

# Ladysmith Federation

## Junior School News

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Ambition

Year 3 took a step back in time this week as they dressed up as historical characters to take part in interviews in a hot-seating activity. They made very convincing evacuees, Egyptian queens and cave men and women!



### Adventure

*'I embrace and value diversity within my own community and beyond'*



Keep an eye out in the library for a special feature section. We have ordered a range of fiction and non-fiction books where the author and / or characters are from black or ethnic minority background. The books are available for everyone to enjoy.

### Achievement

**Well done to our stars of the week!**

#### Year 3:

Isla, Jack and Zane

#### Year 4:

Eliza, Emily, Ryder and Emily

#### Year 5:

Sonny, Pau, Theo and Lamorna

#### Year 6:

Evie C, Evie S and Rudy

## Federation News



On Friday 11th December we are inviting the children to wear something bright, sparkly and Christmassy for a donation to the CPTT. We will also be collecting food donations for Exeter Foodbank and Exeter Food Action to support our local community. We will send out more details in next week's Newsletter with a list of food items accepted by Exeter Foodbank.

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### It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Thank you to Mr Hawkins and his band of helpers who decorated our Christmas tree. It looks beautifully twinkly in the late afternoon and is a cheerful welcome to staff, many of whom arrive in school before sunrise!

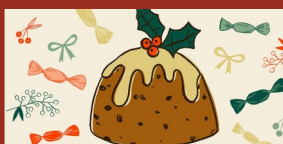
Listen out for some festive music as we edge closer to the Christmas break...

### Trees and bats!



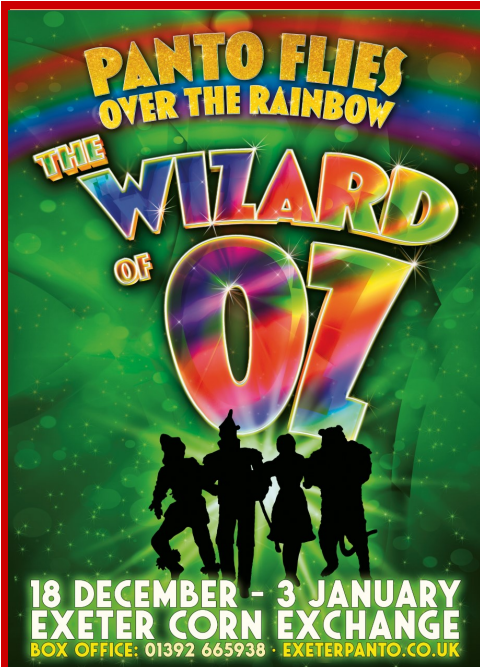
Mr Hawkins has spent the week planting 50 trees donated by the Devon Wildlife Trust. The DWT have also given us a 'bat detector' which has been installed in the forest area at the front of the school.

The detector will give readings of bat activity over a period of time and the Devon Wildlife Trust will report their findings.



### Christmas Meal

This year's Christmas meal will be served on 16th December. A menu has been emailed home and a hard copy has been sent home with your child. Please return slips to your child's teacher or the main office by Friday 4th December. This is not an order form—it will just give us an idea of numbers so that we can order enough food. The cost of the meal remains at £2.50 and will be taken from the pupils ParentMail account as usual.



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### The Theatre Returns!

We are thrilled to hear that the local pantomime at the Corn Exchange has been given the final go ahead because tier 2 allows for performances at 50% capacity.

This year's Christmas show is 'The Wizard of Oz', and both Eva and Oscar in year 4 are performing in it as Munchkins!

The show is produced by an entirely locally-run professional production company that also gives children opportunities to perform on a real stage, and obviously (as with all theatre companies) the company has really struggled this year.

The show is Covid-safe: as well as 50% capacity, it is one act only (so no interval mingling), masks (unless exempt) and there is a one way system. But otherwise it's the normal music, laughter and silliness of panto!

Tickets are on sale now on the website.

[Click on the poster above to go straight to the website.](#)



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# COVID-19

## WEEKLY UPDATE



### Update

England's current lockdown will end just after midnight on Wednesday 2nd December. After that, regions will be in one of three tiers: medium, high and very high. Devon has been placed in tier 2—high.



## TIER 2: HIGH

### **Tier two (high) rules:**

- In tier two you can't socialise indoors with anyone you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble
- You can meet in a group of up to six outside - including in a garden, or a public place
- Shops, gyms and personal care services (such as hairdressing) can reopen (if Covid-secure)
- Pubs and bars can only open if they serve substantial meals. Alcohol can be served with that meal
- Pubs and restaurants can shut at 23:00 GMT, with last orders at 22:00 GMT
- Sports can resume with up to 2,000 spectators, or 50% capacity (whichever is smaller)
- Collective worship, weddings and outdoor sports can resume (with restrictions)

Non-essential foreign travel allowed, subject to quarantine rules  
People are advised not to travel to and from tier three areas

### Dates for the diary:

- 11.12.20**—Christmas Jumper Day / wear something sparkly for a donation to CPTT
- 11.12.20**—Year 4 Carol concert—Bottom playground at 2.45pm—details to follow
- 14.12.20**—Year 4 Christmas film night—details to follow
- 15.12.20**—Year 5 Christmas film night—details to follow
- 16.12.20**—Year 6 Christmas film night—details to follow
- 16.12.20**—Christmas Lunch—please return a slip to show interest
- 18.12.20**—Last day of autumn term



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