

## Junior School News

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### FEDERATION NEWS

#### Autumn Term Dates

##### **Autumn Term 1**

Last Day: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

##### **Autumn Term 2**

First Day: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Last Day: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Ambition  Adventure  Achievement

#### **Ambition**

Trudy and Elmi showed huge ambition by committing to grow their hair to donate to The Princess Trust.

#### **Adventure**

We are all looking forward to our whole school adventure on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September when we are off to Crealy for the day!

#### **Achievement**

Amber in year 6 achieved something fantastic over the summer – find out what below!

#### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to a new term at school. It has been a great few days back and the children have settled in really well. Over the holidays, the builders have been working hard and are now close to the completion of the project. There are still some small bits of landscaping to be done and some seeding but it was great to come back to two new playgrounds. Over the year we will be continuing to develop the grounds and as we go we will be looking to involve parents through the CPTT. As always, myself and Mr Broad will be out and about in the morning and after school; please feel free to approach us with any questions, concerns or just for a chat.

#### **Amber's Kickboxing Debut Success**



Amber (left) started to train in the art of kickboxing (the full contact type) around 6 months ago, She has worked tirelessly at her fitness and in the training and sparring with other members of her club. Last weekend, Amber traveled to Rotherham to partake in the WKA English Kickboxing Championships, which was her first competitive competition against girls from all over the Country. Amber finished in Bronze position, and only missed out on Silver by 1 point! Also, in achieving this, Amber has secured a place on the WKA England World Championship Team to fight at the World Championships 2018 which are being held in Jamaica.

#### **Crealy Great Adventure!**

As you are no doubt aware the whole school are off to Crealy Adventure Park on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. We entered a competition and the prize was free entry for all of the children! Children have been working hard and have already written some fantastic stories inspired by the trip. There will be even more opportunities for the children to write stories and letters after Tuesday. We have been assured that all rides will be open as normal. We have said that the children will not be able to go in the 'soax zone' so a change of clothes is not necessary. Please make sure they have a packed lunch in a named rucksack along with a drink.



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## Trudy Donates Hair to Charity

Well done to Trudy (below) and Elmi who have been growing their hair for years and have had their hair chopped off to send to The Princess Trust who make wigs for poorly children who lose their hair through cancer treatments.



Before...

After!

This has shown a huge commitment from Trudy and Elmi who have had to look after their hair really carefully so that it can be used. We think they look fabulous and should be tremendously proud of themselves.

*Little Princess Trust*

Providing real hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss

## Clubs

You have been sent a separate letter via ParentMail with details of the clubs we have on offer this term. We are hoping to organise Matt Jess to come back to run a tag rugby club again and there may be an arts and crafts club in the near future.

There will also be more clubs available from Premier Sports

after half term including street surfing. We will keep you posted.

We are thrilled to be able to offer a 'Forest Schools' club this half term; please see details on the accompanying letter and below.



**Devon**

*Devon Wildlife Trust would love to invite students to join them in an after hours Forest School club. The children will get the opportunity to learn new exciting skills such as fire lighting, the use of tools, play games and explore nature.*

*There will only be 12 spaces available this half term, with a waiting list for next term.*

*We recommend that students bring a spare set of clothing that they don't mind getting muddy and importantly come equipped for all weathers!*

## Homework

After feedback from parents last year, we are reviewing the way in which we give homework. We aim to make homework consistent and worthwhile. While we finalise the format and expectations for homework, please use this time to ensure that your child is settled and happy with school routines and get them into the routine of reading each night. They should have a reading record book which they use to record their reading with an adult signing and making a comment at least once a week. They will have an Accelerated Reader book within the next few days and there will be further information about Accelerated Reader next week.

## Job Opening

We are seeking to appoint a reliable mealtime assistant who will have the skills to engage with the children and support them in their play and social skills at lunchtimes. The successful person will join our experienced team to work collaboratively to foster positive lunchtimes. Working hours will be 11.50am – 1.35pm during term time only, Monday – Friday. Ladysmith Junior School is committed to safeguarding

and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure And Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed. If you are interested, please see Lorraine Carter via the school office.

### Dates for the diary:

11<sup>th</sup> September – New parents drop in session – 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

12<sup>th</sup> September – Whole school trip to Crealy Adventure Park!

13<sup>th</sup> September – Clubs application letter deadline.

22<sup>nd</sup> September – Science Dome visit – details to follow

22<sup>nd</sup> September – Charity Cake Sale after school – details to follow

18<sup>th</sup> October – Half termly open evening – 3.30pm – 5pm

20<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of half term

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