

Infant and Nursery School News

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th September 2018

FEDERATION NEWS

Please please please ensure that all of your child's belongings are labelled.

We endeavour to return labelled belongings / clothing to their owner but we are often left with huge amounts of unclaimed lost property at the end of each half term!

Ambition

We are looking forward to our federation "Ambition Week" later this term. Parents who might be happy to come into school to talk about their career or job are very welcome! We really believe that our children need to know that all possibilities are open to them – and this includes knowing about jobs that people do.

Adventure

The children and teachers enjoyed sharing stories from the author Roald Dahl on Thursday.

Achievement

Well done to our Stars of the Week and Team Player Penguins that received a certificate in our first Celebration Assembly of the Academic year!

Welcome

We have enjoyed another wonderful week with Nursery and Reception children settling into their new classes.

It has been lovely to get to know our new families across the school, we look forward to this being the start of a long and fruitful partnership in which your child or children flourish and grow – **achieving** their potential as they take part in many wide and varied learning **adventures**!

If there are ever any questions, please speak to your child's teacher or contact Mrs Brown or Mrs Collinge at the Infant School or Mr Wilkinson or Mr Broad at the Junior School. Our contact details are available on the website or you can catch us on the playground.

Partnerships

We believe that the partnership between home and school is very important. **Curriculum letters** and dates for parent meetings have been sent out to Years 1 and 2. The Reception curriculum letter will be sent out to parents at a later date. Working together at home is a vital ingredient in helping the children make the most of their school learning by applying and practising their skills, knowledge and understanding outside of the classroom. A good example is when you read to your children or let them read to you. Remember to book up for Parent Evenings nearer the time. Dates are all on our online calendar: www.ladysmithfederation.net.



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Lunch Invitation

"Lovely food", "Brilliant" "Great idea" Very friendly staff and "A wonderful experience" were just a few comments made by parents of our new reception children as they joined them for lunch this week. It was good to see so many satisfied parents leaving the canteen. Teachers have been delighted with the support shown from the parents.

Record Updates

We are in the process of updating all of our records about childrens medical and dietary needs. Please speak to your class teacher or the office if anything has changed over the Summer regarding allergies or medication.

We do have some children in the school with life threatening nut allergies. We are all being vigilant and do not bring anything containing nut products into school and we ask you to do the same with children's lunch boxes. If your child does eat something such as a peanut sandwich before school for breakfast please make sure that they wash their hands thoroughly afterwards as the smallest trace can trigger a reaction.

New Parent Drop In

We will be holding Coffee Mornings for the parents of new children in Nursery or Reception every Tuesday morning from **8.50-9.45am** starting this **Tuesday 18th September**. Drop in and have a cuppa and a chat with our **SEND Co-ordinators** from both schools (Louise Williams and Helen Keenor) and our joint **Family Support Worker** (Lindsey Blackwell) in the Link Room.

It is an open agenda so if you have any questions, concerns or areas for discussion, please bring them to the session.

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 Parent Workshop

The Year 1 teachers are holding a Phonic Workshop this **Monday 17th September** at 2.30 in the school hall. The aim is to give you all the information you need to help your child at home with learning phonics. There will also be a raffle for anyone who attends to have the chance to win some phonics books! Don't worry if you can't make that date we will also be giving every parent an information booklet with everything covered at the meeting.

Year 2 Hook Day

A reminder that it is Year 2's Hook Day on **Monday 17th September** "The Wonderful World of Water". If your child would like to wear a costume on the day please remember that it will be a practical day in Forest School and the art room and the costume will need to allow for that.

Consent Booklets

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.

Clubs

This term we have various after school clubs running:

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

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Health and Safety

We have started to have complaints again about the group of parents who have been gathering outside the perimeter of the school in Pretoria Road smoking, using bad language and blocking the pathway resulting in others having to walk on the road to get past. It is unacceptable to use bad language in front of children in and out of school.



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.

CPTT

Posters are displayed on the railings outside the school for the Heavitree Parklife day this Sunday 15th September. There are many exciting stands/events including the Lego stand which the CPTT who will be holding. They will be holding a building competition and also a fire walk.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the CPTT events please let the office know. They are currently asking for Parent rep volunteers from the new reception classes.

Dates for the diary:

- 17.09.18 – Yr 2 Hook Day
- 17.09.18 – Yr 1 Phonics Talk to Parents
- 18.09.18 - SEND Coffee Morning in the Link Room for new parents
- 20.09.18 - Yr 2 SWW Visit
- 28.09.18 - Yr 1 Hook Day
- 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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