

Junior School News

Friday 1st December 2017

FEDERATION NEWS

Vacancy

The Governors of Ladysmith Federation are looking for an exceptional candidate to provide professional clerking services to the Governing Body. This is an exciting opportunity for a flexible, motivated and organised individual to work with our dedicated Board of Governors.

The successful candidate must be flexible in their approach and be available to attend evening meetings (approximately 12 each academic year), make regular visits to school, attend training events and work from home to complete administrative duties.

Please contact Lorraine Carter at Ladysmith Junior School, 01392 255554 for more information.

Ladysmith GROW Project



The good news keeps on coming!! We are thrilled to announce that Catherine's bid for funding has been considered by the Hele's Trust and has been accepted!! The project has been awarded the full **£18,455.94!!!** This is an amazing achievement and we cannot thank Catherine enough for the time and effort she has put into the project.

This funding will allow the project to really get started and we should see a real impact on the school grounds soon. The funding will be used on the materials needed for the project but does not fund any labour... we really need people to help us to move the project forward by committing to help out, even if only for a few hours. If you are able to commit to help, please contact Catherine, either via the school office or through the GROW facebook page which can be found by searching 'Ladysmith GROW'.

Whilst we have received the grant, as part of the application, we committed to raise £1000 ourselves. We are already £128.34 towards the target but any donations would be gratefully received. There is a collection pot in reception and each £5 donation means we can fill in 1 more spot on our fundraising board by the bike shelter.

A Beatles Showcase

Well done to Hope who gave an amazing performance at the weekend in 'A Beatles Showcase' at the Barnfield Theatre with Stagecoach Theatre School. It takes real ambition and commitment to work towards an event like this. It's always great to hear about what the children are doing out of school – do let us know so we can celebrate childrens' achievements.



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Year 3 and 4 children have been rehearsing for their Christmas play next Thursday and Friday – the singing sounds wonderful already!

Adventure

Year 3 had an amazing adventure this week when they visited Exeter Underground Passages.

Achievement

Well done to Sophia who has achieved her stage 4 ASA Swim England certificate after six months of hard work and dedication.

Megan and Amelie shared their cheerleading awards and Ellis received a bronze medal at a UK Tae Kwondo competition.

Retraction! Apologies to Mia who won the poster competition alongside Bethany last week – I put the wrong name in the newsletter! Well done Mia!



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Themed Days

The whole school took part in various themed days today, enjoying lots of different activities. Year 3 enjoyed their Stoneage Day, Year 4 had a great Dark Ages day, Year 5 loved their trip out and spent the day doing art. Year 6 looked fabulous in the WW2 clothes and spent the day cracking codes, cooking and sewing! Here are a selection of pictures from the day. Thank you to all children, parents and staff who made such an effort with costumes today – it makes all the difference.



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Safeguarding

Please follow the link below to the latest edition of 'Digital Parenting' magazine. Its aim is to provide you with the latest expert advice so you can help your children develop the life skills and knowledge they need to use the online world safely and with confidence.

http://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodafone-images/parents/assets-2017/VF_Digital_Parenting_final_LORES.pdf

Year 6 Christmas Concert

We hope that parents and family of children in year 5 are able to join us next Thursday at St Mark's Church. The concert starts at 6pm and will last no longer than half an hour. The children need to be there between 5.45pm and 5.55pm. We hope to see you there.

Nut Allergies

We have several children with severe nut allergies in school. Please do not send children to school with any nuts or nut based ingredients for lunch or snacks.

Tubs Needed!

If you have any take away tubs with lids or 2 litre ice-cream tubs spare, please could you let Mrs Callaway have them? She needs them for fundraising next week and our thrive together afternoon. I have told Mrs Callaway that I will do my best to provide as many take-away containers as I can over the weekend!

Easy Fundraising for our Thrive and Sensory Room Equipment

We now have 30 people signed up to EASYFUNDRAISING. This is the busiest time of the year for online shopping so please remember to use the Easyfundraising website each time you shop as this will generate lots of donations for the school.

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ladysmithjuniorschool/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we would be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Stikins labels



We have set up a fundraising account with Stikins which means that any orders made will benefit the school.

You can order Stikins online at <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> Our fundraising number is 11464

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**Children, Parents, Teachers
Together**

Please come along to a
POP UP CAFÉ
Friday 8th December

3 pm – 4.30 pm in the Infant School
Canteen

- * Cake * Drinks *
- * Free Craft activity *
- * Second-hand uniform sale *

Dates for the diary:

- 4th December – Flu Vaccinations for those signed up in year 3 and 4.
- 5th December – Year 5 concert rehearsal at St Mark's Church.
- 5th, 6th, 12th December – Volunteer Safeguarding Training – please sign up if you haven't already.
- 7th December – Year 5 Evening Christmas Concert - 6pm start
- 7th / 8th December – Year 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration - 2.15pm
- 8th December – Pop-Up Café – Ladysmith Infant School canteen – 3pm – 4.30pm
- 13th December – Christmas Lunch
- 14th December – Christmas Disco – details to follow
- 15th December – Last day of term
- 4th January 2018 – First day back

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