

Ladysmith Federation

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th November 2018

FEDERATION NEWS

The CPTT pop-up café will be on **Friday 7th December** in the **Junior School Hall**. We will be asking for some tasty bakes from Year 4 and Year 5 so look out for more information next week. There will be Christmas craft to have a go at whilst enjoying your hot chocolate and cake so come along and join us for some festive fun.'

Nursery

A big **thank you** to **Arque** who have built the new wooden steps for our Nursery classroom. It has made a fantastic difference, providing access to our new garden area. Arque carried out the work free of charge to the school. Bernard Keogh of Arque said "Both my children went to Ladysmith School so I was happy to help. It's important for local businesses to contribute to its community and it is part of our corporate responsibility."



A Warm Welcome

Kirsten Mitchell will be teaching in IB Butterfly Class in the New Year on a Monday and Tuesday to cover Mrs Collinge's maternity.

Ambition

Active Learn is a wonderful resource to help your child at home with their learning. You can read with your child in **Bug Club** and there are useful maths activities on **Abacus** - <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk> or follow the link on the school website.



Adventure

Reception built some amazing dens in Forest School this afternoon with their parents and grandparents. Here are just a few examples of the brilliant creations.



Achievement

Well Done to the Stars of the Week and Team Player Penguins who received a certificate and some toast as a treat!



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Calling all Reading Volunteers!

Do you have half an hour to spare one morning a week? We are inviting parents to read with children in all Year Groups from 9-9.30. We appreciate that this is a very busy time at drop off and would be able to offer a free car parking space in return. If you are interested please contact Mrs Collinge or Mrs Brown. You will need a full DBS check but this can be arranged through the school if you don't currently have one.

Reception Opal Parent Meeting



Thank you to all the parents that attended the Opal Play Meeting today. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with Michael Follet about the ethos behind play based learning. It was great to see so many of you enjoying the space in Forest School.

Coffee Morning Reminder



Special Drop-in-Session
(for all Reception and Nursery parents and carers)

TUESDAY 4th December 2018

9am – 9.45am

in

**The Link Room
in the Infant's School**

Please join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Debbie Richards, a practitioner from the Early Years Bladder and Bowel Team, will be coming along. Debbie will be able to provide information, offer support and answer any questions that you might have regarding toileting.

Lindsey Blackwell (Family Support Worker), and Helen Keenor (SENDCo Infant School)

will both be on call over a cuppa and chat!

(Younger siblings are welcome too)

We hope to see you there.

From Timid to Tiger

If you would like to attend the 10 week parenting programme that the school is running in collaboration with our Early Mental Health colleagues please return the forms. It will be running every Tuesday afternoon from 1-3 pm starting on the 15th January-26th March.

Year 2 Reminders

Year 2 parents, please don't forget to send your child to school with pyjamas to get changed into for the afternoon on Monday 3rd December. The Seahorse class are still short for helpers for their trip to the Age UK coffee morning on Monday 10th December in the morning. We will be back from the trip by 12 noon at the latest. Many thanks for your support.

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Application for Infant/ Primary School – September 2019



If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 (inclusive) you need to be thinking about applying for school. The application process for primary places opened on 15 November 2018 and will close on 15 January 2019.

Please make sure you complete an Admission Form online. **Admissions to schools are not automatic** – every place has to be applied for regardless of what school you would prefer.

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. Applications made after 15th January 2019 will be classed as late and may lead to disappointment due to all the places being filled.

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

Drama Club

We have been told that there are places available for the Helen O'Grady Drama Class which is held on Thursday evenings. If you are interested please pick up a flyer from the information stand outside the school office or email exeter@helenogrady.co.uk

Lost Property

As the end of the term is approaching please check lost property. We have a mound of various clothing items (*including coats!*). Remembering to name **ALL** clothing would help enormously and if your child should come home wearing the wrong sweat shirt or fleece, please return it to the class teacher. Please remember to name **all** items and encourage your child to look after them.

Dates for your diary

<https://ladysmith-federation.eschools.co.uk/web/calendar/215286>

- 26.11.18 - Christmas Raffle Tickets go on sale (£1 a strip)
- 30.11.18 – Opal Parent Meeting for Reception
- 07.12.18 – Year 2 Visiting Exeter Nativity Festival
- 07.12.18 - CPTT Pop up Café -Venue Junior School
- 10.12.18 - Carols for Age UK - Seahorse Class
- 10.12.18 – Year 1 Bumblebee Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 11.12.18 - Year 1 Dragonfly Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 12.12.18 – Nursery Performance (2.15pm for Mince Pies and 2.45pm start)
- 14.12.18 - Year 1 Book Look 8.50-9.20am
- 14.12.18 – Year 1 Butterfly Christmas Performances (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 17.12.18- Year R Squirrels Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 18.12.18- Year R Rabbits Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 19.12.18 – Children's Christmas Lunch (Remember to Book)
- 20.12.18 –Year R Hedgehogs Christmas Performance (arrive at 2pm for 2.15 start)
- 20.12.18 – Year 2 Carol Concert (from 4.45pm onwards)
- 21.12.18 – Children break up for Christmas (3.20pm)



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