

Infant and Nursery School News

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FEDERATION NEWS

CPTT News

Heavitree Park Life Day

The fire walk and Lego building competition last Sunday was a huge success with a great community atmosphere. Over £100 was raised for the CPTT.

A special thanks to Victoria Matthews and Vanessa Johnson who organised the stall and thank you to Marie Fieldhouse and Helen Shipway who volunteered on the day.



Ambition

Our Ambition as a school is that every child should have the opportunity to learn through play. We greatly value the physical and social skills that children develop through play. Our Opal Play Project is continually evolving as we aim to achieve a Gold or Platinum award!

Adventure

"WATER" good start Year 2 have had to their new topic! We spent our Hook Day creating ocean creatures using marbling ink and water, then hunted for smaller animals in the forest school pond where we found allsorts, from pond snails to water boatmen and a tadpole! Today we had an exciting visit from South West Water. The children loved filtering their dirty water until it was almost clean enough to drink.



Achievement

Well done to our Stars of the Week and Team Player Penguins who received a certificate in our Celebration Assembly.



Communication

We are working to improve communication with parents and have now added key dates to the calendar on the school website, which can be found here:

<http://www.ladysmithfederation.net/web/calendar/215286> Nursery, Reception and Year One classes have allocated dates for their Christmas performances. This is to enable parents with work



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commitments to attend by giving you plenty of notice. There is an exciting change this year for our Year Two children. At Christmas we are organising a Christmas Carol Service for the children to take part in. In July, the Year Two children will have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements in a final Leavers Performance

Reception Workshops – What to expect, when?

To help parents find out more about what to expect this year and what the children are going to be learning in Reception, we are going to be running some workshops. We hope these will give you a better insight into how we do things at Ladysmith in Reception. Sign up for the workshop now.

New Parent Drop In

Our New Parent drop in sessions will continue this Tuesday in the Link Room from **8.50-9.45am**. Everyone is welcome to join the Family Support Team and SENDCO for a cuppa and a chat.

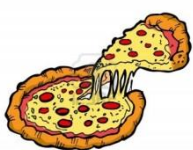
Allergies

Please remember that **chocolate** should not be part of your child's lunch box. We have a member of staff with an allergy to chocolate. Nuts are also **not allowed** on our school site due to a child having a life-threatening allergy.



School Meals

Our wonderful Kitchen staff cook to order and meals have to be ordered first thing in the morning (*over 300 meals per day*) so that they can be prepared by 11.45am.



Many children order the vegetarian option and then decide, when queuing, that they don't like it. It would be very helpful if parents could discuss the menu with their child so that the child knows what they can and can't eat for lunch. We also have several children who are gluten free. Your support would be much appreciated.

Fruity Friday will continue this term whereby the children will have fruit as a dessert every Friday.

Book Fair

The Book Fair is returning in the school library outside the hall on the week commencing **8th October**. This is a great opportunity for you to buy new books for your child and also help to raise funds for the school. On Monday and Wednesday during Parents Evening it will be open from 3.30-6.00pm and the other nights of the week from 3.30-4.00pm.

Year 1 Phonic Parents Workshop

Thank you to all the parents that attended the Year 1 Phonics Workshop this week. Congratulations to the two lucky parents who won prizes in the raffle! Booklets have been given out to all Year 1 children with information you need to help your child at home with learning phonics. We will be holding further workshops for invited parents later in the year so watch this space.

Consent Booklets and Birth Certificates

All children in School (**Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**) need to carefully read the Consent Booklet and return it duly signed to their class teacher. **This is a very important document due to new legislation concerning sharing of personal information.** Thank you to those who have already returned their booklet completed.

We also need to see Birth Certificates if you haven't already brought them in.

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Clubs

This term we have various after school clubs running:

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| Monday | Martial Arts (All year Groups) Still places available |
| Tuesday | Choir Club (Year 1 and 2) FULL |
| Tuesday | Simon Soccer School (Year 1) FULL |
| Thursday | Gym Club (All year Groups) FULL |
| Thursday | Simon Soccer (Year 2) FULL |

Lego Cards

Lots of the children have been bringing lego cards into school this week. We do not want to discourage them swapping cards with friends in their own time but we don't want to see them in school. Unfortunately it causes problems with arguments or when cards get lost.

Cooking Ingredients and Snack



Food Technology is an important part of our curriculum here at Ladysmith and we are fortunate to have a cookery room purpose built for the children.

We would be grateful for a donation to contribute towards the cost of cooking ingredients as set out below.



Reception: £5 per term please, to cover the cost of their Friday snack (toast and preserves) and cooking ingredients.

Year 1 and Year 2: £3 per term please, to cover the cost of cooking ingredients only.

Vacancy

Would you like to join our team? We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, flexible person who can interact well with children to join our team as a Mealtime Play Worker. The role would be varied and will include supervising children in the Nursery dining room, encouraging play and making sure that children are happy and safe during their lunchtimes.

If you would like an informal conversation about this post please contact Jessie Hay, School Business Manager in the first instance.

Finally

Congratulations to Mrs Williams (one of our HLTAs) for Abseiling 220 foot off Canonteign Falls in the Teign Valley last weekend in aid of Hospiscare. **Well done.**

Dates for the diary:

- 28.09.18 - Yr 1 Hook Day
- 01.10.18, 02.10.18 and 4.10.2018 Year 1 Farm Trip
- 08.10.18 & 10.10.18 - Parents Evenings for Reception, Year One and Year Two
- 08.10.18 & 10.10.18 – Book Fair
- 19.10.18 - Break up for half term
- 05.11.18 - School Photographer
- 15.11.18 – Flu Vaccinations
- 16.11.18 - Children in Need

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