

Ladysmith Federation

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



10th January 2020



Ambition

Our ambition is to develop a school wide love of reading and an interest in words. Read the information on the next page to find out how you can join us on our journey as we develop as a "Word-Gap" partner school!



Adventure



Our new area in Year One is already being used for new learning adventures.



In Nursery, the new children have begun their learning adventures. Loving books already!

Achievement

Congratulations to our first stars of the week of 2020!

We are very proud of you.



Federation News

A warm welcome back to school, may we wish you a happy and healthy 2020. As a Federation we would like to extend an invitation to all parents to talk to teachers when there are concerns, changes at home or other issues that might impact on children. In this way we can support children to reach their potential by working in partnership together.



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Love Words—Love Books—Love Learning

We're part of a project with Oxford University Press to develop vocabulary across our school. When we found out that statistics currently show that the number of words that a child knows directly corresponds with success at GCSE level and more shockingly it also corresponds with the likelihood that a child will grow up to have mental health issues and/or time spent in prison, we knew we **had** to get involved. We are passionate about reading and want to focus on reading for enjoyment as the best way for children to grow their vocabulary - and learn new words. We mustn't forget that, although reading is essential to life-long learning, it is also really good FUN! So snuggle up with your child, grab hold of your favourite books and enjoy reading them together. Don't forget to tell them why you like it so much.



"There's something very special about a bedtime story being read out loud. A bedtime story doesn't require children to focus on the mechanics of learning to read, but on the enjoyment of the story and the idea of being transported to other worlds before drifting into dreams about them." *Bedtime story benefits, The school run.com*

11 Reasons to read a bedtime story every night (or as much as possible!)

1. It's good bonding time.
2. Just listening to a book improves your child's reading skills and language development.
3. It sparks imagination.
4. It creates conversation.
5. Making a routine means that you won't forget.
6. It expands your child's vocabulary.
7. It improves your child's emotional intelligence.
8. It encourages independent reading.
9. It improves mental well being.
10. It helps you (both) to relax and unwind.
11. It's good even for children who can read by themselves.



To find out more follow the link: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/reasons-to-read-bedtime-stories>

We'd like parents and carers to send us **photos** of their child reading their favourite book, for a whole school display to show how much we love our books at Ladysmith. Email your contribution to infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net for a chance to win a book bundle for your child's class. Together we can make sure that all our children **Love Reading**.

Stay and Play Book Sale

We will be having a second hand book sale during our "Stay and Play" event. Drop in to our playground and pick up a book bargain!



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YMCA EXETER

Here at YMCA Exeter, we have an exciting new event coming up with Andy Robertson. Andy is a journalist for the BBC, The Guardian and The Telegraph and he is bringing a unique session on how to guide children to healthy video gaming. We would love to invite your school community along to this event on **Wednesday 4th March 2020** at 7:00pm at Belmont Chapel. This event is aimed at Parents or Youth Workers who have a concern with video gaming or want to use it for positive interaction with the young people and children around them. We are excited for this event and would love to see you there. See the poster with this Newsletter for further information.



FISH Parents

Please can parents collecting children from FISH use the pedestrian gate and walk along the path rather than cutting through the car-park? This will help us to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

OPAL Stay and Play (after school)

17th January 2020

Year 2 fire Safety visit

Thursday 23rd January 2020

OPAL Stay and Play (after school)

7th February 2020

Half Term

17th February - 21st February 2020

Friday Fizz and Quiz

at Ladysmith Junior School

28th February 2020

7:30 (more details to follow)

Check Dates online: [Online Calendar](#)

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