

Ladysmith Federation

Friday 9th December 2016
Infant and Nursery Bumper Newsletter

Christmas Concerts

We hope you enjoyed Nursery and Year 1's performances, and thank you for your support and donations. It has been lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas celebrations. The children were brilliant remembering what they had to do and say, singing beautifully, some even coping with being a last-minute understudy! They have all shown great courage, performing in front of a large crowd! From today and next week it's the turn of Reception and Year 2. A huge "thank you" to the class teachers, teaching assistants and parent helpers for all their hard work behind the scenes. ***A fantastic effort!***



Pine Cones

Following our appeal for pine cones for the Forest School, we would like to thank everyone who brought in some. Here is a picture of the transformation!



BEFORE



AFTER

Devon County Council – School Crossing Patrol

Many parents have been asking after the health of the School Crossing Patrol person on Hanover Road and this week we received a message from Colin Savage, the School Crossing Patrol Manager which reads *Kenneth is at home but I doubt he will be back before Christmas. I am sure he would love to hear from the children and parents.....*

If anyone wishes to send him a card, please pop it into the school office and we will forward them to Mr Savage.



Vacancy

We are still looking to appoint a flexible and willing individual to fit into our team of cleaning staff at the school who will work term time, plus deep clean holiday work during the Easter (1 Week) and Summer breaks (2 weeks).

Start date will be 4th January 2017. The hours will be 3 ½ per day – 7am to 8.30am AND 3.30pm to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. Pay is on an A Grade - £7.52 per hour. Duties will include cleaning classrooms and toilets, cleaning computers and any other duties required as directed by the Site Manager.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

An enhanced DBS clearance is required for this post.

Parent Questionnaire

How can we improve the school? Now is your chance to have your say. Please complete the Parent Questionnaire that we sent home today and post it in the box outside the school office. Thank you in advance for taking the time and trouble in completing this form.



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NHS Oral Health Survey

A self-explanatory letter, together with a Consent Form, has gone out today to a selected number of children attending Ladysmith Infant and Nursery School in Reception and Year 1. If you have received a letter please complete the Consent Form and return it to the school office.

Devon Wildlife Trust Christmas Celebration



Devon
Wildlife Trust

Devon Wildlife Trust will once again be holding its annual Family Christmas Event celebration at the beautiful Cricklepit Mill near Exeter Quay. Entry to this festive family day on **Sunday 11th December, 11am-4pm** is Adults £1 and Children £2.

Children's activities include willow weaving, natural Christmas crafts and making bird feeders to give your garden wildlife a festive treat! The Cricklepit garden is open to explore with a fun trail to follow and Father Christmas returns to his grotto. Home-made mince pies will be available and DWT Christmas cards will also be on sale. For more information visit www.devonwildlifetrust.org



Outstanding Accounts

The end of term is fast approaching and we obviously need to balance our books. Could we please ask everyone to clear all debts and drop payment into the office:

Nursery Fees and Nursery Meals;

Cooking and Snack money (£5 per child per term Reception);

Cooking Money (£3 per child per term YR1 and YR2; Christmas Cake money (£2 per child YR2).

Lost Property

We still have a pile of clothing (including coats) in lost property. Please teach your child to look after their uniform and remember to name **ALL** clothing. If your child should come home wearing the wrong sweat shirt or fleece, please return it to the class teacher. Please check with the main notice board for the dates of the secondhand uniform sales and thank you to those parents who have donated uniform for the sale, please keep items coming in.



Due to popular demand the Premier Transition - Fit-Triton classes for parents will continue each Monday from 16th January 2017 in the School Canteen. The cost per session will be £4. You can book online www.premiersport.org

Don't be Shy!

We are still trying to get parents to let us know if they qualify for Pupil Premium. All the information you supply will be completely confidential. For each child who qualifies, the school will receive £1320 to spend on additional support, so it is really important and beneficial to us that this funding is claimed.

Brightly coloured letters have gone out this week to prompt parents to apply on behalf of the school for this additional funding. Why not ring now on FREEPHONE Devon County Council on:

0345 155 1019

(You will need to quote your name and address and your national insurance number)

THANK YOU!

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – REMINDER



Reception performances start promptly at 9.45 am

Hedgehog - RJ (Mrs Jones) - Friday 9th December 2016
Rabbit - RR (Miss Ronchetti) - Monday 12th December 2016
Squirrel - RM (Mrs Martin) - Tuesday 13th December 2016



Year 2 performances start promptly at 2.30pm

Turtle - 2P (Miss Potter) - Friday 9th December 2016
Seahorse - 2F (Miss Featherstone) - Monday 12th December 2016
Dolphin - 2S/J (Mrs Slack/Mrs Jarrell) - Tuesday 13th December 2016



There will be a collection at the end of each performance which will go towards buying books for our School Library. Please give generously. *Thank you.*

Other Christmas Dates

Tuesday 13th December and Thursday 15th December – Christmas Parties for

Toddler Group (see next page for details)

Wednesday 14th December – Children's Christmas Lunch



MENU

Roast Turkey, Sausages, Roast Potatoes,
Mash Potatoes, Peas, Carrots,
Brussels Sprouts, Gravy
or
(Vegetarian Roast)

Christmas Ice Cream Tubs
Fairtrade Juice

FREE OF CHARGE (Main School) and (£2.00 Charge for Nursery children)



Thursday 15th December – School Christmas Parties

Santa will be visiting – children can come to school in their party clothes, but note they will be having morning break so please remember a coat and sensible shoes.
(Back to school uniform on Friday - the last day of term!)

Friday 16th December – Last day of term - All children break up for Christmas on

16th December at 3:30pm. Children return to school Wednesday 4th January 2017 (except NURSERY)

Finally

The Governors of the Ladysmith Federation have confirmed that Mr Mark Wilkinson and Mr David Broad, who have both been in 'acting' positions for the last 15 months, will be the permanent Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher of Ladysmith Junior School. The Federation governors have been impressed with the work that they have both done and the professional way that they have led the Junior school forward. Mr Wilkinson and Mr Broad will provide the leadership required to carry the Ladysmith Junior School forward.

I am sure you will join us in congratulating them both on their achievement.



Ladysmith Toddler Group's

Christmas Party

(& fundraiser)

Newcomers welcome – bring a friend!

Christmas lights, decorations & music,

Christmas story & songs,

Christmas craft & decorate a gingerbread man!

Party food! - regulars please bring a small plate to share!

Dress up in something Christmassy!



Tues 13th & Thurs 15th Dec

9.30-11am

£5 entry per family (1 child), £1 per extra child

Price includes mince pies, hot/ cold drinks,
Christmas craft & gingerbread man to take home,
A wrapped present under the tree for every child!

Plus of course a Christmas story
and singing with jingly bells!



Where? **Ladysmith Community Room,
rear of Infant School along Pretoria Road,
at the bottom of Sampsons Lane.
Look out for the tinsel!**



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