy and sharpness of vision)



We would always encourage any parents, carers or teachers who are concerned about a child's eye health to visit their local optometrist who will be able to a full eye check, no matter the child's age.

Pumpkin Carving Competition!

Pumpkins will be available after school during the week after half term for children to take home and carve ready for the competition on Friday 3rd November. Entries should be brought to the shelter on the field on Friday morning with the children's name and class inside.

Dates for the diary:

30th October – Dr Bike event at school
1st November – Bike to School Day
2nd November – Killerton Run
3rd November – Fireworks night
10th November – Year 6 attending Remembrance Service
20th November – 'Leg it to Lapland' challenge starts details to follow!
22nd November – Theatre Alibi @ 7pm – details to follow
w/b 27th November – Launch of GROW project details to follow
1st December – Year 6 WW2 Day – details to follow
1st December – Year 4 Dark Ages Day – details to follow
? December – Year 5 Evening Christmas Concert date and details to follow
7th / 8th December – Year 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration 2.15pm – details to follow
14th December – Christmas Disco – details to follow
15th December – Last day of term

I hope everyone is ready for Ladysmith's
Fireworks Night?
Carve your Pumpkin to create a fright.

Different categories for you to win,
The prizes will send you in a spin.



Bring your entries on Friday the Third,
Any other time would be absurd!

Leave your name and class inside your
entry.
You don't want to go home with your
hands all empty.

Pumpkins will be on sale after half term,
Bring a pound so you don't miss your turn!

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