

# Ladysmith Federation

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### FEDERATION NEWS

#### CPTT NEWS

The annual bonfire night is the biggest event in the CPTT calendar. This year our exciting event will take place on **Friday 9th November 2018**.

#### GATES OPEN AT 5.30pm

This hugely successful event returns for its 5th year and promises to be as good as previous years, if not better. As well as a huge fireworks display there's Pizza's, Hot Dogs & a Hog Roast, Sweet stall, Parklife Heavitree hot drink van, bouncy castle, flood lit "Last Man Standing", stalls selling glow items, mulled wine and the bar will open until 9pm.

A truly fabulous event for all the family!

Everyone welcome - this is an open community event - we look forward to seeing you there!!

Buy your tickets online: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ladysmithfederationcptt/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=12685#.W744kKTTWaN>

**Adult tickets £5.00 Child ticket £3.50**



#### Ambition

This week the children have had the opportunity to explore a range of activities to find out about different cultures. They enjoyed making diva lamps, listening to stories from around the world and played sports from Africa and Asia

#### Adventure

We had an unexpected visitor at Forest School this week- a swan was successfully rescued by the RSPCA!



#### Achievement

Our ambition to achieve the goal of opening Forest School at lunchtime was achieved last week as part of our Opal Play project that we are continually developing. We hope to invite Reception to join us next Term. The children had a fantastic time climbing trees, getting messy in the muddy kitchen and searching for wildlife. We will be holding an Opal Parent Meeting and Play Date on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. More details to follow soon.....

#### Nursery Parent Consultations

Nursery Parent Consultations will be held next week commencing **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October** on the following dates:

Mrs John will be available on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> (2-5pm) and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October (1-4pm)

Mrs Jones will be available on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> (2-5pm) and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October (1-4pm)



Parents are invited to sign the list in the Nursery to book a mutually convenient time. Parent consultations enable us to discuss progress and any other issues relating to your child.



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It was lovely to see so many of you at the Parent Consultations for Reception and KS1. If you weren't able to attend, your class teacher will be happy to meet with you at a more convenient time.



## Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair in the school library outside the hall was also well attended during Parents Evening and many fantastic books were sold/ordered. If you haven't paid for your order yet please pop the correct money into the office.

## 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 but many of you have not. We also need to see Birth Certificates if you haven't already brought them in.

## Reception Phonics Worskshop

If you were unable to attend the "what to expect when" workshop there is another opportunity to find out how you can help your child at home to learn phonics which helps them to begin to read and write during their Reception Year. It will be held on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm**.

## Opal Donations

We had some amazing donations last year from parents to help with our Opal play project. We are needing more buggies/pushchairs and old key pads for the children to play with at lunchtime. There will be a large container outside the school entrance from next week onwards for any Opal donations.

## Pine Cones

We are already planning our Christmas activities and would like any pine cones that you might find when out walking. Please hand them in to the school office.

## Clubs:

By popular demand, the **Choir sessions** (3.20-4.30pm) will continue to run on Tuesdays until Christmas.



Letters have gone out so please complete and return the reply slip to the school office if you wish to continue/join the Choir Club.



A **Craft Club** will be starting after half term for all year groups and run every Tuesday after school (3.20-4.30pm) in the art room until 11<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a small charge for this group of £24.

Places are limited but if you would like to be included in this new **Craft Club** please complete a slip and return it in a named envelope together with the fee (£24) to the school office as soon as possible.

## Volunteers

We are very lucky to have amazing volunteers who have been giving up their time for a number of years to volunteer and support our children. We greatly value the difference that they make developing children's reading skills. We are looking for more parent volunteers across the school. If you have a morning or afternoon a week that you could commit to then we would love to hear from you. If you are interested and want to find out more please come to the office or speak to your class teacher. Once the DBS Form is completed you would then be able to enjoy going on school trips with your child as well as helping in class as a parent helper.

## 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.

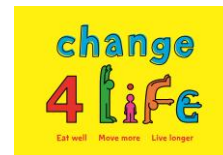


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## Measuring the height and weight of children in Reception Year

As you may be aware from the media, the increase in the number of overweight and obese children is a major public health concern. In Devon, our Public Health team want to have accurate information to support all children to maintain a healthy weight. So, every year, as part of a national programme, all children in Reception Year have their height and weight measured and recorded.



Your child's class will be taking part in this year's measurement programme. Measurements will be taken by trained healthcare professionals in a private area away from other pupils. Children who take part will be asked to remove their shoes and will be weighed in normal indoor clothing. Routine information, such as your child's name, sex, address, postcode, ethnicity and date of birth will be collected and used to help us understand and plan services for children and families in Devon.

### What to do if you do not want your child weighed and measured

If you are happy for your child to be weighed and measured, you do not need to do anything. If you do **not** wish your child to take part, please complete the form below and **return to your child's school**

If you have lost your letter please pop into the office to pick up another one if you do not wish your child to participate

## Flu Vaccination

The nasal flu vaccine will be given on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018** to those children who hand in their consent form before the deadline. [www.nhs.uk/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations)



The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children to help protect them against flu.

### How is the nasal spray flu vaccine given?

The vaccine is given as a single spray squirted up each nostril. Not only is it needle-free – a big advantage for children – the nasal spray is quick, painless, and works even better than the injected flu vaccine.

The vaccine is absorbed very quickly. It will still work even if, after the vaccination, your child develops a runny nose, sneezes or blows their nose.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications. Please remember to return you consent form to the school office.

### Dates for your diary

- 19.10.18 - Break up for half term
- 29.10.18 - Children return after half term
- 05.11.18 - School Photographer (all day and afterschool)
- 07.11.18 – Tapestry Information Evening 3.20-4pm
- 09.11.18 – Year 2 trip – Plymouth Aquarium
- 15.11.18 – Flu Vaccinations
- 16.11.18 - Children in Need
- 30.11.18 – Opal Parent Meeting
- 07.12.18 – Year 2 Visiting Exeter Nativity Festival
- 10, 11, 14.12.18 –Year 1 Christmas Performances
- 12.12.18 – Nursery Christmas Performance (pm)
- 17, 18, 20.12.18 – Reception Christmas Performances
- 19.12.18 – Childrens Christmas Lunch
- 20.12.18 – Year 2 Carol Concert (5.30pm)
- 21.12.18 – Children break up for Christmas (3.20pm)



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