



Friday 19th September 2014

Welcome to the new term from Ladysmith Schools PTFA FUNdraisers!

We had our first meeting of the term this week and have some great activities planned for the Autumn including a Fireworks Night event and Theatre Alibi! More details to follow but here's what's happening next week:

Pop Up Cafe & Uniform Sale, Friday 26th September 3-4.30pm, Juniors' School Hall

We have changed the date to be the last Friday of every month, kicking off next week. Everyone welcome - come along for a cuppa, cake and chat with other parents.

Express & Echo £10,000 Play Equipment Competition

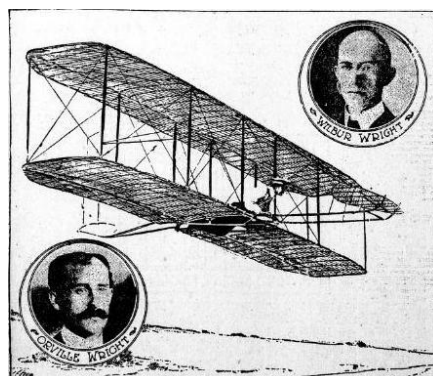
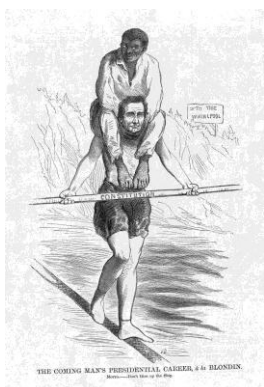
Some of you may have seen in the E&E recently a competition for a school to win some brand new play equipment. We have registered Ladysmith Junior School (unfortunately not the Infants as there is no spare space in the playground to put it, but Infant School children will still benefit when they come up to the Juniors) and need to collect as many tokens as we can to be in with a chance of winning! Boxes to put your tokens in will be placed in both schools reception areas. Happy collecting!

Federation news The whole teaching team enjoyed working together this week at a shared Professional Development session, looking at how we can bring out the best from our children at Ladysmith and provide opportunities for effective learning that lead to outstanding progress.

This gave us an opportunity to get to know each other better as well as ensure we are working together towards a shared goal, with the additional benefit of sharing the cost of high quality training.

Assemblies In our school and class assemblies we have been learning about some inspirational people. Last week the children heard about Blondin, and the trust and faith his manager showed in him. This week they have learnt about how Mo Farah overcame a challenging start to life to become an international superstar, and about how the Wright brothers used their courage and skill to learn how to fly.

A few more inspiring people next week – why not ask your child about their stories and what they can teach us.



Exeter Netball Club runs sessions for girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 on Saturday afternoons, 2.00 – 4.00pm. These take place in St Luke's School Sports Hall, and cost £4 a session. A parental consent form will be required, and all sessions are run by qualified coaches.

You can get more information from Hilary Edwards on 07989571150

School Clubs Update We have reached provisional agreement with two different organisations who will be providing a range of after school sports clubs. We need to check the details, and are hoping to get a letter out next week. We haven't forgotten, we just want to get it right!

Homework Timetable

I have been asked a few times about the homework schedule, so here is a summary:

Year Group	What is set	When it's set	When it's due back
Year 3	Spelling and maths (alternate weeks)	Friday	Friday
Year 4	Maths and English	Wednesday	Monday
Year 5	Maths and English	Friday	Wednesday
Year 6	Maths and English	Friday	Thursday

The children are also encouraged to read, either with you or on their own, as often as possible. They should also practice their tables and number bonds as often as they can.

Library Books Please will you have a look on bookshelves and in bedrooms to see if you have any school library books lying around. If you have, please could you return them – we have quite a few missing, and would like to get the shelves fully stocked again.

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School Holiday & Term Dates

2014/2016

<p>Autumn Term 2014</p> <p>Children return to school: Thur 4 Sept 2014</p> <p>Half Term: 24 – 31 Oct 2014 incl.</p> <p>Children return to school: Mon 3 Nov 2014</p> <p>End of term: Thur 18 Dec 2014</p> <p>Spring Term 2015</p> <p>Children return to school: Mon 5 Jan 2015</p> <p>Half Term: 16 – 20 Feb 2015 incl.</p> <p>Children return to school: Mon 23 Feb 2015</p> <p>End of Term: Fri 27 Mar 2015</p> <p>Summer Term 2015</p> <p>Children return to school: Mon 13 Apr 2015</p> <p>Bank Holiday: Mon 4 May 2015</p> <p>Half Term: 25 May – 1 June 2015 incl.</p> <p>Children return to school: Tu 2 June 2015</p> <p>End of Term: Tu 21 Jul 2015</p>	<p>Autumn Term 2015</p> <p>Children return to school: Thur 3 Sept 2015</p> <p>Half Term: 23 – 30 Oct 2015 incl.</p> <p>Children return to school: Mon 2 Nov 2015</p> <p>End of term: Fri 18 Dec 2015</p> <p>Spring Term 2016</p> <p>Children return to school: Tu 5 Jan 2016</p> <p>Half Term: 12 – 19 Feb 2016 incl.</p> <p>Children return to school: Mon 22 Feb 2016</p> <p>End of Term: Thur 24 Mar 2016</p> <p>Summer Term 2016</p> <p>Children return to school: Mon 11 Apr 2016</p> <p>Bank Holiday: Mon 2 and 30 May 2016</p> <p>Half Term: 30 May – 3 June 2016 incl.</p> <p>Children return to school: Mon 6 June 2016</p> <p>End of Term: Wed 20 July 2016</p>
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