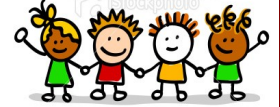


Ladysmith Federation

Infant and Nursery Newsletter



Friday 4th December 2020



Ambition

Writing is such a tricky skill to learn. These Hedgehogs are a fantastic example of our Early Years Curriculum in action, with the children's writing opportunities embedded into their play.

The boys are writing an invitation to the elves to come to their cinema.



Adventure

Keeping our bodies healthy is a big part of our Ladysmith ethos.

Here you can see RR in action with our Sports Coach Mr Radford.



Achievement

Year 2 have loved being back in the canteen for their lunch this week.

They have coped so well with their later lunch time and are independently registering themselves for lunch (of course with our lunchtime staff close by!)

Well Done Year 2!



Federation News

On Friday 11th December we are asking the children to wear something bright, sparkly and Christmassy.

We are asking children to bring a suggested minimum £1 donation which will go towards the CPTT (Children Parents & Teachers Together). Unfortunately, we are unable to run our usual school fundraising events at the moment so this will be a great opportunity to raise some school funds.



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Information and Advice for Parents

Exeter Food Bank Donations

Items that the food bank are asking for include:

- ◆ Tinned Meat/tinned potatoes
- ◆ Noodle/pasta snacks
- ◆ Cereal, biscuits, sponge puddings
- ◆ Rice, tinned Rice
- ◆ Custard, jam
- ◆ Shampoo and deodorant
- ◆ No items containing alcohol



A huge **THANK YOU** to Alfie Tomlin's parents for donating two Christmas Trees this Year. They are outside our school hall and Nursery. Here are the Year 1 children decorating the tree. They were really proud of their efforts!



Birthday Treats

As a Healthy School we try to discourage parents from bringing in sweets/ cakes to give out to their class on their Birthday. During the current times it is very difficult for teachers to be able to do this safely.

School Community

We really value our Community, particularly our older residents. We have had some complaints of our children playing without respect on gravestones at the cemetery this week. Our SLT will be visiting regularly after school next week to check on this.

COVID Requests and Reminders:

A polite reminder for adults to wear a mask on the school grounds.

We appreciate everyone's co-operation with this matter as we all work together to protect ourselves and the school community.



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CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Christmas Party Dates:

Nursery—Wednesday 16th December

Years 1 and 2—Thursday 17th December and

Year R Friday—18th December

Children will need to bring into school a £1 donation as a contribution towards the party food. Staff will be buying the food for the party, taking into consideration any allergies and dietary requirements.

In line with government guidance, the children will have their own plate/bag of food that will not be shared with anyone else and they will be sitting just with children from their class.

Children can wear their party clothes to school on that day.



Christmas Cards

We are saying this year, that as a federation, we have had to adopt a policy of no Christmas cards.

Apart from the environmental impact, there is the potential for unnecessary handling / sharing of envelopes and the issue of children bringing them in from home. Also, we obviously can't have children deliver cards to other classes and parts of the school.

If you have bought cards for your child/children to give out, can we please ask that this is done outside of school.

We thank you for your understanding with this matter.

SPRING TERM—AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS CLUB

Gym/Multi skills after school clubs will continue again after Christmas. They will start week commencing 5th January 2021 for 6 weeks on the following days:

Wednesday : Y2 Gymnastics/Multi skills, 3:20pm-4:30pm, cost £21. 00

Thursday :Y1 Gymnastics/Multi skills, 3:20pm-4:30pm, cost £21.00

To book a place or find out more information on the Gymnastics/Multi skills after school clubs please email radfordssoccerschool@outlook.com contact name Mr Radford.

All our clubs will be run on a first come first serve basis to enable those that missed out on a place last time. So please to guarantee a place please reply ASAP.

Dates for the Diary

Christmas Sparkles Non-Uniform day:

Friday 11th December

Christmas Lunch:

Wednesday 16th December

Nursery Christmas Party:

Wednesday 16th December

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party:

Thursday 17th December

Reception Christmas Party:

Friday 18th December

Last day of Autumn Term:

Friday 18th December 2020

First day Back YR-Y2:

Tuesday 5th January 2021

First Day Back for Nursery:

Wednesday 6th January 2021

Check Dates online: [Online Calendar](#)

Free School Meals over the Christmas Holidays

DCC have now put in place arrangements to provide supermarket vouchers to nearly 15,000 children across Devon who currently receive free school meals, to help their families buy groceries over the Christmas holidays.

From Tuesday 8 December DCC will be sending a unique code per child to all families known to the Local Authority, that are currently in receipt of Free School Meals. Each code can be used once on a [website called 'Hawk Select'](#) to redeem vouchers to the value of £30 per child (£15 per week for the two weeks of school holidays) for Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrison's, Asda, M&S Food and Waitrose.

The website requires families to provide an email address for the vouchers to be sent to once they have chosen their preferred supermarket. When received, they can save the vouchers to their phone or tablet to use online (depending on the supermarket) or show at the checkout in store. Alternatively, they can print the vouchers off to give to the cashier.

If you think you may now be eligible for free school meals due to a recent change in your family's circumstances, please help us ensure you can access this holiday voucher support over Christmas by applying online through the [Devon Citizen's Portal](#). This is the quickest and easiest way for your eligibility to be assessed and you will get an instant decision. Alternatively, you can call our **education helpline on [0345 155 1019](#). You must apply by Friday 18 December 2020.**