



# Ladysmith Federation



## Junior School News

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### Happy Christmas

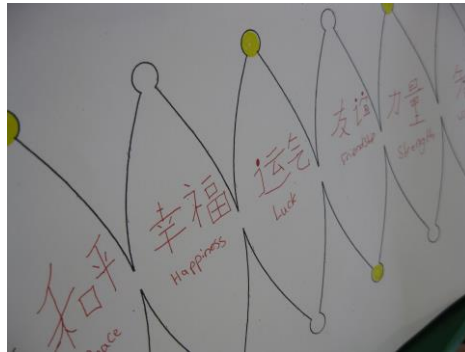
As always, it has been a busy term with lots of exciting things happening for the children. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, as parents and guardians, for all the support you have given your children. Just like last year, parent help at school and attendance at school events has been fantastic; from helping in class, reading with children, going on school trips and attending Christmas Celebrations; your contribution has been really appreciated. Mr Broad and I would like to thank you for all the congratulations that we have received on our permanent appointments; we look forward to continuing to work with everyone at Ladysmith. We wish you all a happy and peaceful holiday, and look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Kind Regards

Mark Wilkinson and Dave Broad

### Open Afternoon

It was lovely to see so many parents at Tuesday's open evening sharing and celebrating what the children have been learning. All named lost property has been reunited with its owners. Any other clothes / shoes have been donated to the PTFA for re-sale or to local charities. Please ensure that all uniform, coats, packed lunch boxes and PE kit is clearly named.



### Enrichment Days

It was great to see the children enjoying their enrichment day, they took part in fencing with Premier Sports and learnt about festivals of light around the world. I'm sure many of the children will have brought home their lanterns or Chinese writing they may have done throughout the day. Special thanks to Mrs Brown, Mrs Wills, Mr Taylor and Mrs Murchison who organise and run the enrichment days. The next enrichment day will have a 'design and construction' theme and will be towards the end of the next half term.



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## Christmas Disco

The Christmas disco was a fantastic success on Monday evening. Everyone had a great time and the PTFA managed to raise over £500 for the school. We would like to say a big thank you to the army of volunteers (and their children!) for organising the event and running it on the night.

## Year 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration



We would like to say a huge well done to all of the children in year 3 and 4 who put on a fantastic nativity show this week. The children have worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks, learning their lines and practicing the songs. It was great to see the children performing with such confidence in front of audiences of over 160 parents and family; there are certainly some budding singers, actors and actresses in our midst! Many thanks also to the parents who helped with making props and costumes for the show – they looked brilliant! Thank you also to all parents for respecting our request not to take photos during the performances. We have a folder with photos of the show taken by Miss Rowden which you are welcome to have a copy of. If you drop a named memory stick (with at least 110mb of free storage) into reception or to your child's class teacher, the teacher will save the photos onto the stick and send it home with your child.



## Golden Mile



On average, the children are running 1000 miles per week which is fantastic; we have logged over 10,000 miles so far! Thank you for your support at home: I know children often come home with muddy shoes or splattered uniform but we are really pleased to see how active the children are and to hear the impact of the increase in exercise. We have heard anecdotal evidence from parents and staff of the benefit to children's health. One parent told us that her child has far more stamina now and believes this is down to the golden mile. If you have any success stories or any comments at all about the golden mile, please get in touch – we'd love some feedback.

## Syrian Appeal

Maddy and Eliza have so far raised an astounding £1,100 for their charity appeal which we featured last week! What an amazing achievement! Thank you to everyone from school who has donated.

### Dates for the diary:

4<sup>th</sup> January – Back to school

6<sup>th</sup> January – Year 3 Pirate Day – separate letter emailed out

27<sup>th</sup> January – 3AN Family assembly – 9.05am – 9.25am



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### Community News

#### Premier Transition - Fitness courses for parents

*Following a successful pilot programme at the Infant school site, Fit-Triton courses will be continuing in the new school year. The course is designed to be accessible for all ability levels with the convenience of being held at the school grounds. What an easy way to kick start those new years resolutions!*

#### **Fit-Triton Course**

**Monday Mornings - Infant School Canteen**

**9:10am - 10am**

**Starting 16th January**

**Cost: £4 per session**

**For further details please see our website [premiertransition.co.uk](http://premiertransition.co.uk) or collect a leaflet from either school reception. Contact us: Becki White ([rwhite@premier-education.com](mailto:rwhite@premier-education.com))**

### DANCE CLASSES AVAILABLE

Dance Source Academy are now taking on new students for January 2017 in their Exminster, Exmouth, Ottery St Mary and Feniton classes. These are a great way to keep fit, make new friends, learn some amazing moves and have a lot of fun!

For more information you can visit [www.dancesourceacademy.com](http://www.dancesourceacademy.com), or our social media pages, or you can email us at [info@dancesourceacademy.com](mailto:info@dancesourceacademy.com).

Limited spaces available so reserve a space now to avoid disappointment

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