

Ladysmith Federation

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



8th February 2019



Ambition

Our first Play Time Assistants have been chosen. They are the children who showed real ambition resulting in the most nominations over the week as "Team Player Penguins". They have all been very helpful at the end of lunchtime with the massive job of tidying up after OPAL.

This week they are:
Blossom (Dragonfly Class),
Edward and Oscar (Turtle Class) and Bertie (Dolphin Class)

WELL DONE!

Adventure

The Space Dome arrived at school this week. Year One children (who have been studying Space this term) discovered more about the planets, stars and how the Galaxy works.



Achievement

Look at our "Stars of the Week"
We are so proud of them!



Eva took her ballet exam in November. She received her certificate and shared it with us in school.
Well done Eva!

Federation News

GRAB A BARGAIN!

On the first Friday after the school holidays there is a second hand uniform sale for the Infant and Junior School. The sale is from 3pm to 4pm in the Infant School Playground. The next sale is on **Friday 1st March**. Any donations can be dropped off at the infant school office.



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'Healthy Hearts'

This week, Reception and KS1 took part in our 'Healthy Hearts' enrichment day. They created and enjoyed healthy fruit kebabs, designed their own indoor physical games in PE by creating different obstacle courses. All this along with creative dance sessions led by the fantastic dance teacher Lizzie Swinford.



CHINESE NEW YEAR: THE YEAR OF THE PIG

University of Exeter Chinese New Year celebrations are the biggest in the city.



Sunday 17 February 2019

13:00 - 18.30

The festival will include:
City centre parade including Dragon and Lion
traditional dancing
Chinese displays, craft stalls
Chinese cuisine
Spectacular firework display



Read more at <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/internationalstudents/livingintheuk/getinvolved/chinesenewyear>



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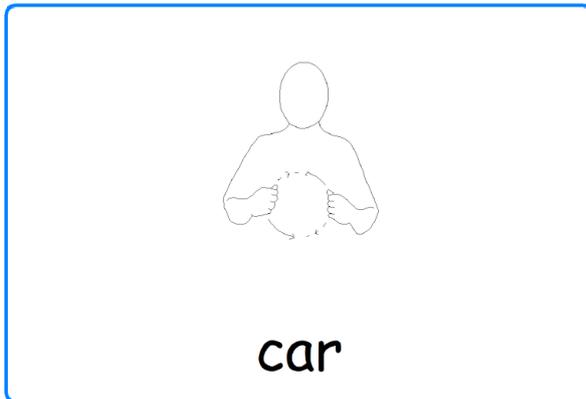




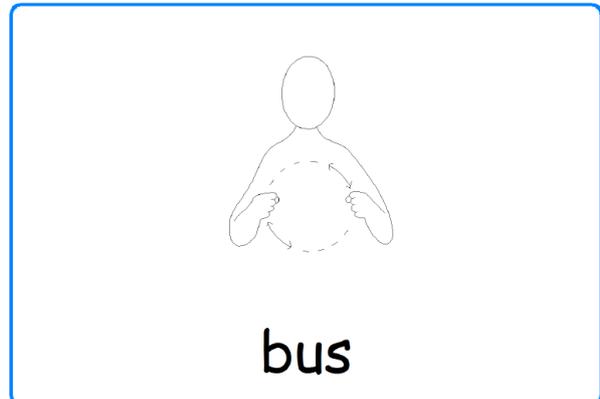
Signs of the Week



It has been wonderful to see the children starting to use our signs when around the school. Our next two key words that we will be learning this week are 'car' and 'bus'. Please have a go at these signs with children at home.



car



bus



OPAL

OPAL dramatically improves the quality of day-to-day play times, with a beneficial impact on engagement, learning and personal development. For this project to be successful, we need lots of stuff! We would really appreciate donations such as:

- Old bodyboards,
- swimming noodles,
- Foam items such as pipe lagging or insulation, plastic pipes and guttering
- Old buggies and push chairs
- Large plastic tubs, crates and drums
- Buckets, jugs, pots and pans
- Planks and decking
- Tarpaulins

Please drop off your donations in the school foyer.





CPTT Class Reps

Each term we invite all the CPTT reps to a meeting to share ideas and plan for the latest events. Meetings are open to parents/carers and children and take place on a Wednesday from 6-7pm in either the Infant or Junior school.

We are still needing class reps for **Squirrel, Hedgehog and Butterfly** class.

Road Safety

Did you witness an incident that occurred outside school on Wednesday 23rd January on Pretoria Road? It involved a man in a white Renault traffic van driving erratically. If so, please can you pop into the office or give us a call - we have an incident number that it relates to. We are keen to ensure that the streets around school are as safe as possible and your co-operation will be much appreciated.



Pop up Café

Our next café will be on Thursday 14th February. We are asking for delicious cake donations from years 1 and 2.



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher?

We are pleased to be able to offer members of our school community the opportunity to train to become primary teachers through Exeter Consortium and Teaching School Alliance (ECTSA).

Exeter Consortium is a growing group of schools in and around Exeter, all working to improve the quality of learning for our pupils. Working in partnership with your child's school, ECTSA are training the next generation of teachers, improving the quality of teaching, raising the attainment of pupils and closing the gap between different groups of pupils.

Being able to attract talented people into the teaching profession is vitally important as we know it makes such a difference to the quality of education for our children; and what better place to start than our own community!

This opportunity is possible through the teacher training route called 'School Direct', led by Exeter Consortium. More and more, people are training through the School Direct route because it allows you to train close to home, is a 'hands-on' learning experience and is guided by practising teachers working in real-life classrooms. With Exeter Consortium, you achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) from Bath Spa University, an Outstanding provider of Initial Teacher Training.

How does the course work? The course takes one year to complete and starts in September 2019. You would spend three days a week at your placement school (one of our 60 Primary Schools in and around Exeter) completing your teaching practice, and two days a week receiving training from Exeter Consortium and Bath Spa. You undertake a second contrasting placement in another school during the Spring term.

We would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher. We are looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential. If you would like to find out more, please contact Dawn Chapman at dawn@exeterconsortium.com. You can also visit or phone us for an informal chat on 01392 927171

We look forward to hearing from you.

